Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session

2/12/2026 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 5:30 p.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

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

III. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

School Board Chair, Janet Read Welch, provided an update on the third-party personnel survey.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Academics and Accountability:**
   a. **Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer**
      Dr. Josh Heath, Chief Academics and Accountability Officer
      Provided the annual School Year 2026-2027 Outlook report, as information
   b. **Tyler Gwynn, Chief of Staff**
      Trey Moores, Chief Support Servies Officer
      Provided the current Cherokee High School transition planning 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 Report, as information.

3. **Capital Outlay:**

   a. **Trey Moores, Chief Support Services Officer**
   Provided the monthly Capital Outlay report, as information.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chance Beam made a motion at 6:29 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)). The motion was seconded by Kelly Poole and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to come out of the executive session at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 7:00 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

2/12/2026 07:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees - Voting Members

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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. **Special Olympics State Fall and Winter Games Gold Medalists**
2. **STAR Students and Teachers**
3. **All State Chorus Honorees**
4. **Girl Scouts Gold Awards**
5. **CCSD Overall Winners – Support Staff Employees of the Year Awards**
6. **Cherokee County School Police Department Appreciation**
7. **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Recognition – Postponed until March Meeting**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the school board.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett Harrison and seconded by Kelly Poole and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on January 15, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **FY26 Budget Amendment One-Time Employee Pay Supplement**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to amend the FY26 budget for a one-time employee pay supplement, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Appointment of HB845 Auditor**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to appoint Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC auditors as required HB845, seconded by Janet Read-Welch. The Board approved tabling with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Surplus Property Sales and Transfer**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve surplus property sales and transfer as presented, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 6/0/1 vote Kelly Poole abstained.

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

5. **Appointment of Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority School District Advisor**
   Erin Ragsdale made a motion to approve the appointment of Cherokee Regional Land Bank Authority school district advisor as presented, seconded by Janet Read-Welch. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

6. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Kelly Poole 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.

7. **School Board Consideration for Approval of Extension of Employment Contract with Superintendent of Schools**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to approve the extension of employment contract with the superintendent of schools, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 4/3 vote Patsy Jordan, Chance Beam and Rick Rechsteiner dissented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent