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

Cherokee County School District

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Minutes of Business Board Meeting | 10/17/2024 – 7:00 PM

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Call to Order

Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's agenda for the October 17, 2024, School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote)*.

School Board Remarks

In recognition of October being National Principals Month and the appreciation month for custodians and school nutrition workers, the School Board Chair praised the hard work and invaluable contributions of CCSD principals, custodians, and school nutrition staff. A school board member praised the decision to increase the number of police officers in the CCSD's safety and security division.

Recognitions

The Cherokee County School Board Recognized the following:

1. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
2. America's Healthiest School
3. Microsoft Showcase School
4. Georgia Department of Education Cafeteria of Excellence Award
5. CCSD Police Department – State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification and Silver Award

Superintendent Davis acknowledged the retirement of Rick Beaulieu, the Chief Human Resource Officer, and recognized two new members to the Academic & Accountability leadership team.

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

Minutes for Approval On a motion by Patsy Jordan, seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved September 12, Work Session, and School Board Business Meeting Minutes *(7-0 vote)*.

Consent Agenda On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried, to approve items A1-A5 on consent as determined in the work session. *(7-0 vote)*.

Agenda Action Items

1. **Proclamation in Honor of Retired Educators Day** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
2. **Partnership Agreement Renewal** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
3. **Surplus Property and Public Auction** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
4. **Safety and Security – Additional School Police Officers** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
5. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 7-0 Vote*

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary