

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, August 18, 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, August 18, 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 Tom 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 Creekview High School Student Carson Heath.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman 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 Robert Rechsteiner and carried the Board approved the minutes from the July 21, 2022, School Board Meeting (7-0 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 John Harmon 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 Etowah High School Air Force Junior ROTC Lt. Col. (Retired) Stephen Bergey Named 2022 Overall AFJROTC Instructor of the Year**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Aeronautics Program -- Team Places in Top 10 at National Rocketry Competition**

(Recognized)

- A-3. School Board Recognition of Indian Knoll Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School -- National Character Education Award Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-4. School Board Recognition of Boston Elementary School and Little River Elementary School -- Winners of the National PTA School of Excellence Award**

(Recognized)

- A-5. School Board Recognition of CCSD High School Students for Being Named 2021-22 Georgia Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) Competition First Place Winners**

(Recognized)

- A-6. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Employees and Volunteers Honored by the PTA with State Awards**

(Recognized)

- A-7. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

(Recognized)

- A-8. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2022 Bus Driver of the Year and Innovation Zone School Bus Drivers of the Year**

(Recognized)

- A-9. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2022 School Nurse of the Year and Innovation Zone School Nurses of the Year**
(Recognized)
- A-10. School Board Recognition of CCSD Department of Special Education 2022 Employees of the Year Awards**
(Recognized)
- A-11. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2022 Coach of the Year and Innovation Zone Coaches of the Year**
(Recognized)
- A-12. School Board Recognition of Liberty Elementary School Principal Sandi Harrison, Selected as Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce "Top 10 in 10" Honoree**
(Recognized)
- A-13. School Board Recognition of 2022-23 Student Advisor to School Board and Student Delegates**
(Recognized)
- A-14. School Board Recognition of Clayton Elementary School and R.M. Moore Elementary School STEM Academy -- Georgia School Bell Award Winners**
(Recognized)
- *A-15. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the City of Ball Ground and Cherokee County Council of PTA**
(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- School Board Member spoke to the May 2022 primary election results.
- Board Chair commented about the recent School Board luncheon at Woodstock ES and the school spirit and enthusiasm shared by staff and students.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

- *C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Divisive Topics Policy (IGF) – on Final Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

- *D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of July 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 Capital Outlay Funding Application for the Creekland Middle School, Hasty Elementary School and Woodstock High School Modification Project**

(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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)) and Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)) at 8:02 p.m. (7-0 vote).

The School Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary