Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
12/11/2025 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. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
Georgia School Board Association Presentation Recap

III. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME
Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance and provided the quarterly Key Priorities report.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Academics and Accountability:**
   a. **Mike McGowan, Chief of Staff**
   Provided a report on the current Cherokee High School facility, 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 Outlook, 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.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 6:14 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. **National, State JROTC Raiders Champions - Etowah HS and Cherokee HS**
2. **All-State Theatre - Bailey St. Vrain of Sequoyah HS**
3. **REACH Georgia Scholar Winners**
4. **Georgia FLEX (Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurial Experience) – CCSD Finalists**
5. **GHSA State & Region Champions**
6. **Partner Recognition, EF2 Realty**
7. **School Performance Recognition**

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 November 20, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

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VII. ACTIONS

1. **Cherokee High School: Committee Recommendations for Naming Athletic Facilities**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the recommended committee recommendations for naming the Cherokee High School Athletic Facilities as presented, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

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

3. **Bond Resolution**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the bond resolution as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

4. **Third-Party Personnel Survey**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to award the Third-Party Personnel Survey RFP to Hanover Research, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **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

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion at 8:02 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) and a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)). The motion was seconded by Janet Read Welch and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:51 p.m. seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. 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 #25-178548, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent