

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

**March 13, 2017**

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017, 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, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Elaine Fowler, Mr. Ron Garner, and Mr. Tracy Moore. 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, led the pledge of allegiance, and held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Bratton. Mr. Garner led the invocation.

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated February 13, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated February 27, 2017, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

- **State Teacher of the Year Finalist**
  - Erin Fox – Gaffney High School
- **SCIRA Reading Administrator of the Year**
  - Dr. Denise Wooten – Ewing Middle School
- **Know(2) Banquet Honorees**
  - Best Supporting Actress Award – Amie Sullivan – Alma Elementary
  - Rising Star Award – Taylor Stanford – Blacksburg High School
  - Rising Star Award – Martha Deleon-Shay – Gaffney High School
- **National Fuel Up to Play 60 Youth Council** – Tyler Norris – Gaffney High School
- **Arts Expo Cover Design Competition Winner**
  - Isabella Patton – Granard Middle School
- **OEC Academic Regional Academic Challenge**
  - OEC Season Academic Challenge Champion – Blacksburg Middle School – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division II
  - OEC Regional Tournament Runner-Up – Granard Middle School – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division II

Mrs. Fowler stated that success is when an individual gives their heart, soul, and mind to achieving. It was such an honor for her to congratulate the students, teachers, and parents of all of these students.

Mr. Garner congratulated all of the students for making good decisions and choosing to concentrate their energy on something positive – they are now reaping those rewards. He also thanked the administrators for going the extra mile. "Always encourage these young people to make good decisions."

Dr. Nix thanked everyone for representing the Cherokee County School District well.

Mr. Blackwell stated how proud he was of everyone, and that a lot of great things are going on in this District.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. congratulated everyone on their honors and offered his encouragement to Mrs. Fox, a finalist in upcoming the Teacher of the Year competition.

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 March 2017 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and provided numerous photographs of the current renovations and new builds. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

The next item on the agenda was Board Policy Revisions. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve Board Policy Revision Section G (1<sup>st</sup> Reading), seconded by Mr. Garner. 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/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Mr. Garner 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/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:04 PM and ended at 8:34 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/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter. **Dr. Nix made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. said that there was no action needed from executive session.

Financial update was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore, Superintendent, gave a brief finance review and asked that the Trustees let her know if they had any questions for Mr. Bratton. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

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. **Mr. Blackwell made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Instructional Spotlight was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Ms. Martha Blackwood, Director of Middle Schools, provided the Trustees with a presentation on STEM Premier SC Future Makers, a statewide initiative that connects the next generation of students in South Carolina to career-based and educational opportunities. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

ACT 155 Diploma Request was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. **Mr. Garner made a motion to approve the ACT 155 diploma request, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

SCSBA Annual Conference was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore, Mr. Blackwell, Dr. Nix, and Mr. Sarratt, Jr. all shared on the recent SCSBA Annual Convention, each giving updates from various educational presentations that ranged from board governance to classroom technology. There was also information given on active shooter drills that prompted an open conversation about the district's protocol for active shooter drills and our community law enforcement involvement in this process. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Mid-Year Energy Report was the next item on the agenda. A copy of the mid-year energy report was included in the Board packets. Mr. Joe Walker, Chief Operations Officer for Administrative Services was available for any questions. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. 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 March 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 offered his condolences to the Bratton family.

Mr. Blackwell shared the sentiments of Mr. Bailey. Mr. Blackwell also stated that a difference is being made in the District.

Mrs. Fowler stated that the success that everyone witnessed tonight is such a reward to the students and teachers and also a highlight to the Board members.

Mr. Moore shared the sentiments of his fellow Board members and commented on how pleased he was with all of the success tonight. He looks forward to seeing this level of success in the District.

Mr. Garner did not have anything to add to his earlier comments that followed honors and accomplishment.

Dr. Nix offered his condolences to the Bratton family.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared his condolences to the Bratton family and asked that they be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers. He thanked everyone for the daily contributions that they make to the District.

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

*Robin Harper*

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Mrs. Robin Harper, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

*Johnny Sarratt, Jr.*

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Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman