CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 19, 2016

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, May 19, 2016 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 110 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Interim Chairman Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chairman Patsy Jordan; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Clark Menard, Kelly Poole and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach.

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 Michael Gustafson, 2015-16 Student Delegate from Woodstock HS.

Kelly Poole recognized the 2015-16 Student Advisor to the School Board and Student Delegates.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by John Harmon, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote)*.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 5, 2016 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 Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote)*.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. Recognize Cherokee County School District's School Nutrition Association for Winning Georgia Gold Scroll Award

(Recognized)

A-2. Recognize Etowah High School as Region 5AAAAAA GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award Winner and River Ridge High School as 7AAAAA GEMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award Winner

(Recognized)

A-3. Recognition 2015-16 Regional Science and Engineering Fair Winners

(Recognized)

A-4. Recognize 2015-16 Social Studies Fair Regional and State Winners

(Recognized)

A-5. Recognize 2015-16 Star English Learner and Star ESOL Teacher

(Recognized)

A-6. Recognize State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-7. Recognize Recipients of Aramark 2016 Education Scholarships

(Recognized)

A-8. Recognize Cherokee HS Senior Bailee Gilbreath - - Recipient of 2016 Oak Leaf Church Scholarship

(Recognized)

A-9. Recognize Free Home ES Principal Karen Carl for Selection as a 2016 Georgia Distinguished Principal

(Recognized)

***A-10. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of a Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Health Department and a New Partnership Agreement with the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research**

(Approved)

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

B-1. Board Recognition of High School Awards Ceremonies

B-2. Board Recognition of Relay for Life

B-3. Board Recognition of Child Welfare Event

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

D-1. Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation for Bond Underwriter and Financial Advisor; Authorization to Select Bond Counsel

(Approved)

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Approve Superintendent's Recommendation for Bond Underwriter and Financial Advisor; Authorization to Select Bond Counsel *(7-0 vote)*.

D-2. Board Approval of the Series 2016 Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to Approve the Series 2016 Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement *(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 Travel

(Approved)

*E-2. 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. 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 and Reappointments for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. Board Tabling of Superintendent's Recommended FY 2016-17 Tentative Budget**

(Approved)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 8:14 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

The Board returned to open session at 8:36 p.m.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Clark Menard and carried, to modify the findings and disposition of the Cherokee County School District tribunal panel in the student disciplinary appeal, 16-107237 in the following manner: Student is eligible for transportation services during the 2016-17 school year. *(5-2 vote; Harmon and Rechsteiner dissented)*.

(Approved, as modified)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

BVH/MW: 5/20/16

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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 19, 2016. 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 19 day of May, 2016.

Melissa Whatley

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

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2017

MELISSA WHATLEY NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE CO., GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 24 2017

Kyla Cromer
Kelly Poole

BVH/MW: 5/20/16