Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 09/12/2024 – 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, September 12, 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, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and Kelly Poole. Superintendent Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan and School Board Members Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner were not in attendance.

Call to Order

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. She initiated a moment of silence to honor the memory of the passing of Vice-Chair Jordan's spouse, Franklin "Bug" Jordan, and the victims of the Apalachee High School tragedy in Barrow County.

Superintendent Davis presented a video report during her welcome address, focusing on the state of safety and security within our school district.

Dr. Davis provided the first quarterly update on the Key Priorities for CCSD.

The School Board Chair expressed gratitude to the School Board Members for their dedication and hard work during the Whole Board Training, where they collaboratively developed the Core Beliefs and Goals for the school district.

Superintendent Reports

Academics and Accountability:
Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff
Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief Leadership & Operations Officer
Presented a report on the School Board's Core Beliefs and Student Performance Goals, which were developed during the Whole Board Governance Training.

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

Finance: American Rescue Plan Final Close-Out Report

Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Provided a report on the school district's utilization of funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Capital Outlay: Monthly Capital Outlay Report
Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer
Provided the August 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. **Proclamation to Honor Constitution Week**
   Barbara Jacoby presented the School Board's proclamation honoring Constitution Week. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
2. **Partnership Agreement Renewal:**
   Barbara Jacoby presented (1) one recommended partnership agreement. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
3. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations:**
   Dr. Davis provided employment recommendations. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

Executive Session

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by John Harmon and carried, the board moved to go into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to address a personnel matter and discuss records that are exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to state law.

The School Board returned to open session and adjourned the Work Session at 7:00p.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 | 09/12/2024 – 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 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 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, Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and Kelly Poole. Superintendent Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis and Attorney Abby Roach. Vice-Chair Patsy Jordan and School Board Members Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner were not in attendance.

Call to Order

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. She initiated a moment of silence to honor the memory of the passing of Vice-Chair Jordan's spouse, Franklin "Bug" Jordan, and the victims of the Apalachee High School tragedy in Barrow County.

Superintendent Davis presented a video report during her welcome address, focusing on the state of safety and security within our school district.

This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and an inspirational message.

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's agenda for the September 12, 2024, School Board Meeting *(4-0 vote)*.

School Board Remarks

School Board Chair remarked on the ongoing improvements in safety and security, noting that these measures continue to enhance over time.

Recognitions

The Cherokee County School Board Recognized the following:

1. Little River ES - National PTA School of Excellence Award
2. Creekview HS FFA - National Three Star Chapter Award

Superintendent Davis recognized Chief Information Officer, Dr. Brian Blanton and Executive Director of Support Service, Josh Malcolm

Public Participation

Four member(s) of the public signed up to address the School Board.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved August 15, 2024, Work Session, and School Board Business Meeting Minutes *(4-0 vote)*.

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved August 22, 2024, Whole Board Governance Training Minutes *(4-0 vote)*.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, to approve items A1-A3 on consent as determined in the work session. *(4-0 vote)*.

Agenda Action Items

1. **Proclamation to Honor Constitution Week**
   Consent 4-0 Vote
2. **Partnership Agreement Renewal** *Consent 4-0 Vote*
3. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 4-0 Vote*

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary