

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, June 16, 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, June 16, 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, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Kelly Poole; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and Attorney Abby Roach. School Board Member John Harmon was not in attendance.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by a moment of silence for the Uvalde, Texas community. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Cherokee High School Student Makenzie Bird.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 19, 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 Robert Rechsteiner 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 2022 Young Georgia Authors Competition Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of CCSD Middle School Students Selected to All-State Chorus**

(Recognized)

- A-3. School Board Recognition of 2021-22 Elementary School County Academic Bowl Team Champions - Macedonia Elementary School**

(Recognized)

- A-4. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District's 2021-22 Georgia PTA Reflections State and National Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-5. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

(Recognized)

- A-6. School Board Recognition of Etowah High School Student Ella Daugherty -- Recipient of 2022 East West Bank Scholarship**

(Recognized)

- A-7. School Board Recognition of 2022 ABM Industry Group, LLC Scholarship Recipients**

(Recognized)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Recognized CCSD staff, students, and community partner FBCW for their part in celebrating the graduating class of 2022.
- Addressed the need for continued work in supporting students and staff's emotional health.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Substantive Modifications to School Board Policies (7) - - on First Reading

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

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried for approval of Substantive Modification to School Board Policies (7) – on First Reading (6-0 Vote).

(Approved)

C-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Technical Modifications to School Board Policies (5) - - on First Reading

Two members of the public addressed the School Board relative to Agenda Item C-2.

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole, and carried for approval of Technical Modifications to School Board Policies (5) – on First Reading (6-0 Vote).

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Local Plan for Improvement of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education/One-Year Funding Application for 2023**

(Approved)

- *E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

- *E-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

- E-4. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Uphold the Media Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Challenged book, Crank (2004)**

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner, and carried for Approval to Uphold the Media Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Challenged book, *Crank* (2004).

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

- *F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Request for Permanent Easement Emergency Access Only**

(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

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

At the request of the School Board Chair, the Superintendent outlined details from the FY2023 budget.

The Superintendent announced that the budget included the following: a 1.5 mill reduction in the property tax rate, salary increases (to retain highly qualified staff), longevity steps for all eligible employees, and additional funding allocated to Safety and Security. He also announced that in a multi-phase plan, police presence would be increased at the Elementary School level as early as August 2022. American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Ed-SPLOST funds will be utilized to enhance safety and security.

Motion was made by Kyla Cromer, seconded by Mike Chapman, and carried for approval 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 Proposed Modification to the Superintendent's Organizational Chart for SY2022-23**

(Approved)

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized the following Assistant Principal appointments for SY2022-23 Jessica Bunce, Woodstock ES; John Hughes, Woodstock HS; Clatrina Lane and Meredith Rocker, Clark Creek ES; and Justin West, Sequoyah HS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 8:32 p.m. (6-0 vote).

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:42 p.m.

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #21-124156, (6-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary