

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, March 21, 2024

### 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, March 21, 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. Mary Elizabeth Davis; 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 Creekview High School Student Kinley Sikes.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison 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 February 15, 2024 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 Erin Ragsdale 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 School Board Members During School Board Member Appreciation Week**

*(Recognized)*

- A-2. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Senior Kinley Sikes for Being Named a Candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**

*(Recognized)*

- A-3. School Board Recognition of 2023-24 STAR Students and STAR Teachers**

*(Recognized)*

- A-4. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2024 Media Specialist of the Year -- Jennifer Cogdill of Woodstock High School**

*(Recognized)*

- A-5. School Board Recognition of Six CCSD Students for placement at the Georgia Educational Technology Fair**

*(Recognized)*

- A-6. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Principal Michael Santoro -- Finalist for the High School Principal of the Year Award Presented by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals**

*(Recognized)*

- A-7. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District LEGO Teams Super Regional First LEGO League Competition Winners**

*(Recognized)*

- A-8. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Middle School Academic Bowl Champions and PAGE Academic Bowl for Middle Grades Region 2 Winners**

*(Recognized)*

- A-9. School Board Recognition of 2023-24 Elementary School and Middle School Reading Bowl First-Place Winners**

*(Recognized)*

**A-10. School Board Recognition of 2024 Spelling Bee Winners**

*(Recognized)*

**A-11. School Board Recognition of CCSD Students Selected for All-State Band and Orchestra**

*(Recognized)*

**A-12. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

*(Recognized)*

**\*A-13. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the New Partnership Agreement with Building Fires Inc., and to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with United Way**

*(Approved)*

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

**B-1. School Board Approval of Delegate and Alternate for 2024 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly**

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to nominate Erin Ragsdale as Delegate and Kelly Poole as Alternate for the 2024 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly (7-0 vote).

*(Approved)*

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of February 2024 Financial Report and Sales Tax update**

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by John Harmon and carried to approve the February 2024 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update (7-0 vote).

*(Approved)*

**D-2. School Board Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Defeasement and Redemption of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 A and B and Letter of Direction to Paying Agent, Regions Bank**

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to approve the Resolution Authorizing Defeasement and Redemption of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 A and B and Letter of Direction to Paying Agent, Regions Bank (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)*

**F. SUPPORT SERVICES**

**F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

*(Approved)*

Motion was made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to approve the monthly update on capital outlay projects (7-0 vote).

*(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**

**Superintendent Entry Plan Update, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Matters (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)) and a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2) at 8:38 p.m. (7-0 vote).

There are no action items requiring a vote and the School Board will not return to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The School Board adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary