

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

March 14, 2016

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 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, 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. Garner led the opening invocation.

Approval of the Board Agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Garner stated he would like to amend the agenda to include student discipline matter to the executive session. Mr. Garner made the motion to approve the agenda with the modification, seconded by Mr. Sarratt Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated February 8, 2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated February 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. Moore. Mr. Garner abstained from voting due to his absence from the February 8, 2016, meeting. Trustees voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Fowler, Dr. Nix, Ms. Smith, Mr. Sarratt, Jr., and Mr. Moore. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**

Approval of Board Minutes dated February 29, 2016 was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting dated February 29, 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:

- **Gaffney Rotary Club, Timken Foundation, Under Armour – “Happy Feet” Project**
- **District Spelling Bee Winner** – Mason Waltman – Gaffney Middle School - School 8th Grade
- **District Spelling Bee Winner Runner-Up** – Samantha Hardin – Blacksburg Middle School 7th Grade
- **Piedmont Science Fair Winners**
 - Zack Toney –1st Place Elementary BEH/SOC SCI 1 – Blacksburg Elementary School
 - Chloe Beaty – Honorable Mention Elementary MATH/CS – Corinth Elementary School
 - Halleigh Carroll – 2nd Place Middle School BEH/SOC SCI – Gaffney Middle School
 - Zachary Barnes – 1st Place Middle School Biology – Granard Middle School
 - Michael Bevis – Honorable Mention Middle School MATH/CS – Granard Middle School

- Shelby McGaha – 2nd Place Middle School Physics and U.S. Navy Junior Award – Ewing Middle School
- **“This Schools Got Talent” Statewide Competition Winner** – Off The Wall – Gaffney High School
- **First Tee/Bob Thomas Scholarship Winner**
 - Grand Prize Winner – Ashtan Samuel – Corinth Elementary School
 - Runner-Up – Dylan Stockwell – Grassy Pond Elementary School
- **First Tee School “Successful Kids” Scholarship Winners**
 - Cam McGill – Grade 4 Alma Elementary School
 - Josie Stroupe – Grade 4 Blacksburg Elementary School
 - Ava Avizinis – Grade 2 Blacksburg Primary School
 - Ashtan Samuel – Grade 5 Corinth Elementary School
 - Rainey Cole – Grade 4 – Corinth Elementary School
 - Shea Rhinehart – Grade 5 Draytonville Elementary School
 - Joshua Paulino – Grade 6 Gaffney Middle School
 - Garret Fowler – Grade 4 – Goucher Elementary School
 - Dylan Stockwell – Grade 4 Grassy Pond Elementary School
 - Emma Harvey – Grade 4 – Limestone-Central Elementary School
 - Joshua Bratton – Grade 5 Limestone-Central Elementary School
 - Artez Huff – Grade 5 Mary Bramlett Elementary School
 - Will Phillips – Grade 4 Northwest Elementary School

Dr. Nix stated that with that were being recognized tonight, it really made the Board members’ evening. He greatly appreciated what has been accomplished in the district.

Mr. Garner stated that a lot can be learned from the First Tee golf experience. He had the opportunity to see “Off the Wall” perform at his church and then shared his appreciation and congratulations to the parents and teachers who share a part in these accomplishments.

Mr. Blackwell shared how proud he was of all of the students and stated how great it is to see all of these honors. “It is great to see what everyone is doing in the District”.

Mrs. Fowler said, “What a wonderful opportunity to see our Cherokee County students excel.” She added that she has seen some of these students more than once. She is proud of all of the students and congratulated everyone.

Ms. Smith congratulated everyone and shared how these accomplishments bring tears to her heart.

Mr. Moore pointed out the extra mile the students have taken and by doing so they are showing good character traits. Mr. Moore reiterated Mr. Garner’s sentiments on sharing appreciation with the Teachers and Parents for these honors.

Update on Building Program was next on the agenda.

Mr. Nick Montanez, Construction Manager of M.B. Kahn, presented the March 2016 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and provided numerous photographs of the current renovations. Donza Maddison and her associate presented the Trustees with a 3D video of the new B.D. Lee Elementary school design. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Dr. Moore and Mr. Bratton reviewed the memorandums that were included in the Trustees’ packets on Cost Analysis of the Reservation of Gaffney High School, Cost Comparison Natural Grass vs. Artificial Turf, and the Blacksburg High School Athletic Needs and asked that athletic need decisions be considered at the April 11, 2016, meeting. **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 a financial status to date. **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. Garner made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

SCSBA 2016 Annual Convention was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Blackwell and Mrs. Fowler both commented on the Dorman High School presentation on block scheduling and growth plans. Mrs. Fowler also shared on the Leesburg High School "Think Tank Teacher Model." Dr. Nix noted the role that athletics play in academics, presented by the High School League, and the availability to talk to other area Board members and Donza Maddison, our Architect. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared on Alternative Discipline, quoting the presenter, "If you want to get to the core of a school, open a rule book or look at the mission statement, this will show you how they relate to each other and give you the core of the people". Ms. Smith shared on the ABC's of conflict and making schools positive presented at her Board Chair workshop. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. 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 on the agenda. Dr. Moore reviewed the March 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/Legal Advice from Attorney/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter was the next item on the agenda. Ms. Smith 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/Legal Advice from Attorney/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:35 PM and ended at 10:15 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/Legal Advice from Attorney/Contractual Matters/Student Discipline Matter. **Dr. Nix made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Mr. Blackwell made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for the discipline of the certified employee, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Mrs. Fowler made the motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for the discipline of the classified employee, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

The next item on the agenda was Other Matters and 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 10:20 PM.



Dr. Mark K. Nix, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Chairman