

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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, June 15, 2023, in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted in person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Member Patsy Jordan 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 School Board Member Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Erin Ragsdale 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 18, 2023 School Board Meeting (6-0 vote).

Consent Agenda

Following the identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Robert Rechsteiner 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 River Ridge High School as the Top Performing High School by Blood Assurance

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Athletes -- Honored as Positive Athlete State Winner, Regional Winners and Scholarship Winners

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Rachel Lathem -- Recipient of the SY2022-23 Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of i-Grad Virtual Academy senior Kaliyah Thompson -- 2023 ABM Industry Group, LLC Scholarship Recipient

(Recognized)

***A-6. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County 4-H Program and to Approve the New Partnership Agreement with Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University**

(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Inquired about Milestone scores and timeline to review districtwide scores.
- Discussion surrounding the GSBA summer conference workshop and opportunities to perfect current best practices and protocols.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

- *C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of School Board Policies - - on First Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of May 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- *E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Local Plan for Improvement of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education/One-Year Funding Application for FY2024**

(Approved)

- *E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

- *E-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

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

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

***G-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

***H-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2023-24 Tribunal Hearing Panel Appointments for Certificated Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract Termination or Suspension**

(Approved)

***H-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2023-24 Tribunal Panel Appointments for Student Disciplinary Hearings**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommended FY2024 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate

At the request of the School Board Chair, the Superintendent outlined details from the FY2024 budget.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, and carried for approval of the FY2024 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate (6-0 Vote)

(Approved)

Superintendent's Comments:

- Recognized the SY2023-24 appointment of Kelly Flatt, Assistant Principal, Etowah High School and Jason Meade, Assistant Principal, Sequoyah High School.

Informational Items:

- The Superintendent highlighted the following items, which gave an overview of the district and school staffs' goals and successes in accomplishing the School Board Members' budget priorities:
 - 2023 Spring Scorecard
 - CCSD School "Wins"
 - International Welcome Center
 - Executive Function Report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Matter (*O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)*) at 7:53 p.m. (6-0 vote).

The School Board returned to Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to authorize the Superintendent and staff to pursue the purchase of property (hereby designated as #01-23) at an undisclosed location and price (6-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary