CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, February 16, 2023

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, February 16, 2023, 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, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, and Kelly Poole. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Member Erin Ragsdale was not in attendance.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by a moment of silence for the recent loss of a student and staff member in the CCSD family.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by R.M Moore Elementary School Student Charles Jacoby.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Robert Rechsteiner 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 Kelly Poole and carried the Board approved the minutes from the January 19, 2023 School Board Meeting and Minutes of the February 3-4, 2023 School Board Training. *(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 Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon 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 Mill Creek Middle School Teacher Ann-Margaret Somers -- Named Georgia Science Teachers Association 2022-23 Teacher of the Year for Middle Schools

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of 2022-23 STAR Students and STAR Teachers

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Seven Cherokee County School District Class of 2023 Seniors for Being Named Candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Three Cherokee County School District Teams -- Regional First Lego League Robotics Competition Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of 2022-23 Middle School County Academic Bowl Team Champions Creekland Middle School

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of 2022-23 Elementary School and Middle School Reading Bowl First-Place Winners

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Liberty Elementary School -- Recognized as a State 2023 School of Character by the Nonprofit Character.org

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA) Publication Awards

(Recognized)

***A-9. School Board Approval of a Resolution Recognizing February 17, 2023 as "PTA Day in the Cherokee County School District"**

(Approved)

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

- School Board Member commented on the Key Scholar event recognizing student academic achievement.
- School Board Member highlighted the success of several programs at the ACTIVE Academy.
- School Board Chair celebrated School Resource Officer Day by thanking CCSD officers who serve and protect our facilities each day.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of January 2023 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 Proposals for the Free Home ES Replacement.

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to award the construction contract for the replacement Free Home Elementary School to Carroll Daniel Construction. (*6-0 vote).*

(Approved)

***F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the 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

<u>Informational Items:</u>

- Organizational Chart:
  - Staff names have been provided as a follow-up to last month's approved agenda item.
- Upcoming Public Works Contracts:

  - Five-Year facility plan highlighting the timeline of upcoming projects.
  - Multiple projects will be presented to the board between now and June 2023. Each project will follow the same protocol as the Free Home ES proposal. Included are facility improvements to Creekland MS and Creekview HS.
- Proposed 2023-24 salary schedules have been posted for review.
- New Leaders Reception: 6 p.m. prior to March school board meeting.

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized the end-of-year retirement of Supervisor, Maintenance, Greg Mason; Coordinator, Curriculum Support (Math), Dr. Catherine Head; Principal, Macedonia Elementary School, Christy Rich.
- Recognized the SY2023-24 appointment of Matthew Walker, Supervisor of Maintenance; and Stephanie Norris, Coordinator of Curriculum Support (Math).
- Recognized the appointment of Daniel Devine, Woodstock High School Head Football Coach.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

On a motion made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)) at 7:50 p.m. (6-0 vote).

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary