

Cherokee County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting - Business Session
12/11/2025 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

- 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.

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
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent