

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, January 18, 2024

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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 School Board Member John Harmon.

On a motion made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)) at 6:02 p.m. (7-0 vote).

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. (7-0 vote).

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Organizational Meeting

School Board Attorney Abby Roach presided over a brief organizational meeting for the selection of the 2024 School Board Vice-Chair. Patsy Jordan was selected as School Board Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole 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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the Minutes from the December 14, 2023, School Board Meeting (7-0 vote).

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the following Called School Board Meetings: December 20, 2023; January 4, 2024; January 6, 2024; January 8, 2024; and January 10, 2024 (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 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 2023-24 Elementary School Math Competition Winners

(Recognized)

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

***B-1 School Board Adoption of Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2024 Legislative and Policy Priorities**

(Approved)

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1 School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of December 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

Informational Items:

- Legislative Updates for 2024:
 - Senior Staff reviewed legislation and funding from the Governor's proposed budget that may impact CCSD school operations.
- School Board budget priorities for FY2025.
- School Network and Technology updates.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary