Cherokee County School District

Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Work Session

4/23/2026 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.

III. 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. Dr. Debra Murdock, Chief School Leadership and Operations Officer
Dr. Josh Heath, Chief Academics and Accountability Officer
Provided the School Year 2026-2027 Outlook report, as information.

c. 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.

3. Capital Outlay:

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

4. **Other:**

   a. **Tyler Gwynn, Chief of Staff**
   Provided the 2026 Legislative report, as information.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The work session meeting adjourned at 6:36 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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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. **Governor's Honors Finalists**
2. **Georgia K-5 Science Fair Winners**
3. **Georgia Science and Engineering Fair Winners**
4. **Georgia Student Technology Competition Champions**
5. **Georgia High School Association State and Region Champions**
6. **CCSD Reading Bowl and State TomeCon Winners**
7. **Middle School Academic Bowl Team Champions**
8. **CCSD and Region Spelling Bee Winners**
9. **Counselor of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners**
10. **2026 Pine Bluff Landfill/WM® Scholarship Recipient**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No members 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 March 19, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Budget and Tax Millage Rate hearing held on April 2, 2026, and at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on April 16, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **Superintendent's Recommended Tentative FY27 Budget and Millage Rate**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the recommended tentative FY27 budget and millage rate, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Bond Resolution and Results of Series 2026 Bond Issuance**
   Janet Read Welch made a motion to approve the bond resolution and bond issuance as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

3. **Amending SY26-27 and SY27-28 Student Calendars with Conference Days**
   Erin Ragsdale made a motion to approve amending the SY26-27 and SY27-28 Student Calendars with Conference Days as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0.

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

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

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

8. **Renewal of Existing Corps of Engineers – Easement at Little River ES**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to renew the existing Corps of Engineers – easement at Little River ES as presented, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

9. **Renewal of Partnership Agreement with The Children's Haven**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to renew the partnership agreement with The Children's Haven as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 5/0/2 vote *Janet Read Welch and Chance Beam abstained.*

10. **Approval of School Board CCSD Code of Conduct**
    Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the School Board CCSD Code of Conduct as presented, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

11. Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve human resources employment recommendations and reappointments, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent