Cherokee County School District

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.

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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

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Regular Board Meeting - Business Session

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees - Voting Members

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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 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS/REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
As is customary School Board Attorney Abby Roach presided over a brief organizational meeting for the selection of the 2026 School Board Vice-Chair. Patsy Jordan was selected as School Board Vice-Chair.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

1. **Georgia STEM Scholar Awards**
2. **Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Essay Contest Winner**
3. **CCSD Elementary School Math Competition Winners**
4. **GHSA State and 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 Patsy Jordan and seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on December 11, 2025. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **Adopt 2026-27 School Board Meeting Calendar**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to adopt the 2026-27 school board meeting calendar as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Appointment of HB845 Auditor**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to table the appointment of an HB845 auditor, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved tabling with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Declare Surplus Property and Dispose of Said Property**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve declaring surplus property and disposing of said property as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

4. **Partnership Agreement Renewal – Northside Cherokee**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to renew the partnership agreement with Northside Cherokee Hospital as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Patsy Jordan 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), 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 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 8:26 p.m. seconded by Patsy Jordan. 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 #26-164066, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved, with a 6/0/1 vote Erin Ragsdale abstained.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch School Board Chair	Mary Elizabeth Davis Superintendent