Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
08/21/2025 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
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Board Member

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 and provided the quarterly Key Priorities report.

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Academics and Accountability

a. Dr. Josh Heath, Chief Academics and Accountability Officer
Provided a report on Georgia Milestones Assessment, SY2024-2025 student performance results.

b. Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer
Provided a report on School Improvement Plans, 2025-2026.
Rodney Larrotta, Assistant Superintendent (Cherokee Zone & Creekview Zone)
Matt Freedman, Assistant Superintendent (Etowah Zone & Woodstock Zone)
Matt Kimbrell, Assistant Superintendent (River Ridge Zone & Sequoyah Zone)

2. Finance:

a. Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Provided the June monthly finance report, as information.

b. Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer
Provided the July monthly finance report, as information.

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c. 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.

IV. 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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Regular Board Meeting - Business Session
08/21/2025 07:00 PM
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Robert Rechsteiner, Board Member
Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. RECOGNITIONS

1. **Special Olympics Summer Games Gold Medalists**
2. **FCCLA National Leadership Conference Gold Medalists**
3. **Healthcare Industry Certification – River Ridge HS**
4. **AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor Awards**
5. **Georgia Parent Teacher Association (PTA) State and District 13 Awards**
6. **Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals President – Joey Moss**
7. **School Nutrition Team of the Year Winners**
8. **Transportation Employee of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners**
9. **Special Education Department Employees of the Year**
10. **Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners**
11. **GHSA State and Region Champions**
12. **Student Delegates to the School Board**
13. **Celebration of Student Achievement Growth**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No members of the public signed up to address the school board.

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VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on July 24, 2025. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **School Board Policy JBD on Final Reading**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve School Board Policy JBD on Final Reading as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

2. **Name Selection/Dedication of Johnston Elementary School Playground**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the name selection/dedication of Johnston Elementary School playground as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent