

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, July 16, 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, July 16, 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 School Board Member Kelly Poole.

A brief inspiration was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the July 9, 2020 Called School Board Meeting; July 8 Public Hearing on the FY2021 Budget; and June 18, 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 John Harmon seconded by Mike Chapman 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 Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Adoption of Strategic Waiver School System (SWSS) Contract Amendment Resolution**

(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Reopening of School Plan
- Acknowledged that all emails received are read
- Thanked the Superintendent and staff for preparing a budget that benefits our students/teachers: maintains 180 instructional days with the possibility of no furloughs, and includes additional health and safety protocols for our schools
- Reminder about deadline to sign up for digital learning

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

- *C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Substantive Modifications to School Board Policies (43) and Rescinded School Board Policies (9) - - on Final Reading**

(Approved)

- *C-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Technical Modifications to School Board Policies (42) - - on Final Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- *D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Authorized School Fund-Raising Activities for SY2020-21**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

- *F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Monthly Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(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 Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2020-21 Tribunal Hearing Panel Appointments for Certificated Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract Termination or Suspension**

(Approved)

- *H-2. School Board Consideration for Approval of School Board Attorney's Recommended Plan for SY2020-21 Local School Board Governance Training**

(Approved)

Board Attorney Comments:

Reminded the School Board that the SY2019-20 Local School Board Governance Training deadline has been extended to mid-September, but it is a good idea to complete training now.

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the FY2021 Tentative Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate**

(Approved)

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Approve the Superintendent's Recommended FY2021 Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate (7-0 vote).

Informational Items:

- Reopening of Schools
 - Shared back-to-school plans of neighboring counties
 - Ga Dept of Education (GaDOE) *Pathway to Recovery* Plan emphasis on how to keep schools open and how to reopen after exposure
 - Dept. of Public Health updates are monitored
 - FAQs document updated
 - Made facility enhancements such as water filler stations, enhanced air filters
 - Exposure response plan will be published next week
 - Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Recommendations under review
 - Acknowledged the communications received requesting to begin in-person school (for and against mandatory masks)
 - CCSD providing every staff member and student two masks
 - FLMA available for employees if needed
 - Employee pre-planning time
 - C & I will provide additional employee-based guidance for special education services (ESOL, Gifted, EIP, IEP, etc.)
- 2020 Legislative Summary
- CCSD School Site Administrators List with a Pictorial Roster
- 2020 Graduation Events
- Commended the Office of Communications for winning four National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) awards for their outstanding job in keeping the community informed

ADJOURNMENT

School Board Chair Kyla Cromer adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

School Board Chair

Secretary