

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

**August 10, 2015**

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Ms. Cheryll Smith, Vice Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Secretary Dr. Mark Nix, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Elaine Fowler, Mr. Ron Garner, Mrs. Robin Harper, 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 Human Resources Dr. Carl Carpenter, and Director of Finance Mr. Brock Heron. News media present was Mr. Scott Powell of the Gaffney Ledger and Janet Spencer of the Cherokee Chronicle.

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.

Chair Ms. Cheryll Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Blackwell led the opening invocation. AFJROTC presented the Presentation of Colors.

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.**

Reorganization of Board was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion that the Board officers remain the same for the 2015-2016 school year, keeping with Chair Ms. Smith, Vice Chair Mr. Sarratt, Jr., and Secretary Dr. Nix, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Short Recess – Photo Opportunity for media representatives was the next item on the agenda.

Approval of Board Minutes was the next item on the agenda.

Approval of Board Minutes dated June 8, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve Board Minutes dated June 8, 2015, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

After a brief discussion the Dr. Moore requested that the minutes from June 29, 2015 and July 14, 2015 be edited and placed on the September meeting agenda for approval.

Approval of Board Minutes dated July 28, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve Board Minutes dated July 28, 2015, seconded by Dr. Nix. Voting in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Fowler, Dr. Nix, Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Mrs. Harper, and Mr. Moore. Mr. Garner abstained from voting and**

**stated he was not in attendance of the July 28, 2015 meeting. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations were next on the agenda.

- WorkKeys Assessment – Platinum Level
  - Hope Blackwell – Gaffney High School
  - Jake Crocker – Gaffney High School
  - Jacob Martin – Blacksburg High School
- SCSBA Institute Recognition - Boardmanship Institute Training Program
  - Mrs. Elaine Fowler – Level One
  - Mr. Ron Garner - Level Three
  - Mr. Tracy Moore – Level Two
  - Dr. Mark Nix – Level One

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

Request to Webcast Sporting Events for 2015-2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Garner made the motion to approve the request from the Gaffney Ledger to webcast sporting events for the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Update on District Building Plan – M.B. Kahn was next on the agenda. Mr. David Knight, Project Manager and Mr. Nick Montanez, Construction Manager of M.B. Kahn, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the August 2015 Monthly Progress Report that reviewed the progress since the July update. Mr. Knight provided a brief update on the status of the building program, and then opened the floor for any questions. MB Kahn will provide a detailed budget for each location that will itemize completed projects and any remaining allotments at the September 2015 meeting. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Executive Session – Personnel Matters was next 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 to discuss Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, 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 7:45 PM and ended at 8:05 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. said the Board had been in Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District. **Mrs. Harper 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 no action was needed from Executive Session.

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent's Report.

Financial update was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Brock Heron, Director of Finance, provided trustees with an overview of the Bond Resolution and the process the district will use to sell their bonds. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the Bond Resolution, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Personnel Recommendations was the next item 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 Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Act 155 Participants was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. The Trustees requested that the media continue to promote this opportunity before the December 2015 deadline. **Mrs. Harper made motion to approve the Act 155 Participant diploma request for August 2015, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

District Logo and Tagline Proposal was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore reviewed the memorandum requesting a new logo for the District, providing the Trustees with an example of the logo provided at no cost by Jostens or the option to hold a district contest. Examples of contest rules were also given in the memorandum from Dr. Moore. **Mr. Bailey made the motion that the Board approve the logo design as the new District logo, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

District Focus for 2015-2016 was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore included various handouts in the board meeting packets that support the district focus for 2015-2016. Those items included the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate, the District Theme, and Dr. Moore's Welcome Back letter to all staff members. Dr. Moore reviewed each item and added that a monthly instructional update would be added to the Board meeting, providing updates on items like the 1:1 Technology Initiative, Project Based Learning, and Read to Succeed program. An Instructional Data Workshop will be scheduled in October. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Announcements was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore reviewed the announcement 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 good luck and success for the new school year. He also thanked everyone in the district for their hard work.

Mr. Blackwell offered an enthusiastic "Get Ready" for a new school year. Mr. Blackwell also gave a reminder to the maintenance department on fire ants, treating the school grounds prior to the arrival of students.

Mrs. Fowler spoke on her amazing morning when she attended the guest speaker, Manny Scott's presentation at Gaffney High School. Mrs. Fowler shared the struggles Manny Scott spoke of and urged us to read the dedication page in his book, summarizing how his story speaks to us, being a push towards change and that students are greater than their circumstances. Mrs. Fowler ended with how grateful she is to have a superintendent who believes in principals, teachers, and students and believes in making a difference.

Dr. Nix thanked the administration for their hard work this summer and stated he is looking forward to the start of school and stated it is an exciting time to see the progress with the building programs. Dr. Nix encouraged teachers to harness the excitement of the students as they return.


Mr. Moore expressed that he looked forward to a new school year and the opportunity to reward the staff and students this year with the forthcoming accomplishments. He anticipates seeing the results of the changes and focus that have been made in the classrooms along with the progress of the building program.

Mrs. Harper thanked everyone for their hard work this summer and is looking forward to the new school year. She also congratulated her fellow board members on their boardmanship recognition this evening. She looks forward to a great new year.

Mr. Garner stated it is always great to see students excel, especially at the state level like those who were honored tonight. "The students are coming, Good Luck."

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. echoed the sentiments of everyone before him and added that a new school year is upon us and wished good luck to the administrators, teachers, and staff.

The next item on the agenda was adjournment. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Garner made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

  
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Dr. Mark K. Nix, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
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Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Chairman