

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, May 21, 2020

### MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted online/virtually and available to the public via live Internet streaming. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Kelly Poole; Members Mike Chapman, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach. School Board Member John Harmon was not in attendance.

**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 School Board Member Clark Menard.

A brief inspirational story 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 agenda (6-0 vote).

**Minutes for Approval**              On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the April 16, 2020 School Board Meeting (6-0 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 Clark Menard seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (6-0 vote).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suspended for this online School Board meeting

**A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

- \*A-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreements with The Cherokee County Department of Family and Children Services and Young Harris College**

*(Approved)*

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

School Board Member Comments:

- A question was asked if there would be learning opportunities for students this summer
  - Chief Academic Officer Dr. Nicole Holmes shared an overview of opportunities available for additional learning and reinforcement. Information/links are posted on the District website.
- Praise was shared for our teachers for their due diligence to teach through this unprecedented time and recognizing some students/parents have experienced struggles with digital learning.
- Grading expectations for digital learning were discussed.
- A question was asked relative to a reopening of school plan
  - Chief Operations Officer Dr. Debra Murdock has been authorized to chair a committee to review options for reopening. A decision will be communicated no later than July 1.
- Discussion around the work by the District to keep money in the classroom for the students.
- Technology staff was thanked for their work to provide online meetings.
- Remarks were made that digital learning should not be seen as a cost-saving measure.
- Recognition of CCSD graduates, VAL/SALs and School Board Student Delegates.

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

*(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 Grades 6-9**

*(Approved)*

**F. SUPPORT SERVICES**

- \*F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Request Assistance in the Development of a New Five-Year Local Facilities Plan**

*(Approved)*

- \*F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

*(Approved)*

- \*F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

*(Approved)*

- F-4. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposals for the Construction of the Bus Shop 1 - Replacement Fuel Island**

*(Approved)*

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to Approve the proposal from JF Petroleum Group for the Construction of the Bus Shop 1 - Replacement Fuel Island (6-0 vote).

- F-5. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposals for the Construction of the Etowah High School Athletic Facility Improvements**

*(Approved)*

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to Approve the proposal from BM&K Construction, Inc. for the Construction of the Etowah High School Athletic Facility Improvements (6-0 vote).

**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 SY2020-21 CCSD Code of Conduct**

*(Approved)*

Informational Items:

- Legislative Update
  - State plans to reconvene June 2020
  - Budget shortfall
- Budget Revenue/Adjustments
  - School Board budget priorities revised due to projected shortfall
  - Timeline for FY2021 budget modified since State has yet to approve FY2021 budget
  - FY2020 Budgetary savings due to COVID-19 closure
  - Status report on CCSD Division budget reductions
  - FY2021 revenue/expenditures

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 7:28 p.m. (6-0 vote).

The School Board did not return to Open Session.

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School Board Chair

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Secretary

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on Monday, May 21, 2020. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

- To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)
- To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))
- To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 21st day of May, 2020

Renee Coleman

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: Dec. 6, 2021



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Kelly Porell  
Kylea Cromer  
Jake Jordan