

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2013

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Mike Ellis, Vice Chair Mr. Jim Touchberry, Secretary Ms. Cheryll D. Smith, Mr. Barry E. Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mr. Ron Garner, Mrs. Robin D. Harper, Mr. C. Alan McEntire, and Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Quincie L. Moore, Associate Superintendent for Accountability and Planning Dr. Carlotta Redish, and Director of Finance Mr. Brock Heron. News media present was Mr. Scott Powell – Gaffney Ledger.

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 3-40-80(d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date and agenda of this meeting: The Blacksburg Times, The Cherokee Chronicle, The Gaffney Ledger, The Shelby Star, the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Radio Stations WEAC-AM and WFGN, WSPA-TV, WYFF-TV, and WSOC-TV.

Chair Mr. Mike Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and recognized the news media present. There was a moment of silence held in memory of student Anna Rhinehart. Mr. Jim Touchberry led in the opening prayer. AFJROTC presented the Presentation of Colors.

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

Workshop Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Touchberry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Workshop Meeting Minutes dated October 29, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Touchberry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. Dr. Moore stated that there was a typographical error on page 2 that would be corrected and corrected copies would be given to the Trustees.

Regular Board Minutes dated November 12, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Touchberry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Workshop Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2012 were presented for approval. Mr. Touchberry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Workshop Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2013 were presented for approval. Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Touchberry. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations were the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore recognized the Gaffney High football team for winning of the 2012 AAAA Division I Football Championship. She recognized Coach Jones, all other coaches and the football players. Dr. Moore recognized the Board members for Board Appreciation Month. She presented each member with a card and gift from the District and announced each member's time on the Board. Trustees will also be honored by two schools each in the district.

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. No one requested to address trustees according to policy.

The next item on the agenda was Board Policy – Section J (First Reading). **Mr. Ron Garner made a motion to remove *Staff should be properly trained in physical restraint by certified trainers to recognize and react when and only when a student's behavior poses a threat of imminent physical harm to self or others* from Policy JKA, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** On policy JRA-R Student Records, **Mr. Garner made the motion to remove *and notify the parent of the transfer*, seconded by Mr. Touchberry. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** On page 4 of JRA-R Students Records, **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to remove *On the same day, the person releasing the information must mail written notification of the above to the parent or eligible student at the last known address if there is no evidence that the parent or eligible student is aware of the release of information*, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** **Mr. Garner made the motion that based on the Board Policy J be implemented beginning in the 2013-2014 school year based on the first reading, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

The next item on the agenda was Progress of Maintenance Projects. Mr. Willis provided updates on the progress of several maintenance projects. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

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

Financial Update was the next item on the agenda – Mr. Brock Heron, Director of Finance, reviewed the process and timeline for getting budget information from the State as well as the timeline for completion of the 2013-2014 local budget. Mr. Heron reviewed the audit report and explanations on what the funding sources were. Mr. Heron then presented a PowerPoint on the SC Jobs, Education, and Tax Act (SCJET) of 2013 Proposal. He then gave an overview of the Risky Business Seminar that he and Ms. Cheryll Smith had attended. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Certified Personnel Recommendations was next on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the recommendations as written, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

After a five minute recess, Trustees resumed with the next item on the agenda: Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument. After some discussion, **Mr. Ron Garner made the motion to approve the Instrument, seconded by Mr. Johnny Sarratt. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Strategic Planning Proposal was next on the agenda. Dr. Moore stated that a new Five Year Strategic Plan will be submitted in April. Dr. Odell Stuckey has agreed to be the External Facilitator for the district's five year plan. Dr. Redish will be the Internal Facilitator. The dates of the meetings will be February 11 and 12 and April 26. Dr. Moore stated that the Accreditation Process Review will take place in March of 2014 also. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Facility Study Proposal was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore wants to discuss the proposal at the January 28th Board Workshop. She has spoken with a company representative about the district needs and wants to bring the company representative to the Workshop on January 28. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Summary of Superintendent's Advisory Meetings was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore gave an overview of the meetings and shared some of the questions that advisory members asked during the meetings. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

District and School Report Cards was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore shared a PowerPoint which reviewed the information on the District Report Card. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Safety Update was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore shared with the Trustees the Cherokee County District and School Emergency Operations Manual with procedures for different emergency situations that have been shared with county Emergency Preparedness personnel. There is now a transportation handbook and the district is also working on athletic procedures to ensure consistency with district and school procedures. The Board Policies are being updated. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Board Newsletters was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore provided newsletters to trustees that contained valuable Board information for their review. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Next on the agenda was Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Report. Dr. Moore stated that this was for information only and noted filing date requirements. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Announcements were the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore reminded trustees of upcoming events.

Other Matters:

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone for what they do. He also congratulated those that were recognized during the meeting. He also thanked Dr. Moore for the dinner and recognition.

Mr. Blackwell thanked everyone for the gift. He also thanked Dr. Moore for all she is doing. He told Mr. Willis that he is serious about cutting ties with the company who is doing the roofing project at Draytonville.

Mr. Garner thanked the staff for dinner and the gift. He thanked Brock for all the information he has given the Board. He also thanked all district staff for what they are doing.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for the dinner. She thanked Dr. Moore for all she is doing and told Brock he is awesome. She thanked everyone for all that they do.

Mr. Touchberry thanked everyone for the dinner. He appreciated all the reports given to keep the trustees informed. He commended the district for all the work they do to make sure that our students are graduating.

Mrs. Harper said ditto to Mr. Touchberry. She thanked everyone for the dinner and gift and appreciates everyone's efforts in the District.

Mr. McEntire stated that everybody is working hard to get things done in the district. He asked when will the trustees be given salary information that has been requested and hopes salary scales will be on agenda soon. He also asked for information about consolidating schools. He stated that Ewing needs work that will cost a lot of money and the need to consolidate is for safety reasons. He appreciates all the work everyone is doing.

Mr. Sarratt stated that he hopes everyone will keep the Rhinehart family in their prayers. He thanked Dr. Moore for all she does. He also stated that we need to get plans together, set some agendas, and get some things done.

Mr. Ellis congratulated the Gaffney High football team and all their hard work. He stated this makes 17 championships. He appreciates what everyone is doing in the district. He also appreciates the Board and all of them agreeing to every motion made tonight.

Mr. Ellis called for a motion to adjourn. After several trustees made the motion, Mr. Ellis said that would serve as the motion and the second. The Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.



Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Mr. Mike A. Ellis, Chairman

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