Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Business Session

6/18/2026 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. **DECA International, State Winners**
2. **Positive Athlete Georgia - State Winners**
3. **Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship Winner**
4. **Georgia High School Association State and Region Champions**

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 Patsy Jordan and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on May 14, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

On a motion by Patsy Jordan and seconded by Erin Ragsdale and carried the Board approved the minutes of the School Board Training held on June 1, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **Budget Amendment FY2026**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the recommended FY2026 Budget

Amendment III as presented, seconded by Patsy Jordan. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

2. **Budget Amendment FY2027**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the recommended FY2027 Budget Amendment I as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

3. **FY2023 State Capital Outlay Funding Application Amendment**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the FY2023 State Capital Outlay Funding Application as presented, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

4. **Policy BA, Board Goals and Objectives – Vision and Strategic Plan on First Read**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve Policy BA, Board Goals and Objectives – Vision and Strategic Plan on First Reading as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

5. **Annual Recommitment to School Board Member Code of Ethics Policy BH**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the recommended Annual Recommitment to School Board Member Code of Ethics Policy BH as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

6. **School Board Policies on First Reading**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the following recommended School Board Policies on First Reading: DO, GAAA, GAEB, GAG, GAK(1), GAM, GBC, GBRI, JCAC, JCAC(2), JCEB, KN as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

7. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mountain Education**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the recommended Memorandum of Understanding with Mountain Education as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

8. **FY2027 Local Plan for Improving Career, Agriculture and Technical Education**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the recommended FY2027 Local Plan for Improving Career, Agriculture and Technical Education as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

9. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations and Reappointments**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the human resources employment recommendations as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VIII. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Patsy Jordan made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to move into an executive session to discuss a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2). The motion was seconded by Kelly Poole and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 5/0 vote. Patsy Jordan and Erin Ragsdale were not present for this vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to enter a contract with the Law Firm of Roach, Caudill & Frost as discussed in executive session, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 4/0/1 vote. Robert Rechsteiner abstained, and Patsy Jordan and Erin Ragsdale were not present for this vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent