

Cherokee County Board of Education
Called School Board Meeting
02/26/2026 6:00 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 Special School Board meeting to order at 5:53 p.m.

II. WHOLE BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING

The Board Training Session, led by Julia C. Bernath, centered on developing, reviewing, and refining school board policies. The discussion highlighted the importance of ensuring that current policies remain relevant and clearly expressed. School Board Members worked on IHA, IHE and IFB. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis, along with senior staff, and the School Board attorney provided an overview of Education-SPLOST historical data and projected district growth needs.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion at 8:42 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss Legal and Land Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)). The motion was seconded by Kelly Poole and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Patsy Jordan made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:14 p.m. seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Janet Read Welch adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent of Schools