## CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

# MAY 13, 2013

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 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 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. Mr. Blackwell 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.

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations were the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore recognized Natalie Harris – 2012-2013 Lieutenant Governor's Bridging Generations Award, Mr. Eric Smalley – Bottle Cap Art Work, Gaffney High School AFJROTC – Distinguished Unit with Merit Award, Chief Randall Byars – Regional AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor Award, Blacksburg High School National History Club – National Chapter of the Year for 2012-2013, Granard Middle School –  $1^{\rm st}$  Place OEC Academic Challenge Quiz Bowl Competition Winners, Leighlan Fowler, Stephanie Agapion, and Mary Ann Huff –  $3^{\rm rd}$  Place National History Day Contest, Brody Vipperman – Duke TIP Award, Amber Black and Amelia Martin – Blacksburg High School 2013 Track & Field State Championship Winners, Leah Fair & Xavier Foster – Gaffney High School 2013 Track & Field State Championship Winners.

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School Board Policy BCBI — Pubic Participation was the next item on the agenda. Ms. Nicole Hollis spoke about bullying issues at Ewing Middle School.

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.** 

The next item on the agenda was Strategic Plan Approval. After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the 5-Year Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Garner. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

The next item on the agenda is Board Policy Revisions Section F – Facilities Planning and Development (Final Reading). Dr. Carpenter discussed the changes that were made and asked trustees for approval of Section F. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Board Policy Section F, seconded by Mr. Touchberry. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Executive Session – Personnel Matters/Contractual Issues was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Ellis called for a motion to go into executive session. Ms. Smith made a motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters/Contractual Issues, seconded by Mr. McEntire. Trustees voted unanimously to go into executive session. The executive session began at 7:40 PM and ended at 8:35 PM. Mr. Ellis said the board had been in executive session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters/Contractual Issues and called for a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Garner made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Blackwell made a recommendation that the district move insurance to the South Carolina School Board Insurance Trust and give Mr. Heron permission to contact the current broker to let them know of the change and that this change will take place as of July 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the recommendation.

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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 a financial update. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.** 

Budget Preparation for 2013-2014 – School Budgets and Student/Teacher Ratio was the next item on the agenda. Mr. McEntire asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Mr. McEntire voiced his concerns regarding individual school budgets and the disbursement of student allotment funds. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Touchberry voiced his concerns regarding the discussion. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.** 

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

Report to the Parents was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore provided a copy of each schools Report to the Parents to the trustees for their review. **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.** 

Summer Hour Schedule was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore informed the trustees of the summer hours for the district. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.** 

Facility Study Update was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Moore provided trustees with an update regarding the District Facility Study. **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.

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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. He thanked everyone for all they do.

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

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 congratulated those that were honored during the meeting.

Mr. Touchberry 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 thanked everyone for all they do. He appreciates the good work everyone is doing.

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.

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Mr. Ellis called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Touchberry. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

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Ms. Cheryll D. Smith, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Mr. Mike A. Ellis, Chairman

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