Cherokee County School District

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
# OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

## Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 10/17/2024 – 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, October 17, 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 at 5:15 p.m. followed by Superintendent Davis welcoming everyone to the meeting.

**Superintendent Reports**

Academics and Accountability:
Dr. Josh Heath, Executive Director of Accountability
Presented Georgia Milestones Mathematics Performance Report
Mary Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent
Presented the bi-annual safety and security report that included recommendations gathered during the October 8, 2024, Community Forum on Safety and Security.

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

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

2025 Legislative Priorities: Public Education Legislative Priorities
Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff
Presented a draft report detailing the school board's proposed 2025 legislative priorities. In November, the board will review and vote to approve those priorities, which they will then share with the Cherokee County Legislative Delegation.

**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 in Honor of Retired Educators Day**
   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. **Surplus Property and Public Auction:**
   Ken Owen, pursuant to Board Policy DO, recommended a public auction to dispose of declared surplus property. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
4. **Safety and Security – Additional School Police Officers:**
   Dr. Davis recommended four additional police officers using funding provided by the Governor's Safety and Security Grant. Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
5. **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 Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, the board moved to go into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. to address a personnel matter.

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, the School Board returned to open session and adjourned the Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary