Cherokee County School District

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes of Work Session Board Meeting | 12/12/2024 – 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, December 12, 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 and providing the Key Priorities Quarterly Update.

Superintendent Reports

Academics and Accountability:
Dr. Josh Heath, Executive Director of Accountability
Presented College and Career Readiness Performance Index Report

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Dr. Josh Heath, Executive Director of Accountability
Presented Advanced Placement, SAT and ACT Reports

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 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. **Partnership Agreement Renewals:**
   Barbara Jacoby presented (3) three recommended partnership agreements. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
2. **School Board Governance Policy (BAB) on Final Reading:**
   Dr. Davis presented the new School Board Governance Policy (BAB) on final reading. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
3. **Authorization to Issue Bonds:**
   Ken Owen presented a resolution to issue 2025 General Obligation Bonds to fund voter-approved Ed-SPLOST Capital Outlay Projects. The Board moved this item to the consent agenda for the Business Session.
4. **Easement Authorization:**
   Trey Moores presented a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation for right-of-way access and easements to the intersection of Highway 140 and Univeter Road which, would improve the entry lanes at Indian Knoll ES. The 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 John Harmon, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the board moved to go into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. to address a discipline matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757). *Consent 7-0 Vote*

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried to return to Open Session at 6:48 p.m. *Consent 7-0 Vote*

Motion was made by Kyla Cromer, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried that the School Board recommends discipline appeal case #24-221878 be remanded for a new discipline hearing. Consent 7-0 Vote

Adjournment

The School Board adjourned the Work Session at 6:49 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

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Minutes of Business Board Meeting | 12/12/2024 – 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 December 12, 2024, School Board Meeting. *Consent 7-0 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. National Junior ROTC Raiders Champions
2. CCSD Overall Winners – Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards
3. School Nutrition – Farm to School Award
4. REACH Georgia Scholar Winners
5. GHSA State and Regional Champions
6. Partner and New Leader Recognition

Superintendent Davis recognized the appointment of Chief Academic and Accountability Officer, Dr. Josh Heath

Public Participation

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the November 21,

2024, Work Session and the November 21, 2024, School Board Business Meeting Minutes. *Consent 7-0 Vote*

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Patsy Jordan, seconded by John Harmon and carried, to approve items A1-A5 as presented in Work Session and determined as consent items. *Consent 7-0 Vote*

Agenda Action Items

1. **Partnership Agreement Renewals** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
2. **School Board Governance Policy (BAB) Final Reading** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
3. **Authorization to Issue Bonds** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
4. **Easement Authorization** *Consent 7-0 Vote*
5. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations** *Consent 7-0 Vote*

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary