

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, July 21, 2016

### 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 21, 2016 in the Historic Canton High School/School Board Auditorium, 110 Academy Street, Canton, Georgia. Present were: Interim Chairman Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chairman Patsy Jordan; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Clark Menard, Kelly Poole 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 Woodstock HS student Greg Carroll.

Robert Rechsteiner provided a brief inspiration.

**Approval of Agenda** On a motion by Mike Chapman, seconded by Patsy Jordan 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 June 7 and June 16, 2016 Public Input Sessions on the 2016-17 Budget and the June 16, 2016 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 Clark Menard, seconded by John Harmon and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (7-0 vote).

Dr. Hightower recognized administrative appointments and transfers approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

### **A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

- A-1. Recognize Bascomb Elementary School - - Winner of 2016 Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals' "School Bell Award" and Principal Kathleen Chandler**

*(Recognized)*

- A-2. Recognize Jennifer Rice, Macedonia Elementary School Media Specialist, as Regional Winner for North Central Georgia by the Georgia Library Media Association & Georgia Association of Instructional Learning**

*(Recognized)*

- A-3. Recognize Five Woodstock High School Students for Earning Second Place at the 2016 TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) Best in Nation Competition**

*(Recognized)*

- A-4. Recognize Georgia Positive Athlete Award Winner Katie Beckham of Woodstock High School**

*(Recognized)*

- A-5. Recognize Cherokee High School Senior Megan Johnson and Sequoyah High School Senior Erin Wehunt - - Recipients of SY 2015-16 Judy Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

*(Recognized)*

- A-6. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Farm Bureau and East Cherokee Baseball**

*(Recognized)*

Motion was made by John Harmon, seconded by Patsy Jordan, and carried to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the Cherokee County Farm Bureau and East Cherokee Baseball, (7-0 vote).

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

**\*B-1. Board Adoption of Call for Election Resolution and Ballot Language**

*(Approved)*

**B-2. Board Recognition of New/Replacement Dean Rusk MS**

**B-3. Board Recognition of GSBA Summer Conference**

**B-4. Board Recognition of CCSD Leadership Symposium**

**C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**

**\*C-1. Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of 2016-17 Modifications to School Board Policies (26) - - on Final Reading**

*(Approved)*

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**\*D-1. Approval Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of May 2016 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

*(Approved)*

**\*D-2. School Board Pre-Approval of Authorized School Fund-Raising Activities for 2016-17 School Year**

*(Approved)*

**E. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**\*E-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

*(Approved)*

**\*E-2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State and Overnight Field Trips**

*(Approved)*

**F. SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

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

*(Approved)*

**G. PERSONNEL**

- \*G-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

*(Approved)*

**H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY**

- \*H-1. Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Establish Tribunal Hearing Panel for Certificated Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract Termination or Suspension**

*(Approved)*

**I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

- \*I-1. Board Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Contract and Memorandum of Understanding with Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. for July 1 - September 30, 2016**

*(Approved)*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)) and a Student Discipline Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 7:31 p.m., (7-0 vote).

The Board returned to open session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion was made by John Harmon, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to modify the findings and disposition of the tribunal panel in Student Discipline Appeal #17-91421 (7-0 vote).

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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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 July 21, 2016. 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 July, 2016.

Melissa Whatley

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

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2017



Kyla Cromer  
Stacy Jordan  
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Kelly Pope  
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