

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023-24 BUDGET  
11:30 a.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY2024 Budget. School Board Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in the School Board Auditorium at the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. Present: School Board Members, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and Kelly Poole. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower.

No members of the public registered to address the Board regarding the budget. School Board Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner explained the purpose of the public hearing. Dr. Hightower shared that the proposed millage rate, which is the same rate as the previous year, was necessary due to increased employee benefit costs, needed facility repairs/renovations, and essential textbook adoption.

The public hearing adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023-24 BUDGET  
11:30 a.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY2024 Budget. School Board Chair Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the School Board Auditorium at the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. Present: School Board Members, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower.

School Board Chair Kyla Cromer explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated that the public could also sign up to speak at the subsequent hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023, or when the agenda item is considered at the Board's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The Superintendent recognized that stakeholders may see increased tax bills due to higher property values caused by increased home prices. Dr. Hightower shared that the proposed millage rate, which is the same rate as the previous year, was necessary due to increased employee benefit costs, needed facility repairs/renovations, and essential textbook adoption. Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Owen highlighted details in the FY2024 budget posted online.

Three members of the public were present to address the School Board Chair and Superintendent regarding the budget.

The public hearing adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023-24 BUDGET**

**6:30 p.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY2024 Budget. School Board Chair Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the School Board Auditorium at the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; School Board Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Board Attorney Abby Roach.

School Board Chair Kyla Cromer explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated that the public could also sign up to speak when the agenda item is considered at the Board's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Dr. Hightower shared that the proposed millage rate, which is the same rate as the previous year, was necessary due to increased employee benefit costs, needed facility repairs/renovations, and essential textbook adoption. Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Owen highlighted details in the FY2024 budget posted online.

Two member of the public was present to address the Board regarding the budget.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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