CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, June 17, 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, June 17, 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, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach. School Board Member John Harmon was not in attendance.

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 Mike Chapman

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Clark Menard.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (*6-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Rick Steiner and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 20, 2021 School Board Meeting *(5-1 vote, Mike Chapman dissented).*

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 Patsy Jordan seconded by Clark Menard and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(6-0 vote).*

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of CCSD's 2020-21 Piedmont Regional & Georgia State Technology Competition Champions

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of CCSD Staff Selected as Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce "Top 10 in 10" Honorees

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of CCSD Department of Special Education Employees of the Year Awards

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2021 Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Coaches of the Year

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Athletes Honored as Positive Athlete Georgia Regional Winners

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Recipients of 2021 ABM Industry Group, LLC Scholarships

(Recognized)

***A-8. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with Chattahoochee Technical College and Credit Union of Georgia**

(Approved)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION On a motion by Clark Menard and seconded by Rick Steiner and carried, the Board extended time for public participation (6-0 vote).

18 members of the public addressed the School Board.

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

***B-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of School Board Adoption of Call for Election Resolution**

(Approved)

School Board Member Comments:

- Inquired if GA Department of Public Health will continue to mandate close contact quarantines;
  - Confirmed that CCSD will request close contact quarantines be eliminated SY2021-22 and have been relaying that sentiment and data from last year to the Governor's Office, DPH and GaDOE.
- Clarification on surveys that are being submitted to students and programs being utilized;
  - Requested that the Superintendent review current resources.
- Confirmed that FY2022 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate will remain the same.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of New and Substantive Modifications to School Board Policies (8) - - on First Reading**

(Approved)

***C-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Technical Modifications to School Board Policies (4)- - on First Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Local Plan for Improvement of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education/One-Year Funding Application for 2022**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(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)

***F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Resolution to Certify Closeout for the Creekview High School Agri-Science Lab**

(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

***H-1. School Board Consideration of Approval of Property Purchase for Future Cherokee County School District (CCSD) Use**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Two members of the public addressed the school Board relative to Agenda Item I-1.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to Approve the Superintendent's FY2022 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate (6-0 vote).

(Approved)

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

One member of the public addressed the school Board relative to Agenda Item I-2.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to approve the SY2021-22 CCSD Code of Conduct (6-0 vote).

(Approved)

Superintendent's Comments:

- CCSD is requesting that DPH eliminate the need to quarantine close contacts based on data submitted from this school year.
- Superintendent advised that 7 Mindsets was a program initially used as a tool to develop CCSD curriculum and framework;
    - Confirmed that 7 Mindsets would not be used as a resource next SY2021-22;
    - Confirmed that parents can have their students opt-out of participating in surveys;
    - Advised that GA State Health Survey is required to be administered by the district;
        - Survey questions are developed by GA Department of Education and used to analyze school climate.

- **Executive Session**
  -- **Student Discipline Mater (4)**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Student Discipline matters (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757 8:44 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #20-118523, *(6-0 vote*).

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #20-111516, *(6-0 vote*).

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Rick Steiner and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #20-147149, *(6-0 vote*).

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to Modify the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #20-157942, (*6-0 vote*).

The School Board adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary