

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

January 11, 2016

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Cheryl 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 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 6:00 PM. Mr. Blackwell led the opening invocation.

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.**

Executive Session – For the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment 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 the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 6:03 PM and ended at 7:00 PM. Ms. Smith said the Board had been in Executive Session For the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment. **Mr. Garner made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda.

Mrs. Harper made the motion that based on a favorable performance evaluation, the Board wishes to extend the Superintendent's contract to June 30, 2019, increased salary to \$140,500, increased the annuity contribution by 1%, from 11% to 12% as part of the contract, and modify paragraph section 11C of the employment agreement to provide a 12-month severance pay agreement in the event of a unilateral termination, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Approval of Board Minutes dated December 14, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated December 14, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations was the next item on the agenda – Dr. Moore recognized the Board of Trustees for Board Appreciation month and congratulated them on their individual and combined 56 years of service.

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 January 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.**

Update of Funding Streams - Compass Municipal Advisors was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Mike Gallagher, Compass Municipal Advisors, presented the Board of Trustees with an overview of the funding streams in place for the building program and the 1:1 initiative. Mr. Gallagher also provided a short overview of the Cherokee County School District Debt Program that detailed a Debt Capsule Report, Debt Services Structure and Limitations, and a Millage Cash Flow and Levy Summary. Mr. Gallagher concluded by projecting a 1% millage value growth rate and highlighted the availability of additional funds for future needs of the District.

The Trustees were provided with two Bond Resolution agreements in their monthly board packets, each presented with a recommendation for approval. Ms. Frannie Heizer, McNair Law Firm, was present and provided additional information on the resolutions presented for approval and answered any questions.

Mrs. Harper made a motion to move forward with Resolution number one and allow the Superintendent to enter into the agreement with our Bond Attorney and financial advisors, seconded by Mr. Moore. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Mr. Garner made a motion to move forward with Resolution number two and allow the Superintendent to enter into the agreement with the Bond Attorney and financial advisors, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Financial update was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Steve Bratton, Director of Finance, provided trustees with an overview of the audit report along with our Independent Auditor, Mr. Ben Kochenhower. Mr. Bratton also provided the Trustees with budget timeline for 2016-2017. **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 Dr. Nix. 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 received a booklet outlining the process and a reminder of the 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 January 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 shared his appreciation by thanking everyone for what they do in the district and congratulated Dr. Moore on her favorable evaluation.

Mr. Blackwell appreciated the Board recognition this evening and thanked everyone for the gift. Mr. Blackwell congratulated Dr. Moore on her evaluation and added how much the Board has come together.

Mrs. Fowler shared how much she appreciates what Dr. Moore does for the District and the children of the District. Mrs. Fowler stated "Just as it takes a village to raise children, it is going to take a District to educate children."

Dr. Nix expressed his gratitude to the employees for the Board Appreciation gift and shared the sincere interest of our students by discussing the Blacksburg High School students' fundraising event organized to benefit a district employee in need of assistance due to a recent illness. Dr. Nix also thanked anyone who had made a donation.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for his Board Appreciation gift, congratulated Dr. Moore on her evaluation, and commented on the continual improvements in the District with what everyone brings to the table.

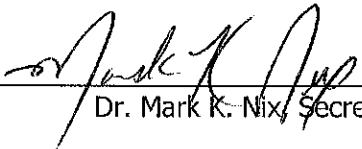
Mrs. Harper reiterated the sentiments of Mr. Moore and thanked Dr. Moore for her efforts along with the employees of the district.

Mr. Garner thanked Dr. Moore for her progress in the District and thanked the principals and everyone for their efforts. Mr. Garner also shared his gratitude towards the Board and how they have continued to work together for the betterment of the District.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. congratulated Dr. Moore and thank her for being a great woman of integrity. He concluded with expressing his appreciation for his Board Appreciation gift.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for the Board Appreciation gift and congratulated Dr. Moore on her accomplishment this evening and added how excited she is to be working with Dr. Moore and the District.

The next item on the agenda was adjournment. Ms. Smith called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Garner made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.



Dr. Mark K. Nix, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Chairman