

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, November 19, 2020

### 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, November 19, 2020 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 Kelly Poole; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Robert Rechsteiner; 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 HS student Brinn Dameron.

A brief inspirational story was shared by Clark Menard.

**Approval of Agenda** On a motion by John Harmon 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 Kelly Poole seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the October 15, 2020 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 John Harmon and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

**A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

- A-1. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teacher Karen Garland -- Named the 2020 Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year by Georgia Farm Bureau**

*(Recognized)*

- A-2. School Board Recognition of Three Cherokee County School District Students -- Named to the State School Superintendent's 2020-21 Student Advisory Council**

*(Recognized)*

- A-3. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions**

*(Recognized)*

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Commented about the food distribution program extended for Thanksgiving week and asked if there were plans to continue the program during the December holidays. The Superintendent responded that this program would also be extended for the first week of the December holidays.
- Asked about an update for COVID-19, and the Superintendent's staff shared that the Dept. of Public Health website is monitored daily, and our case numbers are updated daily. Additionally, information was provided relative to COVID-19 tracking with CCSD cases and quarantines, as well as current trends in this regard.
- Questions and concerns were raised about a possible mask mandate, and after several comments were shared both pro and con, it was decided more discussion was needed prior to possibly voting on this topic at the December School Board meeting.
- Congratulated the District for their High School Graduation rate of 90.3%
- Reminded School Board members about the Georgia School Board Virtual Conference on December 3 and 4, and pre-conference training on December 2

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

- \*C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modification to School Board Policy JCAC regarding Harassment and Consideration of New School Board Policy JCAC II regarding Sexual Harassment under Title IX -- on Second Reading**

*(Approved)*

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- \*D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of October 2020 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

*(Approved)*

- \*D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Declaring Surplus Property and Disposing of Said Property**

*(Approved)*

**E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- \*E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Health and Puberty, Sex Education and AIDS Education (PSEAE) Curriculum Resources Adoption for Grade 6**

*(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 Approval of the Resolution to Certify Closeout for the Mill Creek Middle School Classroom Addition**

*(Approved)*

- \*F-4. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Resolution to Certify Closeout for the Sequoyah HS Healthcare Science Lab**

*(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 for Approval of Extension of Employment Contract with Superintendent of Schools**

*(Approved)*

**I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

- \*I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2021 Legislative Partnership Priorities**

*(Approved)*

Superintendent Comments:

- Thanked School Board Members for their comments regarding mask usage and noted where School Board Members had requested additional information from staff in this regard prior to the next School Board meeting.
- Shared additional information about what the high school graduation rate indicates relative to the nationwide 4-year cohort model for calculating this rate.
- CCSD has again won the Georgia School Boards Association Leading Edge Award.

Informational Items:

- Senior Experience Virtual Symposium Scheduled December 2 and 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- English Design Training (EDT) is ongoing this year for high school English/Language Arts curriculum design.
- Update on Potential CCSD Virtual Academy for SY2021-22
  - This is an additional program, not our digital learning program
  - There will be an application process to attend
  - Target audience initially is high school students
  - Scheduled to open Fall 2021
- Update on Potential CCSD Career Academy Offerings for SY2021-22 - expanding Career, Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) Programs being analyzed for potential inclusion
- Board Visit to CVHS Agri-Science Lab in December
- SEL Update: GA HOPE Counseling Services will be onsite at Cherokee HS and ACE Academy campus

**ADJOURNMENT**

The School Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary