CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, January 19, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Robert Rechsteiner; Vice-Chair Kim Cochran; Members, Mike Chapman, Michael Geist, Janet Read, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Student Advisor to the School Board Rebecca Hannigan; and Board Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order — The call to order by Robert Rechsteiner was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Robert Wofford.

Organizational Meeting — School Board Attorney Tom Roach presiding.

Election of Officers — School Board Members appointed Mike Chapman to serve as School Board Chair and Janet Read to serve as School Board Vice-Chair for calendar year 2012.

Mike Chapman thanked School Board members for their confidence and support in appointing him School Board Chair for 2012. He stated that he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

Robert Rechsteiner thanked School Board members for their support during his 2011 term as School Board Chair. He further stated that he feels that the School Board, in its current governance model, is doing a great job for students, parents and the community, and that he hopes efforts to repair something that is not broken (through legislative reapportionment) do not succeed. He also thanked the Superintendent for his help, support and leadership throughout the 2011 term.

Michael Geist stated that, until he became a School Board member, he did not fully appreciate the challenges faced by the School Board and School Board Chair. He thanked Mr. Rechsteiner for his service during his term as School Board Chair.

Janet Read thanked School Board members for their support and stated that she looks forward to working with everyone to do the best for all of Cherokee County's students.

Adopt Agenda On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval On a motion by Robert Wofford, seconded by Rob Usher, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the December 1, 2011 School Board Meeting (7-0 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 Kim Cochran, seconded by Michael Geist and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

Dr. Petruzielo recognized Dr. Jennifer Scrivner, newly-appointed Principal at the New ES on Hunt Road; and, acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Carla Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs, Student Support and Professional Development.

Public Participation:

Mr. Woodrow Gaines addressed the School Board relative to a driver training program.

Appropriate staff will follow-up with Mr. Gaines.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA) Publications Annual Award Winners

(Recognized)

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

B-1. Approval to Expend Funds for National School Boards Association (NSBA) and Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Memberships and Conference/Training Opportunities for Calendar Year 2012

(Approved)

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Rob Usher, and carried to Approve Expenditure of Funds for National School Boards Association (NSBA) and Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Memberships and Conference/Training Opportunities for Calendar Year 2012, *(7-0 vote).*

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

*D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval November 2011 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

*E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

*F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

School Board Attorney Tom Roach requested that School Board members review their calendars to determine available dates for training this Spring. He indicated that he would send out an e-mail with additional information in this regard.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Name Etowah HS Original Gymnasium**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Student Advisor to the School Board Rebecca Hannigan, seconded by Janet Read and carried, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, February 9, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Student Advisor to the School Board Rebecca Hannigan; and Board Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Rob Usher.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Kim Cochran, seconded by Rob Usher, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the January 19, 2012 School Board Meeting (7-0 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 Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

Dr. Petruzielo recognized Letitia Cline, newly-appointed (July 1, 2012) Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs, Student Support and Professional Development; and, acknowledged Josh Shaw, newly-appointed Teacher/Head Football Coach for Cherokee HS, and David Svehla, newly-appointed Teacher/Head Football Coach for Etowah HS.

Public Participation:

Michele Dodge and Anita Geoghagan addressed the School Board and expressed concern with current events and recent correspondence from members of the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation regarding reapportionment.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Jennifer Forsyth as 2012 Georgia Science Teacher of the Year

(Recognized)

A-3. Board Approval of Resolution Proclaiming February 17, 2012 as "PTA Day in Cherokee County Schools"

(Approved)

Motion was made Janet Read, seconded by Rob Usher, and carried to Approve Approve of Resolution Proclaiming February 17, 2012 as "PTA Day in Cherokee County Schools," *(7-0 vote).*

Lisa-Marie Haygood, Membership Coordinator for Georgia PTA, thanked the Superintendent and School Board for their ongoing support of PTA.

A-4. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New Partnership Agreement with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Revised Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Historical Society

(Approved)

Motion was made Michael Geist, seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried to Approve New Partnership Agreement with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Revised Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Historical Society, *(7-0 vote).*

Rebecca Johnston and Stefanie Joyner, representing the Cherokee County Historical Society, presented copies of Cherokee County, Georgia: A

History for each school and thanked the Superintendent and School Board for their support.

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

B-1. Recognition of Superintendent of Schools

Janet Read recognized Dr. Petruzielo for completing 13 years as Superintendent of Schools in Cherokee County School District. She thanked him for his leadership and service to the children of Cherokee County. She made the following comments:

Who remembers where they were on February 1, 1999?

On February 1, 1999, Dr. Frank Petruzielo entered building A as the new CCSD Superintendent and things have never been the same.

At that time our district had 24,444 students. The first Ed-SPLOST had been passed two years earlier and we were building new schools as fast as we could. One year later, February 21, 2000, students and staff from Chapman Elementary moved 1.3 miles down the road to open as Carmel Elementary School. The Chapman facility, through the implementation of boundary hearings was converted to our first and only intermediate school housing 5th and 6th grade students from three critically overcrowded elementary schools.

The district as a whole was on accreditation probation and the school district was often the subject of the nightly news from Atlanta.

Fast forward thirteen years later.

Our first day of school in August 2011 saw 37,812 students enter our schools. And every one of them was fed lunch and made it back home safely.....always a goal for our first day of school!

August 1, 2012 will see the opening of six Academies in elementary schools throughout our county. This will give our parents another "choice" for their children's education opportunities within their public school system.

*Cherokee is one of the first School Districts in the United States to earn District Accreditation as a Quality School System through (**SACS/CASI**).*

We recently maintained this honorable distinction.

The School District ***has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in every year but two*** *since inception of federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) standards.*

CCSD has an outcome-based, data-driven and Board-approved ***District Strategic Plan, Five Year Facility Plan and Three Year Technology Plan.*** *Also, outcome based, data-driven and Board-approved* ***School Improvement Plans (SIPs)*** *are in place for every school…*

*An Atlanta Journal-Constitution (****AJC) analysis in May, 2010 found CCSD to have the lowest central office administrative costs in metro Atlanta, whether measured on a per-student cost ($222) or as a percent of total budget (2.6%).*** *The average per-student cost across 12 metro school districts was $516 . . . more than twice the CCSD cost.*

More than ***85 Board-approved partnership agreements*** *have been negotiated with county and city governments, various institutions of higher learning and numerous community-based organizations and agencies…plus* ***200 individual school/business partnerships.***

Nearly ***$10 Million in competitive grant funding*** *has been solicited and received since 1999!*

CCSD has seen a ***400% increase*** *over the past 10 years in* ***students taking Advanced Placement (AP) tests*** *for college credit; and* ***72% of CCSD students scored high enough on AP exams in 2010 to receive college credit. .*** *. compared to 53% for the State and 58% for the Nation.*
(If you have priced college tuition lately, you will see what a benefit this is for our students and their parents!)

Congratulations to Dr. Frank Petruzielo for his leadership over the last thirteen years. We have come a long way since the day the principal called you from Canton Elementary School to ask what he should do about the leaking water fountain! Thanks for all you do for the students, staff and administration of the Cherokee County School District. You have kept us moving forward!

B-2. Federal Relations Network Conference

Janet Read presented the following report from her recent trip to the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference in Washington, DC:

"This past weekend I attended the FRN conference in Washington, DC. The Federal Relations Network is the lobbying arm of the NSBA.

NSBA represents 90,000+ school board members.

We are making a difference in:

the courts*...recently testified about bullying. GOAL: we need guidance that is clear. We don't need any more laws. We need to be able to address it at the local level.*
The DOE *– attended the Labor Management conference. How can all groups work together around areas of teacher compensation?*

NSBA is a diverse group – both racially and economically
We NEED strong public schools and a commitment that funding will match our goals.

'Education funding is like building a bridge. The bridge needs to be adequately built and constantly maintained so that all vehicles can move across it safely....regardless of their make, model or speed.'

The main focus of the conference was to push for reauthorization of the ESEA – Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It is supposed to be reauthorized every five years. It has not been reauthorized for 10 years. There are currently both House and Senate versions of the bill being proposed. The Senate version wants to direct federal outcomes while the House version is premised on the conviction that states and locals can do it better and wants to "reduce the federal footprint". Both bills remove the 100% AYP standard, promote student achievement and outline teacher and principal effectiveness.

It is evident that many of the trends we see in Georgia are prominent in many other states as well. Decreased funding, increased pressure from charter school advocates, increase in candidates backed by the Tea Party, increased furlough days and the necessity to do more with less funding.

So why, the push for lobbying from the NSBA - in simple terms: ***Be at the table, or be on the menu!*** *The US Department of Education is staffed with many folks who don't know education on the ground. Many of their staff come from foundations, not local school districts. It is our job to educate them about the issues and concerns that face public education every day.*

Congress is hearing lots of voices; public education needs to be a loud one. We are honoring the "right to petition Congress" as outlined in the Constitution. We put a personal face to education. The experts in education are not "in" education....the experts are those like our teachers, staff and administrators who live it every day. We are their voice to Congress.

Title 1 funding was also a major topic. Title 1 serves students in more than 90% of school districts across the nation. When the Federal government is using the data for free and reduced lunch, they are using the 2008-2009 data, NOT the 2010 census data. Yet for other governmental decisions, such as reapportionment, the 2010 census data is used. I would like to personally thank Carrie Budd, Ken Owen and Charlette Green for their detailed information on Title 1 funds for our district. That information was delivered personally to our Senators and Congressmen.

Our nation is facing a $15 trillion debt. This makes the case for increased education that much more important. If we are going to leave our children with such a large burden, we need to ensure that we have an educated, skilled workforce who can attain increased prosperity and begin to pay off this debt.

Thank you again for the opportunity to attend this conference and to petition Congress on behalf of the 38,000 students in the CCSD. One final thought on this business of teaching and learning:

You are not in the business of education if you don't have hope!"

B-3. Reapportionment

Kim Cochran thanked everyone who had taken the time to be a part of the discussion regarding reapportionment, from people completing surveys and writing letters or calling to the Blue Ribbon Commission and the legislators for taking the input.

Janet Read asked if anyone knew if the new maps were available.

Mike Chapman stated that he has placed a call to the Office of Reapportionment this week, but had not yet received a return call.

Tom Roach stated that, at the Board Chair's request, he had sent an e-mail to the Office of Reapportionment, but had not yet received a reply.

B-4. School Board Training

Tom Roach, School Board Members and the Superintendent scheduled Saturday, March 24, 2012 for a three-hour full Board and Superintendent training.

Tom Roach stated that he will follow-up with School Board Members regarding opportunities for meeting the remaining training requirements.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval December 2011 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution to Certify Closeout for Indian Knoll Elementary School (New ES –"G")**

(Approved)

***F-4. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution to Certify Closeout for River Ridge High School (New HS –"B")**

(Approved)

F-5. Board Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation for Temporary Construction Easement and Granting of Drainage Easement at Hasty ES

(Approved)

Motion was made by Robert Wofford, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation for Temporary Construction Easement and Granting of Drainage Easement at Hasty ES, *(7-0 vote)*.

Robert Wofford thanked the Superintendent, Russ Sims and Mitch Hamilton for the detailed information provided with the agenda item and for working cooperatively with other groups.

F-6. Board Consideration of Proposed Contracts for Construction of New Middle School "E" (Teasley MS Replacement)

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Michael Geist, and carried to Approve Choate Construction as General Contractor for Construction of New Middle School "E" (Teasley MS Replacement), *(7-0 vote)*.

Dr. Petruzielo presented staff analysis of the seven proposals that were received.

Rob Usher and Michael Geist ask for additional information regarding the proposals and the process. Dr. Petruzielo and Phil Parrott provided additional information in this regard.

Janet Read and Kim Cochran thanked the Superintendent, Russ Sims, Phil Parrott and staff for their hard work and for being available to answer questions when they are presented.

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2012-13 Organizational Chart**

(Approved)

I-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Naming New Elementary School "H" on Hunt Road

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kim Cochran, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to Approve Naming New Elementary School "H" on Hunt Road, *(7-0 vote)*.

The School Board approved the name Clark Creek Elementary School, the mascot of "RedHawks" and the school colors red and gold.

Christine Hunt and Peggy Cloer requested that the new school on Hunt Road be named for Jasper Lafayette Hunt due to his and his families contributions to the community.

Dr. Brian Hightower provided a brief history of the property where the new school is located, a summary of the work of the Naming Committee, and a review of Board Policy FDC: Naming New Facilities. He noted that the recommendation, Clark Creek, is a significant geographic marker and is within the policy requirements. He also indicated that he and staff had spoken to the Hunt family several times to determine a suitable memorial to the Hunt family for placement at the school campus.

Rob Usher, Kim Cochran, Janet Read and Mike Chapman stated that they supported the reasons for naming the new school Clark Creek ES, and that they would also like to see continued discussions with the Hunt family to find a suitable memorial option.

The Superintendent indicated that he and staff would engage in additional discussions with the Hunt family.

***I-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Special Lease Agreements**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Rebecca Hannigan, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; and Board Attorney Tom Roach. Student Advisor to the School Board Rebecca Hannigan was not in attendance.

Call to Order	The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Janet Read.
Adopt Agenda	On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).
Minutes for Approval	On a motion by Kim Cochran, seconded by Janet Read, the Board unanimously approved the minutes, as amended, from the February 9, 2012 School Board Meeting, (7-0 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 Robert Wofford, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

Dr. Petruzielo acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Bob Eddy, Creekview HS Principal, and recognized the following newly-appointed (July 2012) administrators: Pamela Spencer – Principal, Avery ES; Joey Moss – Principal, Boston ES; Cindy Cooper – Principal, Dean Rusk MS; Teresa Henry - Coordinator of Federal Programs; and Karen Lay - Certification Manager (March 19, 2012). Dr. Petruzielo also recognized newly-

reassigned (July 2012) Principals Dr. Adrian Thomason – Creekview HS and Les Conley – Oak Grove ES.

Kim Cochran recognized and congratulated Dr. Bob Eddy on his retirement. She also recognized several teachers and Assistant Principal Charles Beverly from Creekview HS, who are retiring this year.

Janet Read thanked the Superintendent and staff and acknowledged the Superintendent's Leadership Academy programs for providing professional development and support for teachers, assistant principals and principals.

Public Participation:

Michelle Dodge, President, Cherokee Citizens for the Kids (CCFTK) – Thanked School Board Members for their service. She stated that CCFTK supports the current School Board Members and the current structure of the School Board. She called on School Board Members to ask politicians to stand down and allow the School Board to do the job they were elected to do.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize School Board Members - - School Board Member Appreciation Week

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Cherokee County Schools Achieving Designation as "2011 Title I Distinguished Schools"

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize 2011-12 Reinhardt University/CCSD Mathematics Tournament Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize Innovation Zone "Counselors of the Year"

(Recognized)

***A-6. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Adopt Proposed Resolution Regarding Class Size Exemptions**

(Recognized)

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

B-1. Board Approval of Naming of Delegate for 2012 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Janet Read, and carried to Approve Robert Rechsteiner as Delegate for 2012 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly, *(7-0 vote).*

B-2. Furlough Days

Janet Read thanked employees for their service and for going the extra mile. She apologized for the necessity of furlough days due to budget shortfalls.

B-3. Re-apportionment

Janet Read asked about interest in re-voting on the School Board Member re-apportionment map previously approved on a 5-2 vote and presented by CCSD to the Legislative Delegation. She stated that it had only, as recently as two weeks ago, come to light that the Delegation would only consider the CCSD map if it had been approved unanimously by the School Board. She further indicated that, in light of the School Board's unanimous support of the 2012 Legislative Program, which indicated it supports no change to the current governance model, that vote should have been an adequate reflection of the School Board's support. She then asked if any School Board Member would be interested in changing his/her vote on the CCSD map…to make is unanimous.

Russ Sims, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services and Facilities/Construction Management, provided maps (CCSD's and both maps developed by the Legislative Delegation), which overlaid re-apportionment maps with markers indicating each School Board Member's residence location within the post.

Janet Read thanked the Superintendent and staff for providing maps with locations of School Board Member residences.

Mr. Usher stated that he did not want to change his vote.

Michael Geist stated that he is not interested in re-visiting the vote on the map. He asked if there was a legal problem with re-visiting an issue on which an official vote had already been taken.

The School Board Attorney stated that the only problem would be in taking action on a previous vote in private, and that there was not a legal problem with re-visiting a past vote in an open meeting.

Rob Usher stated that he had had difficulty obtaining a copy of the map.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that the School Board Attorney and School Board Chairman had both made multiple attempts to obtain copies of the map and had received no response from the State Re-apportionment Office until a few days ago. He indicated that the media had provided CCSD with a copy of the map when they requested statements regarding the School Board's position in that regard. He also reiterated that CCSD had drawn preliminary maps of the legislatively-proposed maps based on census block data reflected in the House bills.

Kim Cochran stated that she wanted to see at least one School Board Member elected countywide. She stated that, when voting originally on the CCSD map, she was leaning with the majority of the Board. However, she stated that, if voting now, she would have liked to have seen something different originally. She further stated that, at the time they voted, she saw merit in both types of elected Board members - - county wide and post only - - for all the reasons they talked about at the time.

Robert Wofford stated that he believes the map approved by the majority of the School Board is the best option. He stated that he does not like the idea of individuals being able to lobby School Board Members based on a specific school or individual community issue. He stated that School Board Members should be interested in making the best policy decisions for all CCSD students, not just those in their individual posts. He further indicated that he does not necessarily anticipate a problem in this regard with current School Board Members, but said he could see many issues that could arise under future Board leadership.

Mike Chapman stated that the map presented by CCSD follows all of the basic principles of reapportionment, but that the maps presented by the Delegation reflect obvious gerrymandering for political purposes.

Michael Geist stated that the main reason he does not want to change his vote is that the survey conducted by CCSD, in his opinion, did not contain a good cross-section of the community. He stated that 80% of respondents

were employees and, while he values their input, he would like to see broader input.
Mike Chapman stated that he values the input of employees and parents. He further reminded everyone that, in many cases, employees are also parents, grandparents and voters. He further stated that there were many ways to draw the maps; and the Delegation chose not to follow basic rules of re-districting when they did so. Finally, he stated that it is likely that voters will make their opinions and wishes known in this regard when they have the opportunity to vote in the future.

B-4. Correspondence

Mike Chapman stated that, in light of recent correspondence from Mr. Usher questioning his correspondence to the Governor and communication with SACS CASI, he was requesting official support of the School Board for recent correspondence/communication he sent in this regard as School Board Chair. Mr. Chapman stated the letters to Governor Deal and communication with SACS CASI President, Dr. Mark Elgart, were sent in support of the School Board's unanimous approval of the 2012 Legislative Program and the School Board's top legislative priority of not changing the current governance model. He made a motion to amend the meeting agenda, then requested a vote by the School Board to ratify the recent correspondence/communication; or, if the Board so chooses, a vote to sanction him for this correspondence/communication.

Rob Usher stated that he supports Mr. Chapman's right to speak personally, but he does not support the use of School District letterhead for this purpose.

Mike Chapman stated that any School Board Member has the right to send out correspondence on School District letterhead.

Kim Cochran stated that she is not interested in sanctioning Mr. Chapman; but noted that, when he sends correspondence as Board Chair, it holds more authority than others' correspondence.

Michael Geist suggested that there should be clear guidelines or a policy regarding the use of letterhead. He also asked if it was allowable to modify the agenda in open meeting.

The School Board Attorney stated that this was a housekeeping issue, not an item/issue that would necessitate additional public input; so, the matter could be added in open meeting.

Kim Cochran asked what comments and letters they were voting on.

For clarification, the School Board Attorney stated that the first motion is to amend the meeting agenda, which would likely be followed by a motion to take a vote on the School Board's support of recent correspondence/communication by/from the School Board Chair, Superintendent and staff regarding School Board governance and re-apportionment.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that members of the legislature annually propose over 100 education-related bills, many of which could be detrimental to the school system. He stated that it would be impossible for the Superintendent or School Board Chair to consider and approach the impact of each of those bills differently, based on the number of School Board Members voting in support of or against a particular issue. They must act based on the final vote…on what the majority of School Board Members supported in that vote. He stated that both he and Mr. Chapman had corresponded based on what the Board had approved, and indicated that Mr. Chapman simply would like confirmation that Board Members understand and accept the basis and purpose for all of this recent correspondence.

Mr. Geist, Mr. Usher and Mrs. Cochran reiterated that they respect Mr. Chapman's right to correspond as a citizen and indicated that they did not believe the official School District letterhead should be used for that purpose.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Janet Read, and carried, to Amend the School Board Meeting Agenda, *(4-3 vote; Cochran, Geist and Usher dissented).*

Robert Rechsteiner stated that during his previous term as School Board Chair, it was his understanding that, since he was elected Chair by his peers, he was allowed and encouraged to speak on behalf of the Board as long his comments followed what had been approved by the Board as a whole. He stated that this would also include corresponding using School District letterhead.

Mr. Geist stated that he does not have a problem with urging specific items, but that he has concerns regarding the interpretation of what action is being requested, in this case, requesting that Governor Deal veto HB 1223. He indicated that action requested by Mr. Chapman is setting a bad precedent.

The School Board Attorney stated that individuals acting on behalf of a Board do sometimes request ratification of their actions after the fact. He cited an example in this regard from the Cherokee County Water and

Sewerage Authority Board. He indicated, however, that the practice should not become commonplace regarding School Board policy issues.

Mike Chapman stated that he understood this was an unusual occurrence for the School Board; but he felt that this was an unusual situation that has required, and continues to require, unusual and timely action.

Tom Roach again provided clarification that the pending motion was to ratify letters/communication sent by Mr. Chapman and recent correspondence in this regard sent by/from or on behalf of the Superintendent.

A vote was not taken on a motion by Kim Cochran to table the discussion.

Mr. Geist asked if all of the items were on letterhead.

Barbara Jacoby, Director of Public Information, Communication and Partnerships, indicated that the letters sent by Mr. Chapman were on School District letterhead and the Superintendent's correspondence was e-mail.

Janet Read stated that the School Board Chair is elected by his/her peers and has the authority to communicate on behalf of the Board. She stated that it was very clear in this case that Mr. Chapman was following the Board's decision and unanimous support of the 2012 Legislative Program, as well as the Board's 5-2 vote on the CCSD plan recommended for re-apportionment.

Robert Wofford asked if there needed to be specific guidelines regarding the use of letterhead.

Mike Chapman stated that there would likely be a need to send future correspondence.

Mr. Geist stated that he did not understand why a vote had to be taken. He indicated that, if he agrees with 90% of what is being proposed, he will vote for it, not pick a few words out of if he does not agree.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that there is no way to treat issues and policies differently based on how many Board members support the majority vote. He stated that the only way policy can be implemented effectively and fairly in the same manner, and with the same vigor, is to do so based on what the majority of the Board votes for and believes is right, and that anything other than that is inappropriate and problematic. He indicated that, whenever he has made recommendations to School Boards in the past, a majority vote has been considered the will of the entire Board; so,

implementation must proceed based on that policy decision. He stated that School Board members elected by posts will not change current Board policy - - including policies which prohibit individual School Board members from micromanaging or otherwise getting involved in the day-to-day operation of the School District - - which is the responsibility of the Superintendent. However, he also acknowledged that single-member districts would likely lead to increased community pressure on individual School Board members to try to address needs, priorities and problems in their post, rather than Districtwide.

Janet Read asked that the School Board Attorney provide clarification at a future meeting on the policy for School Board members to add an item to the meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Janet Read, and carried, to Ratify Recent Correspondence by the School Board Chair and Superintendent as Related to the School Board Governance Model and School Board Member Post Re-apportionment, *(4-3 vote; Cochran, Geist and Usher dissented).*

Mike Chapman thanked School Board members for everyone's candid discussion on these matters.

B-5. Leave Policy for Employees Seeking State Office

Mike Chapman stated that he had recently become aware of other school districts granting personal leave for employees running for State offices.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that this is also not unusual in other States. He indicated there are policies in place elsewhere designed to eliminate obstacles for employees seeking to run for State office and agreed to bring back information in this regard to a future School Board/Superintendent Strategic Work Session.

Janet Read stated that qualifying for elected officials is the end of May; so there may still be time to get policies in place.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval January 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Special Lease Agreement**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)) and a personnel matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 9:10 p.m. (7-0 vote).

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on March 14, 2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

_____ To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

/ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

✓ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 14 day of March, 2012.

Melissa Whatley

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2013

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24, 2013

M A Chapman
Janet S Reed
Kathy Stewart
L A Cochran

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, April 19, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Rebecca Hannigan, Student Advisor to the School Board. Board Member Rob Usher was not in attendance.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Rebecca Hannigan.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(6-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Mike Chapman, the Board approved the minutes, as amended, from the March 14, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(5-1 vote, Cochran 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 Kim Cochran, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(6-0 vote).*

Dr. Petruzielo acknowledged the retirement of Val Bahun, Free Home ES Principal, and recognized the following newly-appointed (July 2012) administrators: Karen Carl – Principal, Free Home ES; Gordon Swordma – Assistant Principal, Bascomb ES; Maria Regan – Assistant Principal, Hasty ES; Courtney Shaw – Assistant Principal, Oak Grove ES; Laura Kudlak – Assistant Principal, Dean Rusk MS; Kevin Higgins – Assistant Principal, Creekview HS; and Tonya Sebring – Assistant Principal, Etowah HS.

Public Participation:

A parent of a Hickory Flat ES student addressed the School Board relative to underfunding of public schools, specifically as related to increased class sizes.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize 2012 Governor's Honors Finalists

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize 2011-12 Elementary Science Olympiad Winners

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize 2011-12 Middle School Academic Bowl Team First Place Winners

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize 2012 GAE District Spelling Bee Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-6. Recognize School Bus Drivers for Performance in State School Bus Road-E-O for Special Education Drivers

(Recognized)

A-7. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendations to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Bethesda Community Clinic and In Your Dreams Farm and Renew an Existing Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Animal Shelter

(Approved)

After presentations by representatives supporting the proposed partnership agreements, a vote was called and taken.

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Bethesda Community Clinic and In Your Dreams Farm and Renew an Existing Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Animal Shelter, *(6-0 vote).*

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

B-1. Board Adoption of Resolution in Support of Quality Public Education

After receiving comments from members of the public and subsequent discussion by School Board Members regarding the proposed Resolution, a vote was called and taken.

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Public Education, *(4-2 vote, Cochran and Geist dissented).*

B-2. Ad Hoc Block Scheduling Committee

Kim Cochran requested an update on the Ad Hoc Block Scheduling Committee.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that he and staff would provide a status report to the School Board.

B-3. Update on Academies Applications

Mike Chapman requested a status report on Academies applications. Dr. Petruzielo provided a brief report in that regard.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

C-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRI) Policy on First Reading

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried to Approve Revisions to Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRI) Policy on First Reading, *(6-0 vote).*

C-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Deletion of School Board Policy Regarding Evening Campus (IDCB) on First Reading

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried to Approve Deletion of School Board Policy Regarding Evening Campus (IDCB) on First Reading, *(6-0 vote).*

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval February 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kim Cochran, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to Approve the February 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update, *(6-0 vote).*

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

F-3. Board Consideration of Proposed Contracts for Construction of Sewer Infrastructure for Sequoyah HS, Dean Rusk MS and Hickory Flat ES

(Approved)

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried to Approve Strack, Incorporated as Contractor of Sewer Infrastructure for Sequoyah HS, Dean Rusk MS and Hickory Flat ES, Contingent Upon Obtaining Necessary Easements, *(6-0 vote).*

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

H-1. School Board Training

Tom Roach notified School Board Members that additional training requirements must be met by June 30, 2012.

After discussion, Tom Roach and School Board Members scheduled a two-hour training session for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012, immediately prior to the next School Board meeting. The remainder of training hours would be determined at a future date.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposed 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Calendars**

(Approved)

***I-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Re-Name CrossRoads MS/HS**

(Approved)

***I-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Special Lease Agreement**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kim Cochran, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)) at 9:32 p.m. *(6-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on 4/19/2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

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_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

X To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

_____ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 19th day of April, 2012.

Melissa Whatley

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2013

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24, 2013

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 3, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Rebecca Hannigan, Student Advisor to the School Board.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by two students from Indian Knoll Elementary School.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Michael Geist, seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes, as amended, from the April 19, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(6-0 vote, Usher abstained).*

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 Kim Cochran, seconded by Janet Read and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Public Participation:

One member of the public, who identified herself as a School District employee, addressed the School Board relative to a potential conflict of interest and perceived intimidation by a School Board Member.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Charlette Green as Georgia Outstanding New Special Education Administrator of the Year

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize 2011-12 Elementary School, Middle School and High School Studies Fair Winners

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-4. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Revised Partnership Agreement with United Way

(Recognized)

After a brief presentation by a representative from United Way, a vote was called and taken.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried to Approve Revised Partnership Agreement with United Way, *(7-0 vote).*

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

B-1. Board Approval of Extension of Employment Contract with Superintendent of Schools

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner to Approve Extension of Employment Contract with Superintendent of Schools. The motion was not seconded.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Rob Usher and carried, to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter ***(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6), see attached affidavit)*** at 7:40 p.m.

The School Board returned to open session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Janet Read, and carried to Approve of Extension of Employment Contract with Superintendent of Schools, *(5-1 vote, Geist dissented; Usher abstained).*

B-2. Open Meetings and Open Records Act

Michael Geist requested additional information relative to changes in the Open Meetings and Open Records Act and asked if staff could review the possibility of recording School Board meetings.

B-3. Ball Ground Community Reunion Event

Robert Wofford recognized Ball Ground ES Principal Doug Knott and members of the Ball Ground community for organizing the event.

B-4. Elementary Art Contest

Kim Cochran commended organizers and other entities for organizing the elementary art contest event.

B-5. Foundation

Janet Read requested that the Superintendent review the opportunity to establish a School District foundation to provide a way for individuals and groups to make tax deductible donations to the School District in light of the continuous budget challenges the District is facing.

B-6. Teach 21/Capstone Projects

Janet Read announced Capstone presentations that will be held in the CCSD Technology Department May 7-9, 2012.

B-7. Graduation Rate

Mike Chapman requested additional information regarding recent State changes in calculation of the graduation rate.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Internet Safety (IFABB) Policy on <u>First Reading</u>**

(Approved)

***C-2. Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation to Delete School Board Policy Regarding Evening Campus (IDCB) on <u>Final Reading</u>**

(Approved)

C-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRI) Policy on Final Reading

(Approved)

Rob Usher requested and received clarification regarding eligibility for participation.

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried to Approve Revisions to Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRI) Policy on First Reading, *(7-0 vote).*

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval March 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Sanitary Sewer Easement Acquisitions

(Approved)

Tom Roach provided information relative to easement costs for sanitary sewer construction.

Bradshaw Farm HOA	$90
Estate of Harriett Grant	$1,420
Sequoyah Regional Library	$0
ALSF Capital, LLC	$19,550
Total	$21,060

Motion was made by Rob Usher, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to Approve Sanitary Sewer Easement Acquisitions, *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Rebecca Hannigan, seconded by Michael Geist and carried, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on May 3, 2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

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_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

_____ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

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The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 3rd day of May, 2012.

Melissa Whatley

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2013

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24, 2013

Robert Hopper
Kimberly G. Cochran
Janet S Read

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 17, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Rebecca Hannigan, Student Advisor to the School Board.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by two students from Liberty ES and Freedom MS.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Robert Wofford, seconded by Rob Usher, the Board approved the minutes, as amended, from the May 3, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Mike Chapman recognized Brandon Beach, 6th Congressional District Representative for the Georgia Department of Transportation, who was in attendance and thanked him for his work in securing a grant to improve sidewalks at six district elementary schools.

Janet Read recognized 2011-12 Student Delegates and Rebecca Hannigan, Student Advisor to the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize 2012 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Winners

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize 2011-12 Science and Engineering Fair Winners

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize 2011-12 Georgia Scholars

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition Winners

(Recognized)

A-6. Recognize Several Schools as "Master Communities" for Continued Participation in Parental Awareness for Safe Schools (P.A.S.S.)

(Recognized)

A-7. Recognize Creekview High School Students - - Samuel Joseph Bonno, IV and Nicolas Harper McClendon, Recipients of 2012 Waster Management/Pine Bluff Landfill Scholarships

(Recognized)

A-8. Recognize Creekland Middle School Academic Bowl Team

(Recognized)

A-9. Recognize River Ridge High School Geography Bowl Team

(Recognized)

A-10. Recognize Student Winners of the Georgia State Optimist Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Communication Competition

(Recognized)

A-11. Recognize Student Winner of National PTA 2011-12 Reflections Outstanding Interpretation Award

(Recognized)

A-12. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Revised Partnership Agreement with the American Legion

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to Approve the Revised Partnership Agreement with the American Legion, *(7-0 vote).*

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

B-1. Teach 21 Capstone Projects and Delta Kappa Gamma Golden Apple Recognition

Janet Read commended teachers who participated in the Teach 21 program and congratulated recent recipients of Delta Kappa Gamma Golden Apple awards.

B-2. Governor's Education Advisory Board

Michael Geist indicated that he had recently been appointed to the Governor's Education Advisory Board for School Board Members. He provided a brief report from the first meeting that occurred earlier that day.

B-3. Video Recording of School Board Meetings

Michael Geist asked if staff had reviewed the possibility of recording School Board meetings. The Superintendent indicated that staff had not yet had the opportunity to do so.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Internet Safety (IFABB) Policy on <u>Final Reading</u>**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval April 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Request Assistance in the Development of a New Five Year Facilities Plan**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

H-1. School Board Training

Tom Roach indicated that School Board Member training requirements must be met by June 30. He indicated that he is in the process of following up on and/or scheduling training opportunities that will meet the remaining four-hour State requirement.

H-2. HR 978

Tom Roach provided an update on the pre-clearance status of HR 978 by the Department of Justice. He stated that he would provide updates to School Board Members as they become available.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2012-13 Student Discipline Code**

(Approved)

***I-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Special Lease Agreements**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Rebecca Hannigan, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, June 28, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; and Board Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Indian Knoll ES student Thomas Brumbeloe.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Rob Usher, seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes from the May 17, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Kim Cochran, seconded by Michael Geist, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Public Participation — Scot Turner, Candidate for State House of Representatives, addressed the Board in regard to his views on public school funding.

Kyla Cromer, Candidate for School Board, presented an idea to the Board regarding the implementation of "flipped" classrooms.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize CCSD, Teasley MS and Woodstock ES for the 2012 SSTAGE Star Award for Promising Practices

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Woodstock HS Student for 20th Annual International Environmental Project Olympiad Award

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize Woodstock HS Students for DECA International Career Development Conference Award

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize Woodstock HS Environmental Club for Georgia Senior School of the Year Award

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize River Ridge HS Yearbook Staff for National Award

(Recognized)

A-6. Recognize Indian Knoll ES Student for Sons of the American Revolution State Award

(Recognized)

A-7. Recognize Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition Winners

(Recognized)

A-8. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Revised Partnership Agreement with Northside Hospital-Cherokee

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Rob Usher, and carried to Approve the Revised Partnership Agreement with Northside Hospital-Cherokee, *(7-0 vote).*

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

B-1. Board Consideration of Internet Published Video Archive of School Board Meetings

(Approved)

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried to Approve Internet Published Video Archive of School Board Meetings, *(7-0 vote).*

B-2. Mike Chapman read a statement to inform the Board that he has, along with members of the business community, formed a Political Action Committee called Neighbors for A Better Cherokee.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

C-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for 2012-13 Technical Modifications to School Board Policies on <u>First Reading</u>

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Michael Geist, and carried to Approve 2012-13 Technical Modifications to School Board Policies on First Reading *(7-0 vote).*

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of School Nutrition Bids for Milk, Bread and Produce**

(Approved)

***D-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of School Nutrition Bid for Safety Shoes and Hair Nets**

(Approved)

***D-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of May 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

E-3. Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Local Plan for Improving Vocational and Technical Education/One-Year Funding Application and Local Plan/Application for Agriculture Education for FY 2013

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried to Approve Local Plan for Improving Vocational and Technical Education/One-Year Funding Application and Local Plan/Application for Agriculture Education for FY 2013 *(7-0 Vote).*

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Surplus Ball Ground ES – Old Canton Road Site**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

H-1. Designation of Custodian of Public Records for the Purpose of Processing Open Records Requests

School Board Attorney Tom Roach informed the School Board that the Georgia Open Records/Open Meetings act was revamped in last legislative session. One change requires the School Board to designate a position as official custodian of public records for the purpose of processing open records requests.

A motion was made by Kim Cochran, seconded by Rob Usher, and carried to approve amending the agenda to consider the School Board Attorney's recommendation to designate a position or positions as official custodian of public records *(7-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried to designate, with approval of the Superintendent, the Director of Public Information, Communications and Partnerships and the Coordinator of Community Relations and Publications as official custodians of public records for the purpose of processing open records requests *(7-0 vote).*

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. Board Tabling of Superintendent's Recommended FY 2012-13 Tentative Budget and Approval of Spending Resolution

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Rob Usher, and carried to Table the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2012-13 Tentative Budget and to Approve a Spending Resolution, *(7-0 vote).*

Kim Cochran requested clarification regarding the timing of step raises (mid-year), use of vending machine revenue and the potential for collecting fees for extracurricular activities.

Dr. Petruzielo indicated that next year's Budget Committee could review issues related to fees for activities and athletics and provide data in that regard to the School Board.

*I-2. Board Consideration of Resolution in Support of Establishment of Cherokee County Education Foundation, Inc.

(Approved)

*I-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Special Lease Agreement

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary

FRP/MW: 7/16/12

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, July 25, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; and Board Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Gabby Roth, River Ridge HS student.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Robert Wofford, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board approved the minutes from the June 28, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Dr. Petruzielo introduced newly-appointed administrators Dr. Curt Ashley, Polaris Administrator and Dan Snipes, Assistant Principal, Etowah HS.

Public Participation

Four members of the public signed up to address the School Board relative to agenda item I-1.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Coach Dennis Conway of Woodstock HS as Georgia Lacrosse "Man of the Year" Award Winner

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Liberty ES – Winner of 2012 Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals' "School Bell Award" – and Principal Dr. Nicole Holmes

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize Dr. Pam Green, Carmel ES Assistant Principal – Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals' "2012 Outstanding Assistant Principal of "Georgia Award"

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize Elaine Daniel, Mill Creek MS Principal – "Georgia PTA Principal of the Year"

(Recognized)

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

B-1. Community Open House at Ball Ground ES

Janet Read thanked Principal Doug Knott and organizers of the Community Open House event at the new/replacement Ball Ground ES.

B-2. Budget Video

Michael Geist asked if the recent video regarding budget challenges was available for viewing by School Board Members.

Dr. Petruzielo and Barbara Jacoby stated that the video provides information that was previously shared with School Board Members during the recent School Board/ Superintendent Strategic Work Sessions and that the video's size had prevented it from being posted on the School District's website. Mrs. Jacoby stated that the video would be available for Board Member viewing by appointment.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for 2012-13 Technical Modifications to School Board Policies on <u>Final Reading</u>**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

***H-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Annual Recommendation to Establish Tribunal Hearing Panel for Certificated Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract Termination or Suspension**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. Board Approval of Superintendent's Recommended FY 2012-13 Budget

(Approved)

Four members of the public signed up to address the School Board relative to the budget and spoke against pay-for-play options for budget cuts.

Kim Cochran stated that the budget being proposed does not include any pay-for-play budget cut measures. She indicated that she mentioned it as an option during the last Board meeting so that it could be considered as part of next year's budget development process.

Dr. Petruzielo stated that the Annual Budget Committee will review pay-to-play and many other options during next year's budget development process.

Michael Geist stated that it is a difficult time to ask tough questions and he appreciates Mrs. Cochran's willingness to step out and do so.

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Janet Read, and carried to Approve Superintendent's Recommended FY 2012-13 Budget *(7-0 vote).*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a student discipline matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 7:43 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on 7/25/2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

✓ To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

_____ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

_____ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 25th day of July, 2012.

Melinda K. O'Neill

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: June 10, 2016

MELINDA K O'NEILL NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 10, 2016

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, August 16, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Student Advisor to the School Board Gabrielle Roth.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Gabby Roth, Student Advisor to the School Board.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Rob Usher, seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes from the July 25, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Barbara Jacoby introduced Gabrielle "Gabby" Roth, Student Advisor to the School Board from River Ridge HS, and Student Delegates who were in attendance:

Kayleigh Osborne – ACE MS/HS Academy
Samantha Holloway – Cherokee HS
Abigail Sherrod – Creekview HS
Megan Wallner – Etowah HS
Bailey Garner – Woodstock HS

Student Delegate Logan Honea, Sequoyah HS, was unable to attend and will be recognized at a future School Board meeting.

Public Participation

Susan Hayes, 13th District Director, Georgia PTA, addressed the School Board and presented a Resolution supporting the School Board's opposition to HR 1162 and the Constitutional amendment in this regard that will be on the ballot in November.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize CCSD School Nutrition Program – USDA Region Award, Georgia USDA Best Practice Award

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Sequoyah HS Air Force Junior ROTC – Cadet Officer Leadership School at The Citadel

(Recognized)

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

B-1. Update to 2012-13 Calendar

Robert Wofford thanked the Superintendent and staff for adjustments to the 2012-13 school calendar.

B-2. Induction Ceremony for National Honor Society at Woodstock HS

Janet Read stated that she had recently attended the Induction Ceremony for the National Honor Society at Woodstock HS and was honored to serve as keynote speaker. She thanked students and staff for organizing the event.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

***D-2. School Board Pre-Approval of Authorized School Fund-Raising Activities for 2012-13 School Year**

(Approved)

***D-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Designating Fund Balance Classifications**

(Approved)

D-4. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs)

(Approved)

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Rob Usher and carried, to Approve Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) for $17 Million at a rate of .67% *(7-0 vote).*

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Gabby Roth, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, September 6, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Linwood Gunn; and Student Advisor to the School Board Gabrielle Roth.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Logan Honea, Student Delegate from Sequoyah HS.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Rob Usher, seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes from the August 16, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Kim Cochran, seconded by Michael Geist, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Barbara Jacoby introduced Logan Honea, Student Delegate from Sequoyah HS.

Public Participation

Two members of the public addressed the School Board relative to charter school funding and expressed opposition to the November, 2012 charter school Constitutional amendment.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize CCSD Teachers Selected as Georgia Advanced Placement (AP) "Master Teachers"

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize CCSD Police Department for Achieving State Re-Accreditation

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize John Haas for Winning the Georgia Optimist Oratorical Contest

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize 2012 Sequoyah Regional Technology Fair Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize Students Honored for Participation in 2011-12 Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP)

(Recognized)

***A-6. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Amended Partnership Agreements with the Juvenile Court of Cherokee County and Service League of Cherokee County**

(Approved)

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

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Financial Consultants to Prepare, Price and Tentatively Market the Sale of General Obligation Bonds

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to Approve Sale of General Obligation Bonds *(7-0 vote)*.

Dr. Petruzielo, Candler Howell and legal and advisory representatives provided a brief report regarding the proposed sale of General Obligation Bonds.

***D-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of July Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

***H-1. Board Approval of Proposed 2012-13 School Board Training Plan**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Transfer Ownership of Original Woodstock ES Site to State Facilities Commission on Behalf of Chattahoochee Technical College**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Janet Read and carried, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)) at 8:00 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

The School Board returned to open meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Janet Read, and carried, to Approve a real estate contract and intergovernmental agreement with the City of Ball Ground as it relates to the sale of the original Ball Ground Elementary School facility. This action accepted all components contained within these documents, including the facility's sale price, as well as "in-kind" considerations received from the City by the School District *(7-0 vote).*

The School Board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on September 6, 2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

_____ To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

✓ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

_____ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 6 day of September, 2012.

Melissa Whatley

Sworn to and subscribed before
me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2013

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24, 2013

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, October 18, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Linwood Gunn; and Student Advisor to the School Board Gabrielle Roth.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Haley Ewald, Creekland MS Student.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Michael Geist, the Board approved the minutes from the September 6, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Janet Read, seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote)*.

Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the School Board relative to charter school funding.

A Woodstock HS student addressed the School Board relative to the effect of budget cuts on students.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize CCSD High Schools for Highest-Ever Average on SAT and No. 1 Rank in State

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize CCSD Schools as Governor's SHAPE (Student Health and Physical Education) Honor Roll Honorees

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize Canton ES PTA President for Appointment to the State Superintendent's 2013 Parent Advisory Council

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize Haley Ewald of Creekland MS as Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Program Contest State Winner

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize CCSD High School Seniors Named 2013 National Merit Semi-Finalists

(Recognized)

A-6. Recognize Cherokee County Council of PTA and School PTA Units and Leaders for State-Level PTA Awards

(Recognized)

A-7. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New and Amended Partnership Agreements with Multiple Entities

(Approved)

Motion was made by Michael Geist, seconded by Kim Cochran and carried, to Approve New and Amended Partnership Agreements with Multiple Entities *(7-0 vote).*

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

B-1. Letter to All CCSD Employees

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist and carried, to place an open letter in local newspapers recognizing all CCSD employees for their contributions to improving student achievement*(7-0 vote).*

B-2. Clark Creek ES STEM Academy Ribbon Cutting and Expo

Rob Usher congratulated students and staff on the Clark Creek ES STEM Academy Ribbon Cutting and Expo.

B-3. Cherokee Academies

Mike Chapman and Janet Read recounted recent visits to CCSD STEM and Fine Arts Academies. They encouraged all School Board Members to visit the academies.

B-4. Recent Visit by State Superintendent Dr. John Barge

Mr. Chapman stated that Dr. John Barge, State Superintendent of Schools, recently visited Woodstock HS, Woodstock MS and Clark Creek ES STEM Academy and was extremely complimentary of the schools and School District.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of August 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

E-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2012-13 School Improvement Plans (SIPs)

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist and carried, to Approve 2012-13 School Improvement Plans (SIPs) *(7-0 vote).*

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

F-2. Board Consideration of Proposed Contracts for Construction of New Parent Drive at Holly Springs Elementary School

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Rob Usher and carried, to Approve W.E. Contracting Co, Inc. as Contractor for the New Parent Drive at Holly Springs ES *(7-0 vote).*

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Gabrielle Roth, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to adjourn to at 8:51 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, November 1, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Student Advisor to the School Board Gabrielle Roth.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Woodstock HS student Luke Sellers.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Michael Geist, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Rob Usher seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes from the October 18, 2012 School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Kim Cochran seconded by Robert Wofford, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Public Participation

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

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Students Named to State School Superintendent's Advisory Council

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Georgia School Public Relations Association (GSPRA) Publication Awards

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize 2011-12 Annual Report of District Progress

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize Cherokee HS Automotive/Transportation Program for Earning National Accreditation

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize Etowah HS Senior Duncan Morgan for Perfect Scores on ACT

(Recognized)

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

B-1. Mike Chapman read a statement regarding his concerns that Board member Michael Geist has put accreditation at risk through his actions that are, in his opinion, possible violations of Board policy. Mr. Geist indicated that he would respond at the next Board meeting.

B-2. Janet Read shared communication from a parent who moved to Cherokee County for the School District's special education services and has seen her child make significant improvement as a CCSD student.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of September 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

D-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Financial Consultants to Prepare, Price and Tentatively Market the Sale of General Obligation Bonds

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to Approve Financial Consultants to Prepare, Price and Tentatively Market the Sale of General Obligation Bonds *(7-0 vote).*

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution to State Department of Education for Phasing Out Original Teasley Middle School Facility**

(Approved)

***F-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution to State Department of Education Requesting Approval of Five-Year Facility Plan**

(Approved)

***F-4. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Disposal of Surplus Property and Sale Date**

(Approved)

G. PERSONNEL

***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. Board Approval of Superintendent's Proposed School Board 2013 Legislative Priorities

No vote was taken; however, the Board indicated consensus to move forward with the proposed legislative priorities and will vote on the final Legislative Program at its next (December 6, 2012) meeting.

*I-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposed Annual Update of Cherokee County School District Five-Year Strategic Plan

(Approved)

*I-3. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2012-13 Contract and Memorandum of Understanding with Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Gabby Roth, to adjourn to at 8:35 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, December 6, 2012

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 111 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Mike Chapman; Vice-Chair Janet Read; Members, Kim Cochran, Michael Geist, Robert Rechsteiner, Rob Usher and Robert Wofford; Superintendent Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo; Board Attorney Tom Roach; and Student Advisor to the School Board Gabrielle Roth.

Call to Order — The call to order by Mike Chapman was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by River Ridge HS student Katie Taylor.

Adopt Agenda — On a motion by Janet Read, seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval — On a motion by Rob Usher seconded by Robert Wofford, the Board approved the minutes from the November 1, 2012 Public Input Session on 2013-14 School Boundaries and School Board Meeting, *(7-0).*

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 Robert Wofford seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

Public Participation

Several members of public the addressed the School Board and thanked Kim Cochran and Mike Chapman for their service as School Board Members.

Members of the public also addressed the School Board relative to school choice and the challenges that will faced by the School Board in the future.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Cherokee County School District Teacher of the Year – Sandy Giudice of Macedonia ES

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Boston ES and Woodstock ES as GDOE Highest Performing List Schools and Teasley MS as High Progress List School

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognize Etowah HS Future Farmers of America Students for Achieving Regional Honors

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize State and Region Champions

(Recognized)

A-5. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Multiple Entities

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried to Approve New Partnership Agreements with Multiple Entities.

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

B-1. Michael Geist read a statement regarding previous comments by Mike Chapman and expressed concern regarding political issues and motives.

B-2. Kim Cochran stated that she did not support Mike Chapman's previous comments regarding Mr. Geist.

B-3. Mike Chapman recognized Janet Read for her appointment as GSBA Representative to the 2013 National School Boards Association's 40th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of October 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

***E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***F-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

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***G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve 2013-14 School Boundaries

(Approved)

Motion was made by Janet Read, seconded by Kim Cochran and carried, to Approve 2013-14 School Boundaries *(7-0 vote).*

Robert Wofford asked for information relative to the planning process.

Dr. Petruzielo and Russ Sims provided information relative to strategic planning on sites, buildings and related issues.

I-2. Board Approval of Superintendent's Proposed School Board 2013 Legislative Program

(Approved)

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Janet and carried, to Approve the School Board's 2013 Legislative Program *(5-2 vote; Cochran and Geist dissented).*

Michael Geist thanked the Superintendent for adding language relative to determination of graduation rate.

Mike Chapman passed the gavel to incoming School Board Chair Janet Read. Mrs. Read thanked voters for their confidence in her to serve as School Board Chair for the next four years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Michael Geist, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a student discipline matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)* at 9:00 p.m. *(see attached affidavit).*

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School Board Chair Secretary

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on December 6, 2012. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

✓ To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

_____ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

_____ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 6 day of December, 2012

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Sworn to and subscribed before
me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public Melissa Whatley
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2013

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24, 2013