Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
07/24/2025 05:30 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

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair, Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME
Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

III. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
June School Board Training Recap, Chair Janet Read Welch
School Board Meeting Calendar 2025-2026

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Academics and Accountability**
   a. **Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer**
   Provided a report on preparations for the 2025-26 School Year, as information.
2. **Finance:**
   a. **Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
   Provided an update on progress toward a Third-Party Validation of Floating Homestead Exemption Projections.
   b. **Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff**
   Provided an update on status of local legislation HB845.
3. **Capital Outlay:**
   a. **Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer**
   Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information.

4. **Other Reports:**
   a. **Safety and Security Report: Chief Buster Cushing, Chief Safety and Security Officer**
   Semiannual Report on School Safety and Security, as information.
5. **Other Reports:**
   a. **Athletic Apparel Update: Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer**
   An update on progress made to evaluate a district-wide approach to athletic attire was provided.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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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 7:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board adopted the July 24, 2025, School Board Business Meeting Agenda. The Board approved 7/0 vote.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. RECOGNITIONS

1. **Georgia Association for Career and Technical Educators' Georgia New Teacher of the Year Award**
2. **Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce "Top 10 in 10" Honoree**
3. **2025 Pine Bluff Landfill/ WM® Scholarship**
4. **USDA Turnip the Beet Gold Award – CCSD School Nutrition**
5. **National School Public Relations Association Awards**

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

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on June 12, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Called Whole Board Governance Meeting, held on June 17, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. ACTIONS

1. **School Board Policies BCBD, ECAF, GBRI, IFBG, JBC, JBC1 on Final Reading**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the School Board Policies BCBD, ECAF, GBRI, IFBG, JBC and JBC1 on final reading, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **School Board Policy JBD on First Reading**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve School Board Policy JBD on First Reading as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Tribunal Panel Hearing Recommendations (Student/Teacher)**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the Student/Teacher Tribunal Pannel Hearing Recommendations as presented, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

4. **Approval of SY2025-26 Local School Board Governance Training Plan**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the SY2025-2026 Local School Board Governance Training Plan as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **Partnership Agreement Renewals; Cherokee Youth Foundation (CYF), The Marine Corps League and Walden University**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the Cherokee Youth Foundation (CYF), The Marine Corps League and Walden University Partnership Agreement Renewals as presented, 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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter (O.C.G.A Section 50-14-3 (6)), seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion return to come out of executive session, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent