

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING**

**4:50 p.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan; Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner; GSBA representative, Bill Sampson; and Attorney, Abby Roach.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Member, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 4:53 p.m. (7-0 vote).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Attorney

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING  
4:50 p.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan; Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole and Robert Rechsteiner; GSBA representative, Bill Sampson; and Attorney, Abby Roach. School Board member Erin Ragsdale arrived at 4:56 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Vice-Chair, Patsy Jordan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was 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 4:53 p.m. (6-0 vote).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Attorney

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

**MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING  
5:00 p.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2024 at the law offices of Roach, Caudill & Frost, 111 West Main Street, Canton, GA 30114. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan; Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner; GSBA representative, Bill Sampson; and Attorney, Abby Roach.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cromer called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Vice-Chair, Patsy Jordan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 5:03 p.m. (7-0 vote).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Attorney

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

**MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING  
6:00 p.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education convened its called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 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 Patsy Jordan; Members John Harmon, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner. 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 Kelly Poole.

**B. School Board Members**

**B-1 Superintendent Search**

The School Board Chair provided an update on the Superintendent search. Based on the previously determined qualifications set by the school board and after many lengthy discussions, a sole finalist will be announced tonight. In addition, Ms. Cromer thanked each board member for their dedication and commitment over the last few months.

Board Members expressed their support as well as concerns for the candidate nominated.

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, the School Board named Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis as the sole finalist to serve as the next Superintendent of Cherokee County School District (4-3 Vote, Patsy Jordan, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner dissented).

## ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary