

# **CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 30, 2010**

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in called session on Monday, August 30, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Donnie Smith, Vice Chair Mr. Ron Garner, Secretary Mr. Willie J. Crosby, Mr. Barry E. Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mr. Mike A. Ellis, Mrs. Robin D. Harper, Mr. Christopher Alan McEntire, and Ms. Cheryll D. Smith. Administrators present were Interim Superintendent Mrs. Kim Bagwell, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services & Instruction Dr. Carlotta Redish, and Interim Director of Finance Mr. Charlie Tillotson. Mrs. Andrea White with Duff Turner & White was also present. News media present were Mr. Scott Powell - Gaffney Ledger, Mr. Tommy Martin – Cherokee Chronicle, Mrs. Janet Spencer – The Blacksburg Times, Fox Carolina News – Channel 21, WYFF – News Channel 4, and WSPA-TV – News Channel 7.

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. Donnie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and recognized the news media present. Mr. Crosby led in the opening prayer.

Approval of the Board Agenda was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Smith stated the Board needed to add discussion of reassignment of personnel to the executive session and asked for a motion to this regard. **Mr. Garner made the motion to add this item to the executive session and amend the agenda accordingly. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Blackwell. The motion passed by majority vote.**

**Mr. Blackwell made the motion to add Public Participation to the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Harper. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, Mr. Crosby, and Mr. Blackwell. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The motion failed by majority vote.**

Mr. Smith read a public statement concerning the Board's expectations regarding the behavior of the crowd in attendance according to State Statutes 16-17-420 and 16-17-530.

The next item on the agenda was Executive Session – for the following purposes: discussions related to selection of an Interim Superintendent, receipt of legal advice regarding pending claims against the District, and discussion of assignment of personnel. Mr. Smith called for a motion to go into executive session. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion that the discussion and interviews be conducted in open session, seconded by Mrs. Harper. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Blackwell. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The motion failed by majority vote.** After lengthy discussion regarding the intent of the executive session, **Mr. Bailey made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Ellis. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Blackwell. The motion passed by majority vote.** Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Harper, and Ms. Smith excused themselves and did not attend the executive session. The executive session began at 6:38 PM and ended at 9:25 PM. Mr. Smith stated the purpose of the executive session and called for a motion to return to regular session. Mr. McEntire made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey. **The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Blackwell. The motion passed by majority vote.**

Mr. Smith stated the Board had interviewed three candidates for Interim Superintendent, discussed terms of employment for the Interim Superintendent, and discussed pending claims against the district. He called for a motion from the floor. **Mr. Crosby made the motion to hire Dr. Edgar C. Taylor as Interim Superintendent subject to mutual agreement of the terms and conditions discussed and negotiated by the attorney on behalf of the district. Mr. Garner seconded the motion. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Blackwell. The motion passed by majority vote.**

Mr. Smith called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Bailey made the motion, seconded by Mr. Garner.** In discussion, Mr. Blackwell read a statement from a person in the audience regarding recent actions of the Board. **Mr. Smith called for a vote on the motion to adjourn. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Garner, and Mr. McEntire. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Harper, and Ms. Smith. The motion passed by a majority vote.** The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.