

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

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **CALLED BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 1, 2010**

**AMENDED 8-16-10**

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in called session on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Billy Blackwell, Vice Chair Mr. Donnie Lee Smith, Secretary Mrs. Amanda Knowles, Mrs. Lindley H. Auton, Mr. Barry E. Bailey, Mr. Willie J. Crosby, Mr. Mike A. Ellis, Mrs. Robin D. Harper, and Ms. Cheryll D. Smith. Interim Superintendent Mrs. Kim Bagwell was present. News media present were Mr. Scott Powell - Gaffney Ledger and Mrs. Janet Spencer – Blacksburg Times.

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. Billy Blackwell 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. **Mrs. Auton made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Knowles. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

The discussion during the called meeting was recorded on the Masterlink disc recorder; however, the information could not be transferred to a CD when staff returned from the furlough due to a mechanical malfunction with the recorder. A brief summary of the agenda items are for the record.

Approval of External Audit was the next item on the agenda. In an effort to ensure the motion made for an external audit was allowable during a public hearing, the district attorney was contacted for a legal opinion. Since this item was not an agenda item at the public hearing, the attorney advised it was prudent that the board revisit this issue. The administration surveyed surrounding school districts to inquire the name(s) of auditing firms and general cost of services and provided a copy to trustees for information. **Mr. Bailey made the motion to seek information on the cost to conduct a three-year and/or a five-year forensic audit of district finances, seconded by Mr. Smith. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

FY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget – Contracted Food Services was the next item on the agenda. The administration requested and received additional projections of one-cent sales tax revenue and expenditures. A transfer of \$1 million from the one-cent sales tax revenue was included to balance the FY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget. The County Treasurer was contacted regarding additional revenues that were received after the budget process had begun. The treasurer advised that \$1.2 million had been added to the projected revenue in April 2010, a portion that could also be used to balance the budget. Trustees were also provided additional information regarding district operations and food service. These items included the number of students attending school in Cherokee County out of area (surrounding counties and/or states), a breakdown of cafeteria staff and food service participation at all schools, a statement of operating income and expenses for each school, estimation of property tax revenue relation to Spartanburg #2 area of Cherokee County, a breakdown of employee earnings, and a calculation of fund balance operational days. Trustees discussed at length whether to proceed with Contracted Food Services as proposed in the GY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget or to transfer additional funds from the available one-cent sales tax revenue to balance the budget. **Mrs. Auton made the motion to use the projected surplus of \$394,530 in the FY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget, transfer an additional \$355,470 from the available one-cent sales tax revenue, and delay the decision to approve contracted food services for FY 2010-2011. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mrs. Auton, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ellis, and Mrs. Harper. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mr. Crosby and Ms. Smith. The motion passed by majority vote.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.