Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 08/15/2024 – 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, August 15, 2024. The meeting was conducted in person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Members John Harmon, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner. Superintendent Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan and School Board Member Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison were not in attendance.

Call to Order

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., followed by Superintendent Davis welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Superintendent Reports

Academics and Accountability: Opening of School Year 2024-25
Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership & Operations
Provided a report on the successful opening of schools and centers.
GA Milestones End-of-Course and End-of-Grade Performance Review.
Dr. Josh Heath, Executive Director Accountability
Provided a report on student performance for SY2023-24.

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

Capital Outlay: Monthly Capital Outlay Report
Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer
Provided the July 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. **Partnership Agreement Renewals:**
   Barbara Jacoby presented (2) two recommended partnership agreements. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

2. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations:**
   Dr. Davis provided employment recommendations. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

The School Board adjourned the Work Session at 6:25 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

Cherokee County School District

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Minutes of Business Board Meeting | 08/15/2024 – 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, August 15, 2024. The meeting was in-person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Members John Harmon, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale, and Robert Rechsteiner. Superintendent Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis and Attorney Abby Roach. Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan and School Board Member Dr. Susan Padgett- Harrison were not in attendance.

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 John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's agenda for the August 15, 2024, School Board Meeting *(5-0 vote)*.

School Board Remarks

A School Board Member praised the successful Cherokee High School Topping Off Ceremony and expressed enthusiasm about joining the Superintendent for the first day of school visits. Additionally, the School Board Chair reminded the community that the application window for the VILLA (Parent Academy Program) is now open. Given the limited number of spaces available, early registration is encouraged.

Recognitions

The Cherokee County School Board Recognized the following:

1. Special Olympics Summer Games Gold Medalists
2. AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor Awards
3. School Bell Awards – Avery ES and Bascomb ES
4. School Nutrition - Turnip the Beet Award
5. School Nutrition Team of the Year Winners
6. Transportation Employee of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners
7. School Nurse of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners
8. Special Education Department Employees of the Year
9. Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners

10. GHSA – Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer
11. Zone Principals for the Year
12. Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates

Superintendent Davis recognized Interim Chief Academic & Accountability Officer, Dr. Jami Frost

Public Participation No member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

Minutes for Approval On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, the Board approved July 18, 2024, Work Session, and School Board Business Meeting Minutes *(5-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda On a motion by John Harmon, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to approve items A1-A2 on consent as determined in the work session. *(5-0 vote).*

Agenda Action Items

1. **Partnership Agreement Renewals**
   Consent 5-0 Vote
2. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 5-0 Vote*

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary