

Cherokee County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting - Business Session
2/12/2026 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. **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
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent