

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

October 12, 2015

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were 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, 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.

Vice Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After a moment of silence for the South Carolina Flood victims, Mr. Blackwell led the opening invocation. AFJROTC presented the 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.**

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

Approval of Board Minutes dated October 7, 2015 was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve Board Minutes dated October 7, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Fowler. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations were next on the agenda.

- Glenn and Ann Fuller – Masonic Lodge Donation of George Washington Prints to all schools.
- Marisa Shehan – Commended Student for the National Merit Scholarship Program – Gaffney High School
- First Tee Skills and Life Skills Team Challenge
 - 9 Healthy Habits Champion: Jenna Parris – Northwest Elementary
 - 9 Core Values Champion: Luke Bender – Northwest Elementary
 - 9 Core Values Champion: Emma Harvey – Limestone-Central Elementary
 - Team Challenge Champions- Blacksburg Elementary – Essay and Art Winners

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. David Knight, Project Manager and Mr. Nick Montanez, Construction Manager of M.B. Kahn, presented the October 2015 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects and a financial summary of each project. Ms. Donza Madison of McMillan, Pazdan, Smith provided the Trustees with additional information on the Grassy Pond Elementary and Northwest Elementary proposed new traffic patterns. A Building Program Workshop has been

scheduled on November 23, 2015. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Executive Session – for the purpose of discussing a Student Discipline Matter/Legal Advice Regarding a Personnel Matter 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 a Student Discipline Matter/Legal Advice Regarding a Personnel Matter, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:25 PM and ended at 10:20 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr., said the Board had been in Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter/Legal Advice Regarding a Personnel Matter. **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.

Mr. Garner made the motion to uphold the decision of the superintendent regarding the discipline decision for the classified employee, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Mr. Garner made the motion to uphold the recommendation of the superintendent to set aside the expulsion decision and allow the student to finish their education at the Adult Education Program and receive a diploma, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Fowler, Dr. Nix, Mr. Garner, Mrs. Harper and Mr. Moore. Those opposed to the motion: Mr. Sarratt, Jr. The motion did pass due to a majority vote.

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

Personnel Recommendations was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations. **Mrs. Harper 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. **Mrs. Harper made motion to approve the Act 155 diploma requests for October 2015, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Certification of Delegates for the 2015 Delegate Assembly was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Nix, Mrs. Harper, and Mrs. Fowler volunteered to serve as 2015 delegates at the upcoming December 2015 conference. Mrs. Moss will forward this information to the South Carolina School Board Association.

Instructional Spotlight –Ms. Kim Bagwell, Chief Academic Officer, presented to the Board of Trustees an overview of Project Based Learning, an instructional method that takes the focus off of the teacher and puts the spotlight on the student. Project Based Learning fosters collaboration, provides solutions, engages students, and teaches responsibility and accountability. **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 October 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 thanked everyone for what they do in the district. He also appreciated all of the recent prayers and condolences due to the passing of his mother.

Mr. Blackwell shared his appreciation to everyone for what they are doing for the district and further congratulated the honorees this evening, adding an additional thank you to Dr. Moore and Dr. Fitzpatrick for their assistance, making it possible for his dad see the football game this past Friday night.

Mrs. Fowler repeated Kim Bagwell's statement, Transforming Education through Project Based Learning and added a Chinese Proverb, "Tell me, I'll Forget. Show me, I'll Remember. Involve me, I'll understand." She added her praise for instructional visits, pointing out that change is hard, but the visits will promote growth in teachers and administrators, indicating strengths and concerns. Mrs. Fowler stated "Cherokee County School District is going places, watch us grow."

Dr. Nix offered his appreciation to Dr. Moore, the faculty, and the staff and their commitment to the district. He also shared about the dedication he witnessed earlier in the evening of one of our recognized students who was studying prior to the meeting, pointing out the commitment of that student and why he understands her awarded accommodation from the National Merit scholarship program.

Mr. Moore asked if the Instructional Workshop would provide testing information. He also stated that with the decisions that were made tonight, this was one of his most difficult meetings. Moving forward, he stated that everyone in administration should be held as accountable as the students.

Mrs. Harper reiterated Mr. Moore's comments and added her appreciation to everyone for they do for our district.

Mr. Garner shared the sentiments of Mr. Moore and Mrs. Harper, adding that we should make the administrators accountable along with the Board members. Decisions should be made from fact and not emotions.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared the sentiments of his fellow Board members and added everyone has their reasons for their decisions, and that everyone will not always agree.

Ms. Smith was not able to attend the meeting this evening.

The next item on the agenda was adjournment. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.



Dr. Mark K. Nix, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Chairman