

Cherokee County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting - Work Session
1/15/2026 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 5:33 p.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Academics and Accountability:

a. Buster Cushing, Chief of Police

Provided the semi-annual school safety and security report, 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: Revenue and Expenditure Forecast, as information.

c. Kenneth Owen, Chief Financial Officer

FY2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and FY2025 Independent Audit, as information.

d. Tyler Gwynn, Chief of Staff

Provided an update on the status of local legislation HB845, as information.

e. Tyler Gwynn, Chief of Staff

Provided the current 2026 Legislative Update, as information.

3. Capital Outlay:

a. Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer

Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion at 6:36 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757), Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)), Safety and Security (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(5)), and Legal Update (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2). The motion was seconded by Patsy Jordan and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to come out of the executive session at 7:05 p.m. seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent