CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, November 18, 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, November 18, 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; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner 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 Creekview High School Student Ty Hubert.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by John Harmon seconded by Kelly Poole 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 Mike Chapman and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the October 21, 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 Kelly Poole 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 Oak Grove Elementary School STEAM Academy School Nurse Nadia Jones -- Recipient of the Georgia RISE (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees) Award

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District's High School Seniors Receiving a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement by the Georgia Career and Technical Student Organization

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Junior Cesar Garcia for Being Named 2021 Georgia Career and Technical Instruction Competition Fair Contest Third-Place Winner

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Army JROTC Program as State Champions at the Georgia State Raider Championship

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- A School Board Member commented about school site visits and work that is being accomplished.
- Gratitude was expressed by Board Members for the level of commitment and work that has been demonstrated by CCSD employees.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposed FY2022 Budget Amendment I

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Clark Menard, and carried to approve FY2022 Budget Amendment I (6-0 Vote).

(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

***H-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution Declaring Official Election Results for November 2, 2021 Ed-SPLOST Renewal Referendum**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2022 Legislative Partnership Priorities

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

School Board Members spoke to the utilization of the legislative program to communicate, partner and advocate for local control, funding and educational opportunities for CCSD.

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to Approve the 2022 Legislative Partnership Priorities (6-0 vote).

(Approved)

***I-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2022-23 Proposed Attendance Area Map Correction**

(Approved)

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized the SY2021-22 reassignment of Ball Ground ES TSA Lauren Wade to Assistant Principal

- Expressed gratitude for the retention bonus approved by the School Board which will allow Cherokee County to remain competitive in maintaining a quality workforce

Informational Items:

- Ed-SPLOST Renewal:
  - The Superintendent further explained how the penny sales tax is used and how bonding allows for such things as new school construction, but that the sales tax is also used for "pay-as-you-go" purchases in areas such as capital improvements, technology, school buses, etc.
  - Also mentioned was the use of 1.25 mills to assist in debt payments, which has greatly aided in CCSD's move toward more of a "pay-as-you-go" model for expenditures.
  - Through its fiscally conservative use of the Ed-SPLOST, CCSD will be positioned this coming Spring, and again in two years, to pay off bond series issuances a full 10 years early, resulting in $11.5M in interest savings.
  - Ed-SPLOST Factsheet will be available on the CCSD website.
- COVID 19 Update:
  - Although the virus continues to circulate, Cherokee County and CCSD have numbers that are much lower than those experienced at the beginning of the school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board extended time for public participation (6-0 vote).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Student Discipline matters (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757 9:21 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to return to Open Session at 9:38 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to Modify the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-186140, *(6-0 vote)*.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-139133, *(6-0 vote)*.

The School Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary