

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

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2010**

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 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, and Mrs. Robin D. Harper. Ms. Cheryll D. Smith was unable to be present due to illness. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. William B. James, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Linda C. Sellars, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Mr. William A. Jones, Director of Educational Programs Mrs. Page McCraw, and Director of Finance Mr. Ben Childs. News media present were Mr. Scott Powell - Gaffney Ledger and Mrs. Janet Spencer – Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

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 7:00 PM and recognized the news media present. Mrs. Knowles led in the opening prayer. The Gaffney High School AFJROTC made the presentation of colors.

Approval of the Board Agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Crosby made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Knowles. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Regular Board Minutes dated December 14, 2009 were presented for approval. **Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Ellis. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

**Executive Session – Update from Legal Counsel was the next item on the agenda.** Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to go into executive session to receive a legal update from the district's attorney. **Mrs. Auton made the motion, seconded by Mr. Crosby. All trustees voted unanimously to go into executive session.** The executive session began at 7:05 PM and ended at 8:32 PM. Mr. Blackwell said the board had been in executive session to receive a legal update from the district's attorney and called for a motion to return to regular session. **Mrs. Auton made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Crosby. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion. This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

FY 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Ben Kochenower, Cline, Brandt & Kochenower, presented the FY 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Kochenower summarized that the overall financial condition of the district remains strong, even though the District received more than \$3.7 million in state budget cuts during the 2008-09 fiscal year. The undesignated General Fund Balance decreased to \$3,721,884, which represents 6% of the district's general fund budget. It was the opinion of the auditing firm that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the school district as of June 30, 2009. The administration will continue to monitor all programs, revenues and costs. The District remained totally committed to providing quality educational programs for all students in the most financially efficient manner possible. **This item was received for information only; no action was required.**

The next item on the agenda was Early Head Start Program Proposal. Dr. William Ross, Executive Director of Piedmont Community Actions, Inc., presented the Early Head Start Grant proposal to trustees. After lengthy discussion on the matter, **Mrs. Auton made the motion to review the program and take a vote on the program at the next Board meeting.** She then amended the motion to refer the item to the Special Needs Committee for further discussion. However, after additional questions or concerns were addressed, Mrs. Auton withdrew her motion. **Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the program as described by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Bailey. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crosby, and Mr. Bailey. The following trustees voted in opposition to the motion: Mrs. Auton, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Harper. The motion failed for lack of a majority. Mrs. Knowles made the motion to approve the program as described by Dr. Ross after a review of a Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Auton. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

The next item on the agenda was Administrative Services Update. Director of Finance Mr. Ben Childs presented the Monthly Financial Update. The General Fund has received 24% of the budgeted revenue for 2009. The General Fund has expended 31% of the budgeted expenditures. The ending fund balance as of November 30, 2009 is \$305,326. This figure includes year-to-date revenue, transfers from State/Federal funds less year-to-date expenditures and transfers to other programs. The preliminary projected fund balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$4,703,134. A total of \$47,343,459 has been received in one-cent sales tax revenue through November 2009. A total of \$37,030,344 has been paid as principal and interest on bond indebtedness through this same period. The Food Service budget had a positive ending cash balance of \$71,853 as of November 30, 2009. The report also included budgeted expenditures, encumbrances, and remaining balances on current building projects by location. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Ratification of Claims was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Crosby made the motion to approve claims, seconded by Mr. Ellis. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Mr. William A. Jones presented Personnel Matters for consideration. **Mr. Smith made the motion to approve personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Crosby. All trustees voted unanimously for personnel matters as presented.**

The next item on the agenda was announcements. Dr. James reminded trustees of upcoming events.

Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Knowles made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Auton. All trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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Mrs. Amanda Knowles, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Mr. Billy Blackwell, Chairman