

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022-23 BUDGET  
11:30 a.m.**

The Cherokee County Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY2023 Budget. School Board Chair Kyla Cromer called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the School Board Auditorium at the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. Present: Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower.

Two members of the public addressed the Chairman and Superintendent regarding the budget. Chair Kyla Cromer explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated that the public could also sign up to speak at the two subsequent hearings at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022, or when the agenda item is considered at the Board's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Dr. Hightower shared information relative to the proposed millage rate including a 1.5 mill reduction from last year, thus lowering the total millage rate from 19.45 (FY2022) to 17.95 (FY2023). In addition, it was noted that within the proposed millage rate of 17.95, an increase to a total 1.5 mills is being recommended for Bond Millage, lowering the Maintenance and Operations Millage to 16.45. Finally, Dr. Hightower emphasized that while the CCSD was being sensitive to and mindful of the increase in local property values/assessments and, in some instances, the corresponding increases in property taxes this Fall, the potential for market corrections was considered when committee members developed the FY2023 tentative budget.

The public hearing was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary

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School Board Chair Kyla Cromer explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated that the public could also sign up to speak at the subsequent hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022, or when the agenda item is considered at the Board's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Dr. Hightower shared information relative to the proposed millage rate including a 1.5 mill reduction from last year. The School Board Chair reminded the audience that a combined 5.65 mills are used for the required local effort payment to the State to participate in the QBE formula and the administrative cost paid to the county to collect taxes.

Three members of the public were present to address the School Board Chair and Superintendent regarding the budget.

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School Board Chair Kyla Cromer explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated that the public could also sign up to speak when the agenda item is considered at the Board's meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022. The Superintendent shared information relative to the proposed millage rate including a 1.5 mill reduction from last year. Dr. Hightower highlighted the School Board's priority to reduce debt will be accomplished by moving additional mills to debt services reducing construction debt. He also noted that the potential for market corrections needed to be considered when committee members developed the FY2023 tentative budget. The School Board Chair reminded the audience that a combined 5.65 mills are used for the required local effort payment to the State to participate in the QBE formula and the administrative cost paid to the county to collect taxes.

One member of the public was present to address the Board regarding the budget.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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