CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 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 Abby 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 Cherokee High School Student Lillie Cate Ergle.

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 Clark Menard seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the September 16, 2021 School Board Meeting *(6-0 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 Patsy Jordan seconded by Robert Rechsteiner 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 Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2022 Nation Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Cherokee High School Junior Weston Olds for Being Named to the State School Superintendent's 2021-22 Student Advisory Council

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Avery Elementary School Staff for Life-Saving Actions

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of the Cherokee County School District as a Georgia School Boards Association 2021 Governance Team of the Year Finalist

(Recognized)

***A-5. School Board Approval of Proclamation in Honor of Retired Educators**

(Approved)

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

***B-1. School Board Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Regarding Proposed School Board Member District Reapportionment Map**

(Approved)

School Board Member Comments:

- A School Board Member thanked involved parents and encouraged continued parent and community participation at monthly meetings.
- An update on staffing was requested;
    - The Board was advised that substitute fill rates have increased to 93-94% fill rate; School Nutrition and ABM have minimal vacancies and recruiting for Bus Drivers has increased, and several new hires are working to complete training.

- Bus Drivers were recognized for their dedication to the students of our district; along with individual schools, CCSD partner Children's Healthcare of Atlanta celebrated drivers this week.
- Thanked Hasty Elementary staff for hosting luncheon this month. School Board Members were impressed with the writing skills demonstrated through the Rotary Club journal program that students are participating in.
- Inquired about supply chain concerns that are being highlighted on the news.
    - Cabinet member and Superintendent responded that School Nutrition was prepared and that Executive Director, Tina Farmer had begun preparing as early as this summer.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of September 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 at Public Auction**

(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)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Six members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Student Discipline matters (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757 7:55 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to return to Open Session at 8:14 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to Modify the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-145707, *(6-0 vote*).

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-124142, *(6-0 vote*).

The School Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary