

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, August 17, 2023

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 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, Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby 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 Cherokee High School Student Makenzie Bird.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Erin Ragsdale.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, the Board approved the minutes of the June 7 and June 15, 2023, Public Hearings on the FY2024 Budget and Minutes from the June 15, 2023, School Board Meeting (7-0 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 Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

- A-1 School Board Recognition of River Ridge HS Coach Jason Taylor -- Cherokee County School District 2023 Coach of the Year**

(Recognized)

- *A-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the New Partnership Agreement with Allatoona Rowing Association, Inc., and to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Cherokee County Special Olympics**

(Approved)

- A-3 School Board Recognition of Liberty Elementary School -- Named National School of Character**

(Recognized)

- A-4 School Board Recognition of Sixes Elementary School -- Georgia School Bell Award Winner**

(Recognized)

- A-5 School Board Recognition of Indian Knoll Elementary School Technology Lab Teacher Kristen Brooks -- Named an ISTE 20 to Watch Winner**

(Recognized)

- A-6 School Board Recognition of Holly Springs ES STEM Academy School Principal Ashley Polito, Selected as Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce "Top 10 in 10" Honoree**

(Recognized)

- A-7 School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2023 School Nurse of the Year and Innovation Zone School Nurses of the Year**

(Recognized)

- A-8 School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2023 Transportation Employee of the Year and Innovation Zone Transportation Employees of the Year**

(Recognized)

**A-9 School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District
School Nutrition Team of the Year Award Winners**

(Recognized)

**A-10 School Board Recognition of CCSD Special Education Department
2023 Employees of the Year Awards**

(Recognized)

**A-11 School Board Recognition of 2023-24 Student Advisor to School
Board and Student Delegates**

(Recognized)

***A-12 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation
to Approve the Cherokee County School District's Renewal of
Partnership Agreements**

(Approved)

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

***B-1. School Board Approval of CCSD Administrative Procedures
Regarding Expected Behavior and Decorum of Visitors to Meetings**

(Approved)

School Board Members' Comment:

- School Board members commented on their recent visit to ACTIVE Academy and the exciting opportunities provided for students.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

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

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Authorized School Fund-Raising Activities for SY2023-24**

(Approved)

- D-2 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of June 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

After a brief explanation of the financial report the following action was taken:

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by Kelly Poole, and carried for approval of the June 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update (7-0 Vote)

(Approved)

- D-3 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of July 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

No further explanation was requested.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan, and carried for approval of the July 2023 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update (7-0 Vote)

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- *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)

- *E-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

- *E-4. 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 State-Required GADOE Site Approval Application for the Woodstock HS Classroom Addition Project**

(Approved)

- *F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

- *F-4. 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)

- *G-2. 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 for Approval of School Board Attorney's Recommended Plan for SY2023-24 Local School Board Governance Training**

(Approved)

Attorney's Comment:

Pursuant to the School Board's previous approval/authorization on June 15, 2023, the Cherokee County School District closed on 4.79 acres of real property, previously designated as #01-23, on July 12, 2023, for \$428,552.50. The property is adjacent to the northern portion of the Creekview HS campus.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Special Lease Agreement with Mountain Education Center (Formerly Mountain Education Charter High School)**

(Approved)

Superintendent's Comments:

- Recognized the SY2023-24 appointment of Meghan Washabaugh, Coordinator of Procurement Services.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Erin Ragsdale, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to

adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) and a Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)) (at 8:06 p.m. (7-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary