CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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, December 15, 2022, 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 John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Tom Roach. School Board Member Mike Chapman 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 Ball Ground Elementary School Student Ridge Simpson.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Clark Menard.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Patsy Jordan 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 John Harmon and carried the Board approved the minutes from the November 17, 2022, School Board Meeting *(6-0 vote)*.

Consent Agenda

Following the 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 Cherokee County School Board as 2022 Georgia Leading Edge Award Winner

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2023 Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Woodstock High School Assistant Principal Dr. Meagan Waid -- Named 2022-23 Georgia Assistant Principal of the Year

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Senior Avery DiGirolamo Georgia HOSA -- Future Health Professionals Statewide Career Skills Competition Winner

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teachers -- Teresa Bailey and Kimberly Harrison -- Named 2023 Georgia STEM Scholars

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of CCSD Adapted PE Specialist Amy Aenchbacher -- Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) Kim Thompson Honor Award Recipient

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Cynthia Higginbotham for Being Named Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-9. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Winston Kang for Being Named Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Countywide Essay Contest Winner

(Recognized)

A-10. School Board Recognition of REACH Georgia Scholar Winners

(Recognized)

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

B-1. School Board Adoption of Resolution Regarding Cherokee County Board of Education's Affirmation, Commitment and Support of Mountain Education Charter High School

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by John Harmon, and carried to adopt a resolution regarding Cherokee County Board of Education's affirmation, commitment and support of Mountain Education Charter High School *(Vote 6-0)*.

(Approved)

- School Board Member's affirmed support and commitment to the Mountain Education Charter High School and the program's importance to meeting the needs of the students and community that it serves. The Superintendent responded that the resolution would be forwarded to the appropriate representatives.
- School Board Chair recognized Patsy Jordan for receiving the Pioneer in Education Award.
- School Board Member Clark Menard was recognized by the School Board and Superintendent for his commitment and many years of service to Cherokee County School District. Additionally, the Superintendent expressed appreciation for Mr. Menard's business knowledge that helped enhance the school district's financial growth and stability.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modifications to Supplementary Materials election and Adoption Policy (IFAB) - - on First Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of November 2022 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 and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Uphold the Media Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Challenged book, Drama**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

***F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Special Lease Agreements Outlay Funding Application**

(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 Suspension of Portion of School Board Policy (BCBI) Public Participation in Board Meetings**

(Approved)

Attorney Comments:

- Mr. Roach announced that he would be retiring as the lead attorney for the School Board after 31 years of service. He publicly thanked the School Board, his firm's staff and family members for what he considers his crowning achievement.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized retiring administrator Dr. Jennifer Cash, who has served many leadership roles in her career with CCSD. Currently, Dr. Cash supervises grants and research for the school district.
- Recognized the appointment of Lacey Bass, Assistant Principal Little River ES; Tiffany Cothern, Assistant Principal Mountain Road ES; and, Shannon Thomas, Assistant Principal Liberty ES.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757), at 8:01 p.m. *(6-0 vote)*.

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

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by John Harmon and carried to remand the discipline case back to the Cherokee County School District Tribunal Panel for an alternative hearing for Tribunal #22-126990, *(6-0 vote*).

The School Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

_____ _____

School Board Chair Secretary