



Cherokee
County
School
District
School
Council
Meeting
Agenda

Etowah High School

11/19/2025 | Face to Face Meeting| 3:00pm

Board members Robert Horn, Principal

- Melissa Bryant, Board Member
- Melissa Blick, Board Member
- Staci Josef, Board Member
- Hetal Pandya, Board Member
- Meghan McPhaul, Faculty Member
- John Murnan, Faculty Member

3:00 pm	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions 	Robert Horn
3:05 pm	1. Agenda Review	All Members
3:08 pm	2. Approval of Minutes (Action Item) No Minutes approved, 1 st meeting of the year.	
3:10 pm	3. Agenda Items (Action Items highlighted in red) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Special Guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerri Schmitt- new AP • SRO's- • Media Specialists- Jamie Lester, Hal Funderburk • Recently took over "the nest" school tutoring program, have about 130 tutors and have executed over 200 tutoring sessions in the first month. b. School News c. Extracurricular/Athletics d. Upcoming Events 	Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn
3:50 pm	4. Old Business	Robert Horn
3:52 pm	5. Future Agenda Items	Robert Horn
3:57 pm	6. Public Comment	Robert Horn
4:00 pm	7. Adjournment/Time/Next Meeting Date	Robert Horn



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No approval of minutes

Training

Selection of President, Secretary, Vice President

Review of School Council Guidelines/ Principal qualities

Review of leadership qualities of a principal

Accepted in toto with no suggested changes.

Agenda items

School News:

Solid start to the school year. 2nd year of Synergy there were fewer problems.

Why is there shuffling of students in classes? Load balancing of students as a result of:

New enrollees

Changes in level that occur after the start of the year.

Trying to keep classes from being too large.

Buses have been good, worked out a few issues the first few days.

More students riding e-bikes, no problems with travel to/from school. Some trying to use to travel between classes.

School systems are in good shape generally speaking.

Put in a walkway on the island in the East parking lot (north side, former bus loop).

New curtains are up in the auditorium and working well.

Review of School Improvement Plan (SIP)

On the school website

Board sets SIP goals

ELA, Math, Attendance were chosen for the goals.

ELA has a new assessment- this year will be a baseline year.

Attendance goals- moving from 94% to 97% attendance

Introduction of Admin staff- Renney, Baggett, Bradley, Brown, Ashley, Pinckard

New for HS this year- STAR screener for math and reading. First administration has already happened.

#1 in the county for the rating from US News & World Report for high schools

Be Pro Be Proud trailer is on campus. Focus is on kids who are not college-bound but are interested in trade or technical careers.

Former East Wing tutoring program is rebranded as "The Nest." Relocated to a room next to the Media Center. Media Specialists Lester and Funderburk are managing it.

So far:

Trained 120+ kids

Tutored 40+ students last week

Safety meeting every day- Usually SRO's and Principal for daily.

Curriculum night is tonight (9/10). Revamping the structure to better serve the parents. Created a video hitting key points about pathways, testing, etc...

Senior Graduation meeting was 9/9.

Already have about 20% of students who have ordered cap/gown.

Code Red drill



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We did one in August. State mandates one be done in September.

Teacher of the year nominations process has been moved to earlier in the year.
Support staff of the year voting is almost completed.

Extracurricular Activities
Sports are in full swing.

Public Comment
Graduation day/time still not publicly released.

New ELA curriculum- are there concerns about initial performance with the new standards?

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CCRPI numbers are out.
Areas:

Content Mastery 87.3 +5.9 from last year
Judged by the 4 EOC tests taken in the spring

American Lit 82.5 +2.46
Algebra 83.4 +9.75
Bio 86 + 5.62
US History 97.3 + 5.7

Progress (how much are they growing)

School- 95.8 +4.3
District- 94
State- 82.2

ELA- 100
Math- 99.53
Lang Proficiency- 60.28 (-9.73)

Closing gaps (ESL, ED, SWD, Race)

School - 98.6
All flags are green/green start except
ELL, SWD (math)

Readiness (ready for the post HS world)

School 79.4 -1.3
Score comes from:
At/above reading level
Attendance
Accelerated enrollment
Pathway completion
College and career readiness

Graduation rate

School 92.7
4 year- 92.51
5 year- 93.22

AP scores- 90% scored 3 or higher.

Safety updates:
Added AED in front lobby of auditorium
Get one in building 1 in East
Last Wednesday- Fire alarm went off due to a faulty sensor.
Getting Hyperspike system to make sure everyone can hear the alarm soon.

Dr. Ashley is retiring the end of January. Position is posted, CCSD will determine replacement.
6103 issues with HVAC- dealing with it. Again.....



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SWAE coming up after the break.

Want to volunteer? Contact Osborne to help with the big event on 12/5 from 8- 1 PM.

Flight club is going to zone ES's to read to kids on 12/11 and 12/12.

PSAT/SAT day- we have 2270 students

654 took PSAT

176 took SAT

Parent's say yes to taking SAT on this day.

Helped with managing sports schedules by having it on a school day.

Leadership 1.0 program –

Pep Rally questions

Why do we hold them in the afternoon?

Capacity of the building

Fall Sports

Band-

Wrapped up

Winter sports started

Cameras on campus-

90% are new

Switched to Envisalign from Fuschius. Helps with CCSD coordination.

Has both pros and cons

Only stores 2.5 weeks of video

Academic lamp of knowledge

209- academic letter

189- got the lamp

Midterm exam schedule pushed out Monday after the break.

Waiting for approval for 2nd semester exam exemption wording.

2 absences or less and 80 or higher in class.

Details when approved by the district.

Announced today

Teacher of the year: Ciarra Malto

Teacher of the month: Jamie Lester

Newcomer- Melissa

Public Comment

Can you order just a cap and tassel only, if you already have a gown?

Going to check with ATL grad (the vendor) and get back to you.

We are seeing a ton of AI issues.

Lots of issues in ELA.

Working to find the lines of appropriate use.