Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 06/20/2024 – 5:15 PM

Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility | 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114

The Cherokee County Board of Education called the board meeting work session to order at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024. 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

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order, followed by Superintendent Davis welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Superintendent Reports

Academics and Accountability: Start of 2024-25 School Year.
Dr. Nicole Holmes, Chief Academic Officer
Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff
Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief Operations Officer
Provided a report on preparations for the 2024-25 School Year.

Finance: Monthly Finance Report
Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Provided the May financial report.

Capital Outlay: Monthly Capital Outlay Report
Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer
Provided the May capital outlay report.

Agenda Action Items

Discussion Only: Consent agenda items for action at the 7:00 PM business meeting will be determined during work session and noted below:

1. **FY2025 Final Budget Adoption**
   Kenneth Owen provided a review of the Superintendent's recommended FY25 final budget and highlighted economic indicators shaping the FY26 budget outlook. The FY25 budget has been available for public view from May 18, 2024, through June 20, 2024. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

2. **SY2024-25 Code of Conduct Adoption**
   Dr. Debra Murdock provided an overview of the recommended 2024-25 school year Student Code of Conduct. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
3. **Mountain Education Memorandum of Understanding**
   Dr. Debra Murdock provided an overview of the recommendation to approve the continuation of a memorandum of understanding with educational partner Mountain Education. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
4. **Partnership Agreements**
   Barbara Jacoby presented (2) two recommended partnership agreements. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
5. **School Board Policies**
   Mike McGowan presented (9) recommended School Board Policies for revision: BCBD, CN, GBRI, IFCB, IHE, IHF, JBD, KDC, KG on first reading. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for this evening's Business Session.
6. **Field Trips**
   Dr. Nicole Holmes provided out of state and overnight field trips. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
7. **Out of State Travel**
   Dr. Nicole Holmes provided out of state travel for professional conferences. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
8. **Career, Technical and Agricultural Ed Funding Application**
   Dr. Nicole Holmes provided the recommended CTAE Perkins funding application. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
9. **SY2024-25 Tribunal Hearing Panel**
   Rick Beaulieu provided the recommended Tribunal Hearing Panel recommendations. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

10. **Special Lease Agreements**
    Trey Moores presented (3) recommended special lease agreements. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
11. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations**
    Dr. Davis provided employment recommendations. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

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), and Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A Section 20-2-757) at 6:03 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

The School Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. and the Chair proceeded to recess Executive Session and suspend the Work Session to hold a public millage rate hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The School Board adjourned the Public Hearing and Work Session at 6:54 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Minutes of Business Board Meeting | 06/20/2024 – 7:00 PM

Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility | 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114

The Cherokee County Board of Education called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The meeting was 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

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Inspiration.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's agenda for the June 20, 2024, School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote).*

School Board Remarks

School Board Member congratulated the summer school class of 2024 for reaching this momentous milestone.

Recognitions

The Cherokee County School Board Recognized the following:

1. Georgia Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) Competition
2. Georgia Farm Bureau Annual Art Competition
3. District, State Science Olympiad
4. K-5 State Science Fair
5. Regional, State Social Studies Fairs
6. Positive Athlete Georgia Awards
7. Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions
8. Don Stevens Memorial Scholarships

Superintendent Davis recognized the district office and school leadership appointed for SY2024-25.

Public Participation

One member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

Minutes for Approval On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 16, 2024, Work Session, and School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by John Harmon and carried, to approve items A1-A11 on consent as determined in the work session. *(7-0 vote).*

Agenda Action Items

1. **FY2025 Final Budget Adoption** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
2. **SY2024-25 Code of Conduct Adoption** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
3. **Mountain Ed Memorandum of Understanding** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
4. **Partnership Agreements** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
5. **School Board Policies** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
6. **Field Trips** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
7. **Out of State Travel** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
8. **CTAE Perkins Funding Application** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
9. **SY2024-25 Tribunal Hearing Panel** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
10. **Special Lease Agreements** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
11. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 7-0 Vote*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Board returned to executive session at 7:53 p.m.

On a motion made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the School Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan in the student disciplinary appeal, #23-123125, that the School Board modify the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel in the following manner: Disregard violation 05E.4 and amend discipline action to 180 days. The Board approved with a *(7-0 vote*).

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary