

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, April 20, 2017

### MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 110 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chairman Mike Chapman; Members Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard, Kelly Poole and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach. Board Member John Harmon was not in attendance.

**Call to Order** The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Cherokee HS student Noah Foster.

Student Delegates Meghan Hines, Etowah HS, and Kayla Brader, Woodstock HS, provided information relative to their senior projects and plans for the future.

**Approval of Agenda** On a motion by Mike Chapman, seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (6-0 vote).

**Minutes for Approval** On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the March 16, 2017 School Board Meeting (6-0 vote).

**Consent Agenda** Following identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Clark Menard and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (6-0 vote).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

**A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

**A-1. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Senior Austin Miles for Achieving Perfect ACT Score**

*(Recognized)*

**A-2. School Board Recognition of E.T. Booth Middle School Media Specialist Amanda Graves as Winner of the 2017 Georgia Library Media Association Intellectual Freedom Award**

*(Recognized)*

**A-3. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek ES STEM Academy as 2017 Georgia Winner of Program Excellence Award Presented by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) and Paxton-Patterson**

*(Recognized)*

**A-4. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Counselors of the Year**

*(Recognized)*

**A-5. School Board Recognition of 2017 Spelling Bee Winner**

*(Recognized)*

**A-6. School Board Recognition of 2017 Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl First-Place District, Regional and Divisional Winners**

*(Recognized)*

**A-7. School Board Recognition of CCSD Region and State Technology Fair Winners**

*(Recognized)*

**A-8. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek ES STEM Academy's BrickMasters, a FIRST Lego League (FLL) Robotics Team, as Winners of a Research Presentation Award at State Finals**

*(Recognized)*

**A-9. School Board Recognition of State and Regional Champions**

*(Recognized)*

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

- **Board Member Comments:**
  - **Recent Bond Rating Upgrades**
  - **Senior Boards**

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- \*D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of February 2017 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

*(Approved)*

- D-2. School Board Approval of Issuance and Sale of Series 2017, General Obligation Bonds ("GO Bonds") and Approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.**

*(Approved)*

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Approve Issuance and Sale of Series 2017, General Obligation Bonds ("GO Bonds") and Approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (6-0 vote).

**E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

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

*(Approved)*

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

*(Approved)*

**F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

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

*(Approved)*

**\*F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Special Lease Agreements**

*(Approved)*

**G. PERSONNEL**

**\*G-1. School 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. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Surplus and Advertise for Sale the Property Tract Contained at Downtown Center Location (Adjacent to Previously-Owned "Building B" Site)**

*(Approved)*

**Informational Item:**

- **School Bus Purchases for SY2017-18**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3) and Pending/Potential Litigation Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2) at 8:41 p.m. (6-0 vote).

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School Board Chair

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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 April 20, 2017. 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 20 day of April, 2017.

Melissa Whatley

Kyle Cromer

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

[Signature]

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2017

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