

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

June 12, 2017

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 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, Secretary Mrs. Robin Harper, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Elaine Fowler, and Mr. Tracy Moore. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Quincie L. Moore, Chief Operations Officer for Administrative Services Mr. Joe Walker, 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 and held a moment of silence for Ms. Phyllis Cobb. Mr. Blackwell led the invocation.

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated May 8, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

- **Leadership Cherokee – Liv Ivey, Director, Retirement Recognition**
- **17,280,950 Million awarded to Blacksburg High and Gaffney High Schools in Scholarships**

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Tracy Parris requested to speak in front of the Board of Trustees on the possibility of combining Ewing Middle and Gaffney Middle Schools. Mr. Parris shared his views and his concerns on the matter. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Update on Building Program was next on the agenda. Mr. Jeff Hurd, Project Coordinator of M.B. Kahn, presented the June 2017 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and provided numerous photographs of the current renovations and new builds. He also briefly provided information on upcoming summer projects and an update on the HVAC inspections conducted earlier this month. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Feasibility Report on Ewing Middle School and Gaffney Middle School – Student Centered Education Consultants was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Jimmy Littlefield and Mr. Gerald Moore of Student Centered Education Consultants presented their feasibility report findings and considerations on combining Ewing Middle School and Gaffney Middle School. The report concluded that there would be costs associated

with housing both locations at Gaffney Middle School. Costs associated with this project were outlined in three key areas: ensuring enough classrooms, support areas, and traffic zones. Dr. Littlefield concluded his presentation with actions needed in the event of a consolidation and was then available for questions from the Trustees on this report. **After a brief discussion Mrs. Harper made the motion to continue the renovations at Ewing Middle School, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

2017-2018 General Fund Budget (2nd Reading) was on the agenda. Mr. Steve Bratton, Director of Finance, provided the Trustees with an overview of the General Fund Budget Memorandum that was included in the June Board packet and reviewed revenues, expenditures, and other considerations, along with a state budget update. The Trustees had an open discussion on the budget options before making a final decision. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

The next item on the agenda was Board Policy Revisions. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve Board Policy Revision Section C (2nd Reading), seconded by Dr. Nix. 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 was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Mrs. Fowler 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 Issues, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:07 PM and ended at 9:30 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. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Nix. 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. Mr. Steve Bratton, Director of Finance, provided trustees with an update on the general fund budget. **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. **Mrs. Fowler made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voting in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Harper, Dr. Nix, and Mr. Moore. Those opposed: Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Sarratt, Jr. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**

ACT 155 Diploma Requests was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the ACT 155 Diploma Requests, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Mrs. Bessie Westmoreland, Director of Special Services, presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board regarding the Body Mass Index Report for the District. **This information was presented for information only. No action was necessary.**

2017-2018 Board Meeting Dates was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Board Newsletter was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore provided the June newsletter to each Trustee that contained valuable Board information for their review. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

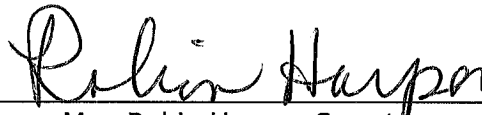
Other Matters was the next item on the agenda.

Mrs. Fowler spoke on the success of our District and thanked Dr. Moore and her team for the work that they do for our students.

Mr. Moore stated that information for the Trustees needed to be given to them prior to the meeting to review.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared his appreciation to the employees and thanked everyone for what they do for the District.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.



Mrs. Robin Harper, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman