

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, December 10, 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, December 10, 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 Darrell Caudill.

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 River Ridge HS student Simran Patel.

The meeting's inspiration was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (7-0 vote).

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the November 19, 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 Clark Menard and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On a motion by Kelly Poole and seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board extended time for public participation (7-0 vote).

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

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

- A-1. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School's FFA Chapter for Being Named a Top 10 National Model of Excellence Chapter**

(Recognized)

- A-2. School Board Recognition of E.T. Booth Middle School Teacher Daniele Deneka and Teasley Middle School Teacher Scott Reece -- Named 2021 Georgia STEM Scholars by the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers (GYSTC)**

(Recognized)

- *A-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Partnership Agreement with Cherokee Office of Economic Development**

(Approved)

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

- *B-1. School Board Adoption of Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2021 Legislative and Policy Priorities**

(Approved)

School Board Member Comments:

- Remembered Dr. Rouel Belleza and his dedication to CCSD. Members of the community were invited to participate in a memorial opportunity, organized by his family, to honor his life.
- Excited about the prospects that the Career, Technology and Agriculture Education Committee is bringing various career opportunities to students.
 - School Board members are looking forward to future updates from Curriculum and Instruction.
- Commented about the recent School Board luncheon at Knox ES and recognized the admiration that the students have for their administrators and teachers. Recognized the pride and depth of detail that students reflect in their work.
- Legislative Partnership meeting was successful, and the goals shared by the delegation seem to align with School District and Georgia Education Coalition legislative priorities.

- Highlighted that the School Board is advocating to be held harmless for lower enrollment which would affect funding in the future.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of October 2020 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 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 a Permanent Easement and Perpetual Right-of-Way to Cherokee County Government**

(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 Approval of Property Purchase for future Cherokee County School District (CCSD) Use

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Comments:

- Recognized that Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) awarded the School Board its 2020 Exemplary School Board designation.
- The School Board also earned the GSBA's Leading Edge Award (for innovative practices) for the second consecutive year.
- Presented School Board Member, Robert Rechsteiner with 15 Year Service Award.
- Shared additional information about the Facility Plan to possibly replace CHS with approved SPLOST Funds.

Informational Items:

- Board Visit to CVHS Agri-Science Lab postponed until January
- Blueprint Report Card Performance Highlighted
 - Many Goals were met or exceeded
- Organizational Chart changes will be for (1) School Year and presented at the February School Board Retreat.
- Work Session for January has been cancelled.
- COVID-19 Update: Update included the following:
 - Current case and quarantines totals for the county and the school district;
 - Amended quarantine guidance from CDC;
 - Impact of cases and quarantines on substitute costs and fill rates;
 - Impacts of a potential mask mandate; and,
 - Modifications to mask messaging and communications for second semester.

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary