

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

November 9, 2015

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2015 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, 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 7:00 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. led the opening invocation. AFJROTC presented the Colors.

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

Approval of Board Minutes dated October 12, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. After a brief discussion Mr. Garner asked that an edit be made to the minutes for the final approval. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated October 12, 2015, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated October 19, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated October 19, 2015, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated October 26, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve minutes for the Board meeting dated October 26, 2015, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Dr. Moore began the Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations with an observance for Veterans' Day and read words of appreciation to all of our Veterans and service members before recognizing the following honorees:

- Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program Grant Recipients
 - Alma Elementary School
 - B.D. Lee Elementary School
 - Luther Vaughan Elementary School
 - Mary Bramlett Elementary School
- Ewing Middle School Volleyball Team –Foothills Conference Tournament Champions
- Blacksburg High School Marching Band – 3rd Place Class 1A State Championship
- Gaffney High School Golf Team – Region 3-AAAA Champions
- Taylor Covington- Gaffney High School All-Region 3-4A Swimmer

Ms. Smith congratulated all of the Honors and Accomplishments honorees this evening on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Fowler stated "these are tomorrow's leaders," it takes all of these areas working together to equal success. She thanked all of the students, principals, and students and added a special thank you to the ladies that work in the lunch rooms for all that they do for the district.

Mr. Garner stated "Do something with making music," and said young musicians need to be encouraged to keep going and to make music. "Be all that you can be, make the world go round."

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 November 2015 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects. Ms. Donza Madison of McMillan, Pazdan, and Smith presented to the Trustees the final SCDOT traffic pattern options for Grassy Pond Elementary and Northwest Elementary and asked that a decision be made in order to start the bidding process in January. Ms. Madison also reviewed three building options for B.D. Lee Elementary School. After a brief discussion the Trustees requested that pros and cons of the three building options be provided to them to review. **Mr. Blackwell made a motion that the Board accept the original SCDOT traffic pattern option for Northwest Elementary School, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Fowler, Dr. Nix, Ms. Smith, Mr. Sarratt Jr., Mr. Garner, and Mrs. Harper. Those opposed to the motion: Mr. Moore. The motion did pass due to a majority vote.**

Executive Session – for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District. Ms. Smith called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Mrs. Harper 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 8:20 PM and ended at 9:12 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. **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. Ms. Smith said that no action was needed from Executive Session.

Financial update was the next item 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 under the Superintendent's Report. Ms. Smith called for a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations. **Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Dr. Nix, Ms. Smith, Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Mr. Garner, Mrs. Harper and Mr. Moore. Mrs. Fowler recused herself from voting on this item. The motion did pass due to a majority vote.**

Instructional Spotlight was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Ms. Kim Bagwell, Chief Academic Officer presented, to the Board of Trustees an overview of the District and School Report Cards. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

American Education Week was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore reviewed the American Education Week memorandum and schedule of events for November 16-20, 2015. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Act 155 Participants was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. **Mrs. Harper made motion to approve the Act 155 diploma requests for November 2015, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Superintendent Evaluation was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore provided each Trustee with a timeline that outlined the steps and due dates for the Superintendent's Evaluation and a copy of the evaluation rubric for their review. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

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.**

Announcements was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Moore reviewed the November 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 thanked everyone for what they do in the district. He also thanked Mr. Shane Dixon of Blacksburg High School for his accomplishments and his dedication to the band.

Mr. Blackwell echoed Mr. Bailey's sentiments and shared his appreciation for what the Blacksburg High School Band has accomplished.

Mrs. Fowler stated it was always an honor to see students achieving outside of books. She congratulated both Blacksburg High School and Gaffney High School for their band accomplishments and added how thrilling it is to see groups coming together, such as Shane Dixon assisting the Gaffney High School band. She took note of Molly Spearman's October Address and informed everyone that Mrs. Spearman plans on reducing the amount of testing for students.

Dr. Nix asked that Mr. Scott Powell assist with getting the word out that that the ACT 155 diploma time frame is coming to an end next month. Dr. Nix added that he appreciated his fellow Board members for the different perspectives that they bring to the table.

Mr. Moore offered his appreciation to Mr. Jason Waters and the Resource Officers and the job that they do and the responsibility they have with upholding the zero tolerance rules and regulations.

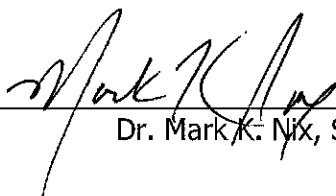
Mrs. Harper inquired about a fishing team. She has had requests for contributions to a team/club and mentioned getting this information out to the parents so they can be informed.

Mr. Garner shared the sentiments of Mr. Moore on the responsibilities of the Resource Officers and stated, "God Bless the Classroom Teachers."

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. congratulated all of the accomplishments of the students this evening. He thanked everyone from the Superintendent down and said that everyone plays a vital role in the student's education.

Ms. Smith shared the sentiments of the fellow Board members and added how much she appreciated the classroom teachers. "It's all about the students," she stated.

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 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