

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 11, 2013

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 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 (by phone), 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 were Mr. Scott Powell - Gaffney Ledger and Mr. Tommy Martin – Cherokee Chronicle.

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 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. Ms. Smith led in the opening prayer. AFJROTC presented the Presentation of Colors. Mr. Mike Ellis informed the trustees that Mr. Jim Touchberry was recently hospitalized and was in the process of recovering. He was not able to attend the meeting in person but would be participating by phone.

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

Board Meeting Minutes dated February 11, 2013 were presented for approval. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 18, 2013 were presented for approval. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Called Board Meeting Minutes dated February 25, 2013 were presented for approval. **Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. McEntire. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations were the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore recognized Mrs. Brenda Sharts – SCIRA Finalist for Administrator in Reading, Mrs. Stacie Sprouse – Regional 5 Teacher of the Year from the South Carolina Association of Adult Community Education, Jabria Reid – National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist, Regional Science Fair Winners, Granard Middle School – Project Unify Participants, and State Wrestling Champions – Zach Clary and Thomas Mabry.

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Jason Meadows and Mr. Charles Dawkins with Gaffney Little League Football spoke about the use of the District's Middle School Field's.

The next item on the agenda was Board Policy – Section D (Final Reading). **Mr. Blackwell made a motion that the Board accepts Section D (Final 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.**

Executive Session – Personnel Matters and Legal Update on Pending Lawsuits and Law Enforcement Investigation was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Ellis called for a motion to go into executive session. **Ms. Smith made the motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters and Legal Update on Pending Lawsuits and Law Enforcement Investigation, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously to go into executive session.** The executive session began at 7:40 PM and ended at 8:15 PM. Mr. Ellis said the board had been in executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters and Legal Update on Pending Lawsuits and Law Enforcement Investigation and called for a motion to return to regular session. **Ms. Smith made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Ellis said that no action was needed from executive session.

District Hiring Practices was the next item on the agenda. After a lengthy discussion, **Mr. Blackwell made a motion that the Board go back to the hiring practices that everyone has to be approved by the Board, seconded by Mr. McEntire. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Board Meeting Schedule was the next item on the agenda. After a lengthy discussion, **Mr. Blackwell made a motion to meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the months, seconded by Mrs. Harper. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Garner, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Harper, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Sarratt, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Touchberry. The motion passed by a majority vote.**

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, provided trustees with the monthly financial report. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Salary Schedule Study was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Brock Heron, Director of Finance, provided trustees with Salary Schedule information. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Facility Study Proposal was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Brock Heron, Director of Finance, provided information to the trustees regarding the Facility Study Proposals from Thomas Turner and MB Kahn. **Mr. Garner made a motion to further discuss the Facility Study Proposals at the next scheduled Board Workshop, seconded by Mr. McEntire. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Strategic Planning Update was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Redish provided trustees with an update on Strategic Planning. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Common Core Update was the next item on the agenda. Mrs. Kim Bagwell provided trustees with an update on Common Core. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

2012-2013 Mid-Year Energy Education Report was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore provided a copy of the 2012-2013 Mid-Year Energy Education Report to each trustee for their review. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

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

Home & School Connection Newsletter was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore provided a copy of Home & School Connection Newsletter to the trustees for their review. **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 congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. Blackwell congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. Garner congratulated those that were honored during the meeting. He thanked Dr. Moore and district staff for all they do.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for all they do. She thanked Dr. Moore for leading this district. She also thanked Dr. Redish for all she does.

Mr. Touchberry thanked everyone for the prayers and support. He thanked everyone for all they do. He also congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mrs. Harper thanked everyone for all they do in the district. She congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. McEntire congratulated those who were honored during the meeting. He thanked Mrs. Bagwell and Ms. Blackwood for all their hard work. He also thanked Ms. Davis and Mrs. Patterson for all the years they have put in the district and wished them the best in their retirement.

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Mr. Sarratt thanked everyone for all they do. He congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. Ellis thanked everyone for all they do. He congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. Ellis called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.



Ms. Cheryl D. Smith, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Mr. Mike A. Ellis, Chairman