Cherokee County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Business Session

7/23/2026 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
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. **TSA (Technology Student Association) State, National Award Winners**
2. **Georgia High School Association State and Region Champions**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No members of the public signed up to address the school board.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on June 18, 2026. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. **School Board Resolution: Call for November 2026 Election Resolution Education- SPLOST VII**
   Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to approve the School Board Resolution: Call for November 2026 Election Resolution Education- SPLOST VII, as presented, seconded by Erin Ragsdale. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

2. **Policy BA, Board Goals and Objectives – Vision and Strategic Plan on Final Reading**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve Policy BA, Board Goals and Objectives – Vision and

Strategic Plan on Final Reading as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

3. **School Board Policies on Final Reading**
   Kelly Poole made a motion to approve the following recommended School Board Policies on Final 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 6/0 vote.

4. **Tribunal Hearing Panel Recommendations**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the Tribunal Hearing Panel as presented, seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote

5. **Approval of SY2026-27 Local School Board Governance Training Plan**
   Erin Ragsdale made a motion to approve the recommended SY2026-27 Local School Board Governance Training Plan as presented, seconded by Janet Read Welch. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

6. **Human Resources Employment Recommendations**
   Patsy Jordan made a motion to approve the human resources employment recommendations as presented, seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 6/0 vote.

VIII. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Patsy Jordan made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a student discipline matter (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-757) and a personnel matter (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6). The motion was seconded by Chance Beam and approved by the Board by a 6-0 vote.

Patsy Jordan made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:26 p.m. seconded by Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison. The Board approved with a 5/0 vote. Erin Ragsdale was not present for this vote.

Kelly Poole made a motion to uphold the findings and disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #26-164066 and to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in support of the Board's decision. The motion was seconded by Patsy Jordan and approved by the Board by a 5-0-1 vote. Erin Ragsdale abstained from this vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch	Mary Elizabeth Davis
School Board Chair	Superintendent