

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALLED BOARD MEETING

MARCH 1, 2010

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in called session on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 5:30 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 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Linda C. Sellars, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Mr. William A. Jones, Director of Finance Mr. Ben Childs, and Director of Personnel Ms. Carlotta Redish. News media present were Mr. Scott Powell - Gaffney Ledger, Mr. Tommy Martin - Cherokee Chronicle, Mr. Jonathan Carlton - WSPA-TV 7, and Mrs. Janet Spencer - Spartanburg Herald-Journal. Mrs. Andrea White with Duff Turner & White was also present.

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 5:30 PM and recognized the news media present. Mr. Smith led in the opening prayer.

The only item on the agenda was Executive Session – Legal Counsel. Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to go into executive session to receive legal counsel from the attorney regarding a contractual matter. **Mrs. Auton made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Knowles. All committee members voted unanimously for the motion.** The executive session began at 5:31 PM and ended at 7:26 PM. Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to return to regular session. **Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Crosby. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion. Mr. Blackwell said the board had been in executive session to receive legal counsel from the attorney regarding a contractual matter.**

Mr. Blackwell stated that several days ago Dr. James approached the board to discuss the possibility for retiring prior to the expiration of his employment agreement and terms thereof, which included Dr. James using his accrued leave days for the remainder of this school year. The board discussed his request and Mr. Blackwell called for a motion from the floor. **Mrs. Auton made the motion to accept Dr. William James' request to be released from his employment contract effective at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year, subject to the terms agreed upon by the board and Dr. James. Mrs. Knowles seconded the motion. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Mr. Blackwell stated that the Board thanked Dr. James for serving as superintendent for the past nine years and reviewed the many accomplishments achieved during his tenure. The Board also wished Dr. James much success and happiness in the next phase of his life. In light of the retirement of Dr. William James, **Mrs. Auton made the motion that the board appoint Mrs. Kim Bagwell as Acting Superintendent for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective immediately. Mrs. Harper seconded the motion. All trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ellis. All trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.