CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, March 16, 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, March 16, 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 John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, 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 Creekland MS student Justin Bolsen.

Kelly Poole provided a brief inspiration and introduced a teacher recruitment video created by Etowah HS students.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mike Chapman, seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote)*.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by John Harmon seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the February 2, 2017 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 Mike Chapman 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. Recognition of School Board Members During School Board Member Appreciation Week

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Liberty Elementary School - - 2017 State School of Character

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Library Media Specialists of the Year

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of CCSD High School Seniors Named 2017 National Merit Finalists

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of 2016-17 STAR Students and STAR Teachers

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of 2016-17 Middle School County Academic Bowl Team Champions - Creekland Middle School

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

***A-8. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Partnership Agreement with Give a Kid a Chance and Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce**

(Approved)

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

B-1. School Board Approval of Naming School Board Member Robert Rechsteiner as Delegate for 2017 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly

(Approved)

- **Board Member Comments:**
    - **Recent STEM and STEAM Events at Schools**
    - **Cherokee County Farm Bureau Event/Creekview HS FFA**
    - **CCEF Gala and Patsy Jordan, Alumna of the Year**
    - **Isabelle Riddle Named a Coca Cola Scholar**
    - **Dr. Brian Hightower, 1st Anniversary as Superintendent**

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

***D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Authorize Financial Consultants to Prepare, Price and Tentatively Market the Sale of General Obligation (GO) Bonds for Voter-Approved Ed-SPLOST Purposes**

(Approved)

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 the School District's Five-Year Facility Plan for 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

***H-1. School Board Consideration for Approval of Boundary Line Agreement at the Buffington Educational Service Center**

(Approved)

***H-2. School Board Consideration for Approval Granting the School Board Chair Authority to Execute a Quit Claim Deed (QCD) Releasing a Sewer Easement Owned by the School District to the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority (CCWSA)**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)* and an Attorney/Client Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2)* at 8:15 p.m. (7-0 vote).

The Board returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

Motion made by Kyla Cromer, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to uphold the findings and disposition of the tribunal panel hearing in Case 17-90670.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

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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 March 16, 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 16th day of March, 2017.

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

Kelly Poole

Kyla Cromer