Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
05/15/2025 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
Robert Rechsteiner, 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 and observed a moment of silence as a tribute to Principal, Laura Akers. Following this tribute, she presented the Fourth Quarter Key Priorities report and focus for the 2025-26 school year

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Finance:**
   - a. **Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
     Provided the monthly finance report, as information.
   - b. **Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
     Provided an overview of CCSD financial audits, as information.
   - c. **Christian Hatch, Williamson & Company CPA's**
     Provided FY24 Independent Third-Party Audit Results, as information.
2. **Capital Outlay:**
   - a. **Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer**
     Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information
3. **Athletic Apparel Report:**
   - a. **Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer**
     Provided research details regarding district-wide apparel for sports teams, as requested.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Poole made a motion to adjourn the work session at 5:59 p.m., seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by Dr. Davis welcoming everyone in attendance and leading a moment of silence in tribute to Principal Laura Akers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Kelly Poole and carried the Board adopted the May 15, 2025, School Board Business Meeting Agenda. The Board approved 7/0 vote.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. RECOGNITIONS

1. **Yes I can Awards**
2. **Life-Saving Award**
3. **Georgia Scholar**
4. **Governor's Honors Finalist**
5. **State Science and Engineering Fair Winners**
6. **State K-5 Science Fair Winner**
7. **Regional and State Social Studies Fair Winners**
8. **Exemplary ESOL Teacher of the Year and Exemplary EL Student of the Year**
9. **Statewide Literacy Competition Winners**
10. **Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Winner**

11. **Science Olympiad**

12. **Georgia High School Association Recognitions State and Regional Champions**

13. **Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates**

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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on April 17, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Janet Read Welch and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Budget and Tax Millage Rate Hearings, held at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. ACTIONS

1. **Approve Purchase Agreement for Current Free Home ES Building**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the Current Free Home ES Real Estate Purchase Agreement, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0/1 vote (Kelly Poole abstained).

2. **Approve Facility Improvement Recommendation for Sequoyah HS Athletics**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to award Carroll Daniel Construction the Sequoyah HS Athletics Improvement contract, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Approve Recommendation for Macedonia ES Right of Way Deed**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve Macedonia ES Right of Way Deed, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 6/0/1 vote (Kelly Poole abstained).

4. **FY2026 Local Plan for Improving Career and Technical Education**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the FY2026 Local Plan for Improving Career and Technical Education as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **Renewal of Partnership Agreement – First Baptist Church of Woodstock**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreement – First Baptist Church of Woodstock, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

6. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

7. **Cherokee County School District Resolution**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to postpone consideration of Action Item #7 until the School Board can meet with the local delegation, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner.
   The Board approved with a 5/2 vote (Kelly Poole and Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison opposed).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent