

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING**

**December 12, 2016**

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Vice Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Secretary Mrs. Robin Harper, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Elaine Fowler, Mr. Ron Garner, Mr. Tracy Moore, and Ms. Cheryll Smith. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Quincie L. Moore, Chief Operations Officer for Administrative Services Mr. Joe Walker, Chief Academic Officer for Teaching and Learning Ms. Kim Bagwell, Director of Finance Mr. Steve Bratton, and Director of Human Resources Dr. Carl Carpenter. News media present was Mr. Scott Powell of the Gaffney Ledger.

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 30-40-80(d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, and agenda of this meeting: The Cherokee Chronicle, The Gaffney Ledger, The Shelby Star, The Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Radio Stations WZZQ-AM and WFGN, WSPA-TV, WYFF-TV, and WSOC-TV.

Chairman Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Blackwell led the opening invocation.

Approval of the Board Agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2016, was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated November 14, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Workshop Minutes dated November 28, 2016, was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Workshop dated November 28, 2016, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations was the next item on the agenda and the following were recognized at the meeting:

- **District Christmas Card Contest Winner** – Riley Brizendine – Northwest Elementary School
- **Distinguished Elementary Teacher of Reading** – Kayla Ledford – Alma Elementary
- **Distinguished Secondary Teacher of Reading** – Pam Hughes – Blacksburg High School
- **Distinguished Administrator of Reading** – **Denise Wooten** – Ewing Middle School
- **District Teacher of the Month Recognition**
  - November 2016 – Kenya Kilgore – Gaffney Middle School
  - December 2016 – Roger Patterson – Granard Middle School
- **Middle School Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Grant** – Ryan Childers, BMW
- **DHEC 2016-2017 Recycling Education Grant**
  - Chase Norman, Blacksburg Middle School
- **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Offense-Defense Bowl** – Matthew Davis - Blacksburg Middle School
  
- **Lego Robotics Team Winners and Advancement to State Team Competition**
  - **Ewing Middle School** – Ewing Eaglebotics - Overall Champions
  - **Goucher Elementary School** – LEGORillas – Rising Star
  - **Blacksburg Middle School** – Robocat

Mr. Garner congratulated everyone on their accomplishments and added that it is an honor to see all of these young people achieving and going the extra mile.

Mr. Moore added for everyone to note the extra dedication from the teachers who assisted the students.

Mrs. Fowler stated how wonderful it was to see all of the many accomplishments this evening.

Mrs. Harper stated that this was her favorite part of the meeting and she is proud to see all of these accomplishments. She thanked everyone for what they do for the district.

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. No one requested to speak before the Board.

Update on Building Program was next on the agenda. Mr. John Bassett, Project Coordinator of M.B. Kahn, presented the December 2016 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and provided numerous photographs of the current renovations. Mr. Bassett also provided a recommendation for the Limestone Central Elementary roof, including possible repair options, and an update on the Duke Power right-of-way at Blacksburg High School. He then opened the presentation for Trustee feedback and questions. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to choose Option B, metal roof replacement, for the Limestone-Central Elementary roof and use the previous sales tax funds, capital project funds, and the remaining 2016 bond premium for funding, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Executive Session – for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Dr. Nix made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:30 PM and ended at 9:20 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. said the Board had been in Executive Session for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda.

**Mrs. Harper made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for the discipline of a certified employee, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Personnel Recommendations was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations. **Mrs. Harper made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Instructional Spotlight was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report – Middle School Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Gateway Curriculum with BMW. Ms. Martha Blackwood, Director of Middle Schools, presented the Trustees with an overview on Gateway Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and provided handouts on the new initiative. The program is an expanded pre-engineering curriculum that will be introduced in the fall of 2017 at all middle schools and will serve as a great opportunity for our students. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**



ACT 155 Diploma Requests was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. **Mr. Blackwell made a motion to approve the ACT 155 diploma requests, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Superintendent Evaluation was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore provided each Trustee with the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument along with supporting documents to complete the evaluation. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Blackwell attended the conference and shared on several topics from his conference sessions that ranged from funding to testing. Dr. Moore shared on merging Federal and State accountability proposal. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees received a booklet outlining the process and a reminder of the March 30, 2017, due date. **This was presented for information only; No action was necessary.**

Announcements was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore reviewed the December announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Bailey wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Mr. Blackwell echoed the sentiments of Mr. Bailey.

Mrs. Fowler commented on how quickly the school year has moved along and wished everyone a joyful and blessed holiday.

Mrs. Harper shared Mrs. Fowler's sentiments and commended everyone for working together in the district like they do.

Ms. Smith shared the sentiments of the fellow board members and added for everyone to be safe during the holiday season and to spread the joy of giving this holiday season.

Mr. Moore shared the sentiments of the fellow Board Members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Garner shared the sentiments of the fellow Board Members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Dr. Nix shared the sentiments of the fellow Board Members and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. echoed all of the sentiments of his fellow Trustees this evening and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Garner made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

*Robin McDan Harper*

Mrs. Robin Harper, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

*Johnny Sarratt, Jr.*

Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman