

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, November 16, 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, November 16, 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 River Ridge High School Student Caleb Lewis.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Erin Ragsdale 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 John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the October 19, 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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Kelly Poole 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 Creekview High School -- Named a Breakout School Award Winner by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals**

*(Recognized)*

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

*(Recognized)*

**A-3 School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District VILLA Program Class of 2023-24 Participants**

*(Recognized)*

**\*A-4 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreement**

*(Approved)*

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

School Board Members' Comments:

- School Board Chair informed the audience that the application review phase for the Superintendent search has begun.
- School Board Members inquired about the progress in the SIP review, technology updates and future teacher staffing.
- Thanked CCSD schools for presenting Veterans Day programs.

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

*(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)*

**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**

- I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2024 Legislative Partnership Priorities**

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried to approve the 2024 Legislative Partnership Priorities (7-0 vote).

*(Approved)*

Informational Items:

- The Superintendent provided information on the following items:
  - Adjusted GaDOE/CCRPI Lexile Scoring
  - CCSD Executive Coaching Cohorts
  - CCSD Five-Year Facility Plan
  - CCSD Free and Reduced Meal Eligibility SY2023-24
  - 25 Largest Districts in GA
  - GaDOE 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tech Standards Taskforce Report
  - GaDOE Legislative Program

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary