

Cherokee County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting - Business Session
8/20/2026 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 Summer Games Gold Medalist**
- 2. AFJROTC Cadet of the Year**
- 3. FCCLA State, National Winners**
- 4. FFA State Competition Winners**
- 5. Elementary Science Olympiad District, State Winners**
- 6. Teacher Conductor at Carnegie Hall**
- 7. Georgia PTA Awards for Staff, PTA Units**
- 8. CCSD Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Winners**
- 9. Student Delegates to the School Board**
- 10. Celebration of Student Achievement Growth**

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 Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison and carried the Board approved the minutes of the Work Session and Business Board Meeting held on July 23, 2026. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

VII. ACTIONS

1. Proposed School Assignment for New Development

The item was presented to the Board and was placed on the Consent Agenda.

2. Recommendation for Capital Outlay Funding Application for Canton ES

The item was presented to the Board and was placed on the Consent Agenda.

3. Declare Property as Surplus and Authorize Disposal

The item was presented to the Board and was placed on the Consent Agenda.

4. Human Resources Employment Recommendations

The item was presented to the Board and was placed on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Business Items 1–4 were presented to the Board and were eligible for placement on the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Patsy Jordan, and seconded by Erin Ragsdale, Business Items 1–4 were placed on the Consent Agenda. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kelly Poole made a motion at 7:57 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a Safety and Security Matter (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4)) and a Legal Matter (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2). The motion was seconded by Erin Ragsdale and approved by the Board with a 7/0 vote.

Dr. Susan Padgett-Harrison made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:51 p.m. seconded by Kelly Poole. The Board approved with a 7/0 vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Janet Read Welch
School Board Chair

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Mary Elizabeth Davis
Superintendent