

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 16, 2024

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

5:15 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 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 a motion to amend the Superintendent's agenda as follows:

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved amending the agenda to move the inspiration and add the Pledge of Allegiance to the business portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. (7-0 vote).

The May 16, 2024, Work Session was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A Section 50-14-2), Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A Section 50-14-3(6)) and Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A Section 20-2-757) at 5:58 p.m. (7-0 vote).

On a motion made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried to return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. (7-0 vote).

Approval of Agenda On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's amended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval On a motion by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes from the April 18, 2024, School Board Meeting and the minutes of the May 1, 2024 Whole Board Training (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 Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

Kyla Cromer led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the meeting's inspiration shared by Kelly Poole

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee High School Senior Reid Glover -- Recipient of the Award of Excellence Presented by the Georgia Department of Education

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Consideration of Students' Academic Achievement -- 2024 Yes I Can Awards

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of 2024 Georgia Scholars

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of 2023-24 Governor's Honors Finalists Board Recognition of Exemplary English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher of the Year and Exemplary English Learner Student of the Year

(Recognized)

- A-5. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Students Cade Smith and Nate Hancock -- Elected to Georgia Technology Student Association Board**

(Recognized)

- A-6. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Senior Olivia Canada -- Future Business Leaders of America State Champion**

(Recognized)

- A-7. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Students Earning Top Honors at Tome Student Literacy Society Statewide Competition**

(Recognized)

- A-8. School Board Recognition of 2024 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition Region Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-9. School Board Recognition of 2024 Cherokee County School District Elementary School Academic Bowl Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-10. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

(Recognized)

- A-11. School Board Recognition of Sequoyah High School Senior Hunter Smith -- Recipient of the SY2023-24 Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

(Recognized)

- A-12. School Board Recognition of Cherokee High School Student Jenna Cuomo -- Recipient of 2024 Pine Bluff Landfill/ WM® Scholarship**

(Recognized)

- A-13. School Board Recognition and Appreciation of the 2023-24 Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates for Service and Commitment to the Cherokee County School District**

(Recognized)

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

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of FY2024 Budget Amendment I

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to approve the FY2024 Budget Amendment I (7-0 vote).

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

***E-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposed Strategic Waivers School System (SWSS) Resolution and Contract with State Board of Education**

(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 to Request Assistance in the Development of a New Five-Year Local Facilities Plan**

(Approved)

- *F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval for Sanitary Sewer Easements – Knox ES and Ralph Bunche Preschool**

(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

Attorney reported that pursuant to previous authorization, the School District recently closed on the sale of the former Buffington ES property (9.877 acres) to the Cherokee County government for \$1.2 Million.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval and Tabling of the FY2025 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate**

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to approve the tabling of the FY2025 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate (7-0 vote).

(Approved)

Legislative Final Update 2024, Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff

Entry Plan Analysis Report and SY2024-25 Key Priorities, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent

Superintendent Entry Plan Update, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A Section 50-14-2), Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A Section 50-14-3(6)) and Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A Section 20-2-757)

The School Board returned to Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #24-138002 (7-0 vote).

Motion was made by John Harmon, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #24-125765 (7-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary