

## 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

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