

Cherokee County Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting - Business Session  
11/20/2025 07:00 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

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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  
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis  
Superintendent