Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session

3/19/2026 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 5:32 p.m.

II. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

Dr. Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

III. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

School Board Chair Janet Read Welch shared an update on the February School Board training and the third-party personnel survey. She invited the full Board to offer their reflections, and it was noted that the Board is already developing an action plan based on the feedback employees provided through the survey.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. **Academics and Accountability:**
   a. **Tyler Gwynn, Chief of Staff**
      Trey Moores, Chief Support Servies Officer
      Provided the current Cherokee High School transition planning report, as information.
   b. **Barbara Jacoby, Chief Communications Officer**
      Provided the Long-Range Strategic 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 update, as information.

3. **Capital Outlay:**

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent

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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. **Regional, Super Regional and State First Lego League Robotics Competition Winners**
2. **All State Band and Orchestra Honorees**
3. **Georgia High School Association State and Region Champions**
4. **CCSD Media Specialist of the Year**
5. **CCSD Students Achieving Eagle Scout**
6. **School Board Member Appreciation Week**
7. **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Recognition**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public signed up to address the school board.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on February 12, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the School Board Training held on February 26, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **Table Superintendent's Recommended Tentative FY27 Budget and Millage Rate**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to table the recommended tentative FY27 budget and millage rate, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Resolution for Future Use of Current Cherokee High School**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the resolution for future use of current Cherokee High School as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved tabling with a 7/0 vote.

3. **2026 GSBA School Board Delegate and Alternate**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to nominate Kelly Poole as Delegate and Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison *as Alternate for the 2026 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0.*

4. **School Board Grading Systems Policy IHA on First Reading**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve Policy IHA on First Reading as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **School Board Promotion and Retention Policy IHE on First Reading**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve Policy IHE on First Reading as presented, as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

6. **School Board Instructional Role of Student Learning Devices Policy IFB on First Reading**
   Janet Read-Welch made a motion to approve Policy IFB on First Reading as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

7. **School Board Internet Acceptable Use Policy IFBG on First Reading**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve Policy IFBG on First Reading as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

8. **Partnership Agreement Renewal – Optimist Clubs**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to renew the partnership agreement with Canton and Towne Lake Optimist Clubs as presented, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

9. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Janet Read-Welch. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion at 8:04 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757), 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.

Erin Ragsdale made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:36 p.m. seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved, with a 6/0/0 vote Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison was not present.

Kelly Poole made a motion to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal Panel for #26-162062, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved, with a 7/0 vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent