

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

February 8, 2016

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Cheryll Smith, Vice Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Secretary Dr. Mark Nix, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Elaine Fowler, 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 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 Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Moore led the opening invocation and also asked for a moment of silence for Dominick Galosi and Shemar Byers. He asked that everyone continue to keep Rhett Boheler and Brooke Blanton in their thoughts during this time.

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

Approval of Board Minutes dated January 11, 2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated January 11, 2016, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated January 13, 2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated January 13, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated January 25, 2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Workshop dated January 25, 2016, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

- **Timken Foundation Grant** – Mr. John Milko – Sponsorship for Blacksburg High School Track
- **Todd White** – Granard Middle School – Heroic Effort to Save a Life
- **Educational Grant Recipient** – Limestone-Central Elementary School - Lowe's Toolbox for Education – Courtyard Reading and Reflection Garden
- **Educational Grant Recipient** – Gaffney Middle School – Net Lead Grant
- **Educational Grant Recipient** – Ewing Middle School
 - Lowe's Toolbox for Education – Courtyard Reading and Reflection Garden
 - Small Schools of Choice, School Improvement Grant
- **Zyria Rodgers** – Gaffney High School – South Carolina High School Writing Contest Finalist
- **Kristin Mitchell** – Corinth Elementary School – National Board Certification Awarded November

- **Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest Winner**
 - 8th Grade County Winner: Ellis Green – Blacksburg Middle School
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Winners**
 - High School Level - Zyria Rodgers – Gaffney High School
 - Middle School Level - Jordan Merritt – Blacksburg Middle School
 - Elementary School Level - Ryan Cole Corinth Elementary School
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Winners**
 - High School Level - Erin Vipperman – Blacksburg High School
 - Middle School Level - Sarah Foster – Blacksburg Middle School
 - Elementary School Level - Sarah Katherine Fowler – Grassy Pond Elementary School

Mrs. Harper congratulated all of the honorees and shared her appreciation to everyone on how they are making our district shine. She stated how impressed she was with the Heroic Effort to Save a Life, Heimlich maneuver.

Dr. Nix shared that he worked with Spartanburg Regional and started “what a difference it made to see the first aid training being used to save a life by a student – it is awesome.” He also gave words of advice to the students being honored, stating “to keep up the hard work now so that it will be easier later in life.”

Mrs. Fowler congratulated all of the honorees this evening for their hard work, stating “everyone is proud of you.” She thanked the teachers and principals for all that they do.

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

Update on District Building Plan – M.B. Kahn was next on the agenda. Mr. Nick Montanez, Construction Manager of M.B. Kahn, presented the February 2016 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and provided numerous photographs of the current renovations. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Financial update was the next item under the Superintendent’s Report. Mr. Steve Bratton, Director of Finance, provided trustees with an update on the financial update. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Personnel Recommendations was the next item under the Superintendent’s Report. Ms. Smith 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 Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Instructional Spotlight was the next item under the Superintendent’s Report. Mr. Chad Hudson, Testing Coordinator, provided the Trustees with a presentation on SC Ready and gave a preview on the new testing applications. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

2016-2017 School Calendar was the next item under the Superintendent’s Report. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees were given a reminder of the SEI March 30, 2016 due date. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Announcements was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore reviewed the February announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

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. Ms. Smith 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. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:30 PM and ended at 9:40 PM. Ms. Smith 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. Moore made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

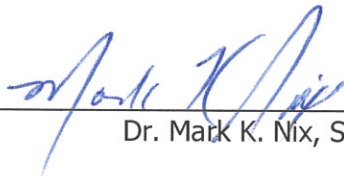
Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. Ms. Smith said that no action was needed from Executive Session.

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda.

Mrs. Fowler stated "We are one district, one goal, and one team to educate children"

Dr. Nix asked to bring back the Cherokee County Technology Center HVAC class. They recently provided repair services to a family who did not have heat.

The next item on the agenda was adjournment. Ms. Smith called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Fowler made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Harper Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



Dr. Mark K. Nix, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Chairman