Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
11/20/2025 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, Board Member

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair, Janet Read Welch called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Academics and Accountability:**
   a. **Dr. Josh Heath, Chief Academics and Accountability Officer**
   Provided a report on College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) SY2024-2025, as information.
2. **Finance:**
   a. **Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
   Provided the monthly finance report, as information.
   b. **Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer**
   Provided the FY2027 Budget Development Calendar, as information.
   c. **Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff**
   Provided an update on the status of local legislation HB845, as information.
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 6:09 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 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. RECOGNITIONS

1. **Title I Distinguished School - Carmel ES**
2. **Georgia School Bell Award - Macedonia ES**
3. **National FFA Competition Winners – Creekview HS**
4. **State School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Appointees**
5. **2025 Governor's Workforce Summit Honorees**
6. **CCSD Students Achieving Eagle Scout**
7. **GHSA State & Region Champions**

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

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 October 16, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Janet Read-Welch and carried the Board approved the minutes of the School Board Training held on October 30, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **School Board Policy BBE on Final Reading**
   Robert Rechsteiner made a motion to amend the proposed School Board Policy BBE as presented, to include the phrase (agreed-upon legal services) in the second paragraph; seconded by Chance Beam. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

   Patsy Jordan made a motion to adopt the School Board Policy BBE as amended seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Legislative Priorities 2026**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the 2026 legislative priorities as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Partnership District-Wide Athletic Apparel**
   Chance Beam made a motion to approve the two vendors of the District-Wide Athletic Apparel request for proposal - as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 5/2 vote (Kelly Poole and Dr. Susan Padgett Harrison dissented).

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kelly Poole made a motion at 7:49 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) A Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)), Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)) and a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2). The motion was seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #25-156845, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent