

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

May 8, 2017

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Mr. Ron Garner, Mr. Tracy Moore and Ms. Cheryl Smith. 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. Mr. Blackwell led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Presentation of Colors.

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. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated April 10, 2017, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated April 24, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2017, was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated April 25, 2017, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

- **South Carolina Teacher of the Year** – Erin Fox – Gaffney High School
- **Crystal Apple Award Recipient**
 - April – Gloria Sherman – Ewing Middle School
 - May – Kim McCall – Grassy Pond Elementary School
- **HVAC Skills Competition Winners**
 - Connor Brant – 2nd Place
 - Evan Oliver – 3rd Place
 - Zachery Montgomery – 4th Place
 - Holden Coggins – 5th Place
- **12-Year Perfect Attendance**
 - Robert Howard – Gaffney High School
 - John Rodgers – Gaffney High School

- Matthew Wilson – Blacksburg High School
- **Campo Giorno**
 - Overall Winner – Northwest Elementary School
 - Academic Winner – Northwest Elementary School
 - Athletic Event Winner – Alma Elementary School
- **Golden Shoe Winners**
 - Goucher Elementary School – 1st Place
 - Blacksburg Elementary School – 2nd Place
- **Region 1-AA Shot Put Champion** – Kwame Sutton – Blacksburg High School
- **Gaffney High School Golf Team** – Upper State Playoff Finalist
- **Region 3 AAAAA Champions** – Gaffney High School Soccer Team
- **Duke Tip Scholar** – Nicholas Bright – Granard Middle School
- **Region Band Participants**
 - Sierra Bostic – Granard Middle School
 - Blake Harrison – Granard Middle School
 - Kyle Homan – Gaffney Middle School
 - Hunter Lanier – Blacksburg High School
 - Ariel Colon-Rodriquez – Gaffney Middle School
 - Nicholas Wright – Gaffney High School
- **Special Olympics**
 - Michael Armstrong – Elementary Athlete of the Year – Luther Vaughan Elementary School
 - Kelci Thomas – Middle School Athlete of the Year – Granard Middle School
 - Travis Santiago – High School Athlete of the Year – Gaffney High School
- **Junior Scholars**
 - Blacksburg Middle School
 - Gaffney Middle School
 - Ewing Middle School
 - Granard Middle School

Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Moore and Mr. Garner congratulated all of the honorees this evening.

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

Presentation of the Cherokee Technology Naming Committee was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore reviewed the naming facilities policy and the process for naming the new Cherokee Technology Center. The committee began meeting in December 2016 and met 5 times to accomplish the task of naming our new Career and Technology Center and establishing a new logo for this facility. Dr. Moore presented the image of the new logo, Institute of Innovation Cherokee County to the Board of Trustees. **Mr. Garner made the motion to approve the new Cherokee Technology Center name and logo, Institute of Innovation Cherokee County, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Request to Broadcast 2017/2018 Cherokee County Schools Athletic Events was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the request to Broadcast 2017/2018 Cherokee County Schools Athletic Events, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Update on Building Program was next on the agenda. Mr. John Bassett, Project Coordinator of M.B. Kahn, presented the May 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 HVAC assessments. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Report from Budget Committee was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Nix stated that the Budget Committee met on April 24, 2017, and made a recommendation to the Board on the Administrative Salary Plan. **After a brief discussion those in favor of approving the Budget Committee's Administrative Salary Plan recommendation were: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Dr. Nix, Mr. Garner, and Mr. Moore. Those opposed: Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Harper, and Ms. Smith. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**

FY 2017-2018 General Fund Budget First Reading was the next items on the agenda. **Mr. Bailey made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 General Fund Budget First Reading, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Mr. Moore stated that due to the budget concerns for the upcoming school year and the lack of state funding and county funding, the opening of two facilities, and the desire to improve the lives of our current employees and retention he recommended the following: **Mr. Moore made the motion to temporarily put all construction projects on hold at Ewing Middle School until a feasibility study can be done on combining Ewing Middle School and Gaffney Middle School on the Gaffney Middle School Campus, seconded by Mr. Garner. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Sarratt, Jr, Dr. Nix, Mr. Garner, Mrs. Harper, and Mr. Moore. Those opposed of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Fowler and Ms. Smith. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**

FY 2017-2018 Capital Projects Budget was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Bratton reviewed the Capital Projects Budget memorandum and gave an update on the House and Senate voting process.

Mr. Garner made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$1,160,800, excluding the Grassy Pond Elementary School roof project and any work at Ewing Middle School, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

The next item on the agenda was Board Policy Revisions. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve Board Policy Revision Section C (1st 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 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, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 9:06 PM and ended at 10:11 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. **Mr. Garner 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. 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. **Mr. Garner made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Textbook Adoptions for 2017-2018 was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. **Mrs. Fowler made the motion to approve the textbook adoptions for 2017-2018, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Summer Work Hours was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore shared the memorandum that included the upcoming summer work hours for the District. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Report to the People was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore gave an overview of the reports that go home to the parents and the requirements for our district. **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 April and May newsletters to each Trustee that contained valuable Board information for their review. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Announcements was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore reviewed the May 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 conveyed his appreciation to everyone for what they do for the District.

Mr. Blackwell echoed the sentiments of Mr. Bailey and stated how proud he was of everyone tonight.

Mrs. Fowler acknowledged Teacher Appreciation week and Nurse Appreciation week. She spoke on the impact these groups have on our children and ended by quoting George Custer, "It's not how many times you get knocked down that count, it's how many times you get back up."

Mrs. Harper voiced her concerns on the administrative salary ranges. She congratulated Mrs. Nesbitt on her new role at Mary Bramlett Elementary School.

Ms. Smith was so proud of everyone this evening and echoed the sentiments of her fellow Trustees.

Dr. Nix shared his appreciation on the work done by Mr. Bratton and Dr. Moore to present a balanced budget.

Mr. Moore shared his appreciation for all of the honorees tonight and spoke on the decisions of the Trustees and doing their due diligence for the school district and county.

Mr. Garner echoed the sentiments of Mr. Moore and recognized the honorees and the teachers and parents that have a part of this process. He also brought everyone an update on his residence.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. echoed the sentiments of his fellow Trustees. He shared his appreciation to the employees of the District and offered his words of encouragement to everyone.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Robin Harper

Mrs. Robin Harper, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Johnny Sarratt, Jr.

Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman