CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 18, 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, May 18, 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, Kelly Poole and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach. Member Clark Menard 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 Hailey and Drew Harmon.

Student Advisor to the School Board Joseph Henderson, ACE Academy and Student Delegate Julia Kochansky, Cherokee HS, provided information relative to their senior projects and plans for the future.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by John Harmon, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(6-0 vote)*.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 4, 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 Mike Chapman, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(6-0 vote)*.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Holly Springs ES STEM Academy for Featured Role in Microsoft National Campaign and Commercial

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Elementary School Teacher Kristen Brooks - - Named to the Apple Distinguished Educators Class of 2017

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Dr. Kevin Higgins as an Inductee into Georgia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Etowah HS Junior Joseph Young - - Winner of 2017 Junior Travel Award for Outstanding Achievement on National Spanish Examination

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of 2016-17 Social Studies Fair District, Regional and State Winners

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of 2016-17 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition Winners

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of 2016-17 Elementary School County Academic Bowl Team Champions - Avery Elementary School

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-9. School Board Recognition and Appreciation of the 2016-17 Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates for Service and Commitment to the Cherokee County School District

(Recognized)

A-10. School Board Recognition of Recipients of 2017 Aramark Education Scholarships

(Recognized)

***A-11. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Partnership Agreement with Tri-State Communications**

(Approved)

***A-12. School Board Consideration of Adoption of HB306 Resolution**

(Approved)

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

- **Board Member Comments:**
  - 2017 Digital School Districts Survey Award from the Center of Digital Education
  - Freedom MS Tour of Local Manufacturing Facility

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modifications to Employee Harassment Policy (GAEB) and Student Harassment Policy (JCAC) <u>on Final Reading</u>**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(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 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

- School Board Annual Training Plan Submission

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. School Board Consideration of Tabling the Superintendent's Recommended FY2018 Tentative Budget

(Approved)

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to Approve Tabling the Superintendent's Recommended FY2018 Tentative Budget *(6-0 vote)*.

***I-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2017-18 Student Discipline Code**

(Approved)

Informational Items:

- Superintendent's Game Changer Award for Instructional Advocacy Recipient: Lisa Marie Haygood
- Receipt of Notification of State Board Member Public Hearing - - Scott Johnson, Woodstock HS, Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM

- Participation of CCSD Team at Goshen Valley Foundation 5th Annual Child Welfare Luncheon on Wednesday, May 17, 2017
- Presentation of the CCSD 2016 Annual Report of District Progress by the Superintendent to the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on Thursday, May 18, 2017
- Participation by CCSD schools in the St. Jude Hospital Character Education Program, "Hero Jr."

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 8:25 p.m. (6-0 vote).*

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Uphold the findings and disposition of the Cherokee County School District tribunal panel in Student Disciplinary Appeal #17-136043 *(6-0 vote).*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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 May 18, 2017. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

Y 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 18 day of May, 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

Kyla Cromer
Kelly Poole
Patsy Jordan