

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 19, 2022

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 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, and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Tom Roach. School Board Member Clark Menard was not in attendance.

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 Creekview High School Student Gabriella Etienne.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Kyla Cromer, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to approve tabling A-9 recognition item (6-0 vote).

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's amended agenda (6-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Robert Rechsteiner seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the April 21, 2022 School Board Meeting (6-0 vote).

Consent Agenda

Following the 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 (6-0 vote).

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

- A-1. School Board Recognition of Students' Academic Achievement – Yes I Can Awards**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of 2022 Georgia Scholars**

(Recognized)

- A-3. School Board Recognition of Cherokee HS Senior Sarah Liebert as Recipient of the Award of Excellence Presented by the Georgia Department of Education**

(Recognized)

- A-4. School Board Recognition of Freedom Middle School Teacher Denise Terrezza – Exemplary English for Speakers of Other Languages Teacher of the Year and Sequoyah High School Senior Daniel Chirinos Gil – Exemplary English Learner Student of the Year**

(Recognized)

- A-5. School Board Recognition of 2021-22 Regional and State Science and Engineering Fair Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-6. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Achievement at Tome Student Literacy Society Statewide Competition**

(Recognized)

- A-7. School Board Recognition of CCSD Students' Achievement at the Georgia Student Technology Competition**

(Recognized)

- A-8. School Board Recognition of Sequoyah High School Robotics Team -- Runner-Up at Georgia FIRST Robotics Competition**

(Recognized)

- A-9. School Board Recognition of CCSD Middle School Students Selected for All-State Chorus**

(Tabled)

- A-10. School Board Recognition of CCSD Student Athletes Honored as Positive Athlete Georgia Regional Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-11. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

(Recognized)

- A-12. School Board Recognition of Andrew Solano, Garrett Miller and Ethan Mann -- Recipients of SY2021-22 Don Stevens Memorial Scholarship**

(Recognized)

- A-13. School Board Recognition of former Cherokee High School Student Eleanor Sims -- Recipient of SY2021-22 Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

(Recognized)

- A-14. School Board Recognition of CCSD School Nutrition Program for Winning Turnip the Beet Award -- Silver Award**

(Recognized)

- A-15. School Board Recognition and Appreciation of the 2021-22 Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates for Service and Commitment to the Cherokee County School District**

(Recognized)

- *A-16. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Health Department and MUST Ministries**

(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Recognized School Nutrition workers in honor of School Lunch Hero Day.
- Thanked CCSD bus drivers for another year of excellent service.
- In honor of School Nurse Appreciation Week the School Board Chair recognized CCSD school nurses.
- Recognized School Board member Patsy Jordan in honor of being named the regional Teacher of the Year for Mountain Education Charter High School.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of April 2022 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(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 Permanent Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement to the City of Canton Government**

(Approved)

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

(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 SY2022-23 Tribunal Hearing Panel Appointments for Certified Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract Termination or Suspension**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval and Tabling of the FY2023 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate**

One member of the public addressed the School Board relative to Agenda Item I-1

At the request of the School Board Chair, the Superintendent outlined the impact of the millage rate reduction on the FY2023 budget.

Motion was made by Robert Rechsteiner, seconded by John Harmon, and carried for approval and tabling of the FY2023 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate (6-0 Vote)

(Approved)

***I-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2022-23 CCSD Code of Conduct**

(Approved)

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized Chief of Police, Buster Cushing, and CCSD Police Department in honor of National Police Week.
- Recognized the SY2022-23 appointment of Don Garner, Director Special Education; Ken Godfrey, Director Capital Improvements; and Matthew Walker Coordinator Maintenance.
- Recognized the SY2022-23 appointment of Matthew Kimbrell, Principal RM Moore ES; Angela Gula, Assistant Principal Creekland MS; and Lee Patti, Assistant Principal Oak Grove ES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board extended time for public participation (6-0 vote).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) and a Personnel matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 9:11 p.m. (6-0 vote).

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:54 p.m.

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-186516, (6-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary