CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 20, 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, May 20, 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 John Harmon.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the April 15, 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 Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District

Teacher of the Year -- Chelsea Leming, Indian Knoll Elementary School

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of 2021 Georgia Scholars

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of ACE Academy Senior Michael Benjamin Gerow as Recipient of the Award of Excellence Presented by the Georgia Department of Education

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of 2020-21 Regional and State Science and Engineering Fair Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of 2021 Young Georgia Authors Competition Winners

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of 2020-21 Governor's Honors Finalists

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Students' Academic Achievement with the 2021 Yes I Can Awards

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of 2021 Region and State Career and Technical Student Organization Competition Winners from Cherokee High School, Creekview High School and Woodstock High School

(Recognized)

A-9. School Board Recognition of 2020-21 STAR Students and STAR Teachers

(Recognized)

A-10. School Board Recognition of Mill Creek Middle School Student Annie Mercer -- 2021 Jostens Photo Contest Middle School Division Winner

(Recognized)

A-11. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District's Georgia PTA Reflections Winners

(Recognized)

A-12. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-13. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Student McKenzie Anderson -- Recipient of 2021 Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference Buster Bynum Scholarship

(Recognized)

A-14. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Student Margaret Bradley -- Recipient of 2021 Waste Management/Pine Bluff Landfill Scholarship

(Recognized)

A-15. School Board Recognition of the 2021 Jason T. Dickerson Family Foundation Scholarship Recipients

(Recognized)

A-16. School Board Recognition and Appreciation of the 2020-21 Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates for Service and Commitment to the Cherokee County School District

(Recognized)

***A-17. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with ABM Industry Groups LLC.**

(Approved)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

School Board Chair Kyla Cromer combined time allotted for public participation and public comment on agenda items so as to allow for one hour of public participation. 19 members of the public addressed the School Board.

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

***B-1. School Board Consideration of Approval of Application for Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Governance Team of the Year Award**

(Approved)

B-2. School Board Consideration of Adoption of Resolution to Prohibit Implementation of Critical Race Theory and 1619 Project

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to Adopt the School Board's Resolution to Prohibit Implementation of Critical Race Theory and 1619 Project (4-1 vote, Robert Rechsteiner dissented, Clark Menard and John Harmon abstained).

School Board Member Comments:

- A portion of agenda item B-2 Resolution to Prohibit Implementation of CRT and 1619 Project was read prior to discussion and vote.
- Comments from the Superintendent were requested.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation**

for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

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

(Approved)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Special Lease Agreements**

(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

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. School Board Consideration and Tabling of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the FY2022 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate**

(Approved)

I-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2021-22 CCSD Code of Conduct

Item was pulled from the agenda to be discussed separately. Meeting was adjourned prior to discussion, motion or vote.

Superintendent's Comments:

- Acknowledged support of the School Board's Resolution to Prohibit Implementation of Critical Race Theory and 1619 Project.

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary