Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
04/17/2025 05:15 PM
1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees - Voting Members

Janet Read Welch, Board Chair
Patsy Jordan, Vice-Chair
Kelly Poole, Board Member
Chance Beam, Board Member
Erin Ragsdale, Board Member
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

III. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

1. County-Wide Policy for School Apparel, Mr. Chance Beam

Mr. Beam requested the development of a policy governing school-wide apparel. After discussion among school board members, it was suggested that a policy be developed to specifically focus on athletic apparel and ensure consistent vendor pricing across the district. The superintendent will review policies from other districts and current status of CCSD Athletics for the School Board to review.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Finance:

a. Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer

Provided the monthly finance report, as information

2. Capital Outlay:

a. Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer

Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information

3. Legislative Report:

a. Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff

Provided Legislative update for 2025, as information

4. Safety and Security Report:

b. Chief Buster Cushing, Chief School Police

Provided Bi-annual Safety and Security Report, as information

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and seconded by Kelly Poole

and carried to enter Executive Session for the following purposes: The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

- *Student Discipline [O.C.G.A. 20-2-757]*
- *Personnel [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)]*
- *Safety and Security [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)] and [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(5)]*

Kelly Poole made a motion at 6:28 p.m., which was seconded by Janet Read Welch, to come out of executive session. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion at 6:29 p.m., which was seconded by Janet Read Welch to suspend the work session. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to return to the work session at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Chance Beam. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to return to executive session at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to come out of executive session and return to the work session at 9:09 p.m., seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to uphold the findings and disposition in disciplinary appeal case #25-164481, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to adjourn the work session at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent

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Regular Board Meeting - Business Session
04/17/2025 07:00 PM
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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees - Voting Members

Janet Read Welch, Board Chair
Patsy Jordan, Vice-Chair
Kelly Poole, Board Member
Chance Beam, Board Member
Erin Ragsdale, Board Member
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair, Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and seconded by Kelly Poole and carried the Board adopted the April 17, 2025, School Board Business Meeting Agenda. The Board approved 6/0 vote.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. RECOGNITIONS

1. **GMEA Music Teacher of the Year**
2. **CCSD Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners**
3. **Georgia Student Technology Competition Champions**
4. **All-State Band, Orchestra and Chorus Honorees**
5. **Georgia High School Association Recognitions State and Regional Champions**

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
One member of the public signed up to address the school board.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Kelly Poole and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on March 20, 2025. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Called School Board Meeting held on March 27, 2025. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Budget and Millage Rate Hearing held on April 9, 2025. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

VIII. ACTIONS

1. **Approve Superintendent's Recommended Tentative FY26 Budget and Millage Rate**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to recommend the superintendent's tentative FY26 Budget and Millage Rate, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

2. **Adopt Teaching and Learning Standards**
   Erin Ragsdale made a motion to adopt the customized CCSD Teaching and Learning Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

3. **School Board Literacy Policy IFAD on Final Reading**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to approve School Board Literacy Policy IFAD on final reading, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

4. **Approve School Board Code of Conduct**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to approve the School Board Code of Conduct as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

5. **Approve Storm Water Management Agreement**
   Erin Ragsdale made a motion to approve the storm water management agreement, seconded by Chance Beam. The Board approved with a 5/0/1 vote (Kelly Poole Abstained).

6. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

X. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Poole made a motion to adjourn the Business Board Meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent