CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, February 11, 2021

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted in person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by School Board Member Patsy Jordan.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (*7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the January 14, 2021 School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda

Following identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made by Mike Chapman seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

***A-1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Student Mask Usage PSA Contest Winners**

(Recognized)

***A-2. School Board Recognition of Seven Cherokee County School District Seniors -- Named Candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**

(Recognized)

***A-3. School Board Recognition of Creekland Middle School Sixth-Grader Abigail Rickert - American History Essay Contest Winner**

(Recognized)

***A-4. School Board Recognition of Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA) Publication Awards**

(Recognized)

***A-5. School Board Approval of a Resolution Recognizing February 17, 2021 as "PTA Day in the Cherokee County School District"**

(Approved)

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

B-1. School Board Approval of Delegate and Alternate for 2021 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kyla Cromer, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to nominate Robert Rechsteiner as Delegate and Kelly Poole as Alternate for 2021 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly *(7-0 vote)*.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of January 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

***D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Declaring Surplus Property and Disposing of Said Property**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

***F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

***G-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

School Board Attorney Comments:

- Thanked School Board members for attendance and work at the February Training Retreat

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized the end-of-year retirement of Bascomb ES Principal Kathleen Chandler

- Recognized the SY2021-22 reassignment of Macedonia Principal Dr. Carolyn Daugherty to Bascomb ES Principal and appointment of Hasty ES Assistant Principal Christy Rich to Macedonia ES Principal.
- Recognized the SY2021-22 appointment of River Ridge HS Assistant Principal Andrew Hall as the new Virtual Academy Administrator on Assignment
- Recognized CCSD Teacher of the Year Finalists announced earlier in the week.
- Reported on the status of the proposed, one-time teacher bonus from Georgia Department of Education and Governor's Office
    - GaDOE announced the need for additional time to adjust budget following the Governor's announcement adding PreK Teachers as recipients of bonus; the estimated timeline is April 2021

<u>Informational Items:</u>

- Updated the Special Education Department's Self-Contained programming modifications for SY2021-22
    - Program names changed to focus on connecting the needs of the individual student to the program that meets those needs
    - Highlighted the focus of instruction used within each program
- Updated enhancements to the Transition Academy for SY2021-22
    - Enhanced the programming of the Academy
    - Highlighted vision to expand a clear pathway for post-graduation
- Updated the repurposing of the original Teasley MS campus to contain four academy-based programs (ACE Academy, Transition Academy, Virtual Academy and College/Career Academy)
- Provided a COVID-19 Update **to include** the following:
    - Current case and quarantines totals for the county and the school district;
    - Increased substitute workforce and stabilized fill rates from last month;
    - Cherokee County is currently experiencing a decline in cases and positive test rates.
- Provided feedback on Kindergarten and First-Time First Grader Registration Processes:
    - Summarized amended enrollment and placement processes to include partnering with parents to meet the needs of students.

Three members of the public addressed the School Board relative to the Superintendent's COVID-19 Informational items.

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary