

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, January 13, 2022

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted in person and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Robert Rechsteiner; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Etowah High School Student Emily Collins

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Clark Menard.

Organizational Meeting

School Board Attorney Abby Roach presided over a brief organizational meeting for the selection of the 2022 School Board Vice-Chair. Robert Rechsteiner was selected as School Board Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the December 9, 2021 School Board Meeting (7-0 vote).

Consent Agenda

Following identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made

by Patsy Jordan seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

- A-1. School Board Recognition of Mill Creek Middle School Teacher Ann-Margaret Somers for Being Named a 2022 Georgia STEM Scholar**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of Woodstock Middle School Seventh-grader Sawyer Swift -- Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's 20th Annual Water Essay Contest Winner**

(Recognized)

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

School Board Member Comments:

- School Board Members commented on the success of the CCSD Spelling Bee and thanked staff and students for their dedication to this long-running tradition.
- School Board Chair recognized School Board member Mike Chapman's announcement this week that he does not plan to seek re-election. Thanked him and his wife for their dedicated service to CCSD.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of December 2021 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of the Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement Relative to Series 2022 General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds)

Bond Presentation:

- The Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, CitiGroup Financial and Davenport representatives presented the School Board with information regarding Series 2022 GO Bond sales. CCSD continues to borrow at a premium rate due to the county's strong economic growth and conservative spending by the School Board.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried to approve Series 2022 General Obligation (GO) Bonds (7-0 Vote)

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

***F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Special Lease Agreements**

(Approved)

***F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution of the Cherokee Board of Education Phase Out a Facility**

(Approved)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

***G-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

***H-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2021-22 Second Semester Tribunal Panel Appointments for Student Disciplinary Hearings**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

***I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for approval SY2022-23 Organizational Chart**

(Approved)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

The Superintendent and Board Chair reminded parents that Policies are in place to review curriculum and surveys when concerns arise.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by John Harmon, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Student Discipline matters (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 8:06 p.m. (7-0 vote).

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to return to Open Session at 8:21 p.m. (7-0 vote).

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-165903, (7-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary