Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 11/21/2024 – 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, November 21, 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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Kelly Poole, Erin Ragsdale and Robert Rechsteiner. Superintendent Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Member John Harmon was 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.

The School Board Chair expressed gratitude to the School Board Members for their dedication and hard work during the October Whole Board Training, where they collaboratively developed School Board Governance Policy (BAB).

Superintendent Reports

Academics and Accountability:
Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer
Presented School Improvement Plans for 2024-25 School Year

Finance: Monthly Finance Report
Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Provided the Monthly Financial Report, as information

Finance: FY26 Budget Development
Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Presented the Funding Outlook and a revised timeline for the FY26 Budget Development

Capital Outlay: Monthly Capital Outlay Report
Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer
Provided the Monthly Capital Outlay report, as information

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. **2025 Legislative Priorities:**
   Mike McGowan shared the proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
2. **River Ridge HS Auxiliary Gym Recommendation:**
   Trey Moores presented information regarding the bids submitted for the River Ridge HS Auxiliary Gym. The Board will act on this item individually during the Business Session.
3. **School Board Governance Policy (BAB) on First Reading:**
   Dr. Davis presented the new School Board Governance Policy (BAB) on First Reading. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
4. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations:**
   Dr. Davis provided employment recommendations. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.

Adjournment

The School Board adjourned the Work Session at 6:14 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

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Minutes of Business Board Meeting | 11/21/2024 – 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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the Superintendent's agenda for the November 21, 2024, School Board Meeting *(6-0 vote)*.

School Board Remarks

The School Board Chair and a fellow School Board member delivered remarks.

Recognitions

The Cherokee County School Board Recognized the following:

1. All-State Theatre
2. State School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
3. Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts
4. Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions
5. VILLA Program Class of 2024-25 Participants

Superintendent Davis recognized the appointment of Chief Human Resources Officer, Amy Graham and two new members to the Academic & Accountability leadership team.

Public Participation

One member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the October 17, 2024, Work

Session, the October 17, 2024, School Board Business Meeting, and the October 24, 2024, Whole Board Governance Training. *(6-0 vote).*

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried, to approve items A1, A3 and A4 as presented in Work Session and determined as consent items. *(6-0 vote).*

Agenda Action Items

1. **2025 Legislative Priorities** *Consent 6-0 Vote*
2. **River Ridge HS Auxiliary Gym Recommendation**
   As an individual item, Kyla Cromer asked for a motion for Item A2 River Ridge HS Auxiliary Gym, as presented in the Work Session. Kelly Poole made a motion to award the contract to SmithBuilt Construction Group, which was seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried. Consent 6-0 Vote
3. **School Board Governance Policy (BAB) on First Reading** *Consent 6-0 Vote*
4. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 6-0 Vote*

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary