

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, October 19, 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, October 19, 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 Patsy Jordan, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Erin Ragsdale. Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Member John Harmon 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 Etowah High School Student Bella Postel.

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 Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the September 14, 2023, School Board Meeting and minutes of the October 4, 2023 Called 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 Patsy Jordan seconded by Erin Ragsdale 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 Cherokee County School District High School Seniors Named 2024 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of Hasty Elementary School Fine Arts Academy Teacher Dr. Lisa Spence -- Named Georgia Elementary Art Educator of the Year**

(Recognized)

- A-3 School Board Recognition of Free Home Elementary School Physical Education Program and Physical Education Teacher Coach Keith Furstenberg -- Named Georgia Award of Excellence in Physical Education Winner**

(Recognized)

- A-4 School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Senior Cristina Garcia -- Named to State School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council**

(Recognized)

- A-5 School Board Recognition of Sequoyah High School Students Valor Lekas, Noah Popp and Ava Grace Roberts -- Named to All-State Theatre Program**

(Recognized)

- A-6 School Board Recognition of CCSD Special Education Executive Director Charlette Green -- Named 2023 Phil Pickens Administrator Award Winner**

(Recognized)

- A-7 School Board Recognition of Carmel Elementary School -- Named a 2023 Georgia Title I Distinguished School**

(Recognized)

- A-8 School Board Recognition of Mountain Road Elementary School -- Named a 2023 State Literacy Leader**

(Recognized)

**A-9 School Board Recognition of Indian Knoll Elementary School --
Named Microsoft Showcase School**

(Recognized)

**A-10 School Board Recognition of 40 CCSD Teachers, Staff and Leaders -
- Named 2023-24 Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts**

(Recognized)

**A-11 School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District
School Nutrition Program for Winning Golden Radish Award**

(Recognized)

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

(Approved)

***A-13 Board Approval of Proclamation in Honor of Retired Educators Day**

(Approved)

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

School Board Members' Comments:

- School Board members thanked bus drivers for their dedication to the well-being of CCSD students,
- recognized the hard work of Pre-K teachers and staff,
- thanked community volunteers and staff for a successful CCSD Special Olympics Awareness Day event,
- and recognized several senior staff members for their continued dedication to CCSD stakeholders.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

- *D-2 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Declaring Surplus Property and Disposing of Said Property Pursuant to School Board Policy DO**

(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)

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 Proposals for the Creekland MS Classroom Addition and Creekview HS Classroom Addition & Auxiliary Gym**

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to award the contract for the Creekland MS Classroom Addition and Creekview HS Classroom Addition & Auxiliary Gym to McKnight Construction Company (6-0 vote).

(Approved)

- *F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Sanitary Sewer Easement on Woodstock ES Campus to Adjoining Property Owner**

(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

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary