

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING**

February 11, 2019

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Vice Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Secretary Mr. Matt Davis, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Robin Harper, Mr. RJ Holly, Mr. Kevin Phillips, and Ms. Cheryl Smith. Administrators present were Interim Superintendent Mr. Donald Andrews, Chief Human Resources and Operations Officer Dr. Carl Carpenter, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Shirley Sealy, Executive Director for Finance Mrs. Sherri Morgan, and Director of Administrative Services Mr. Todd Hughes. News media present: The Gaffney Ledger.

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 Cherokee Chronicle, The Gaffney Ledger, The Shelby Star, The Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Radio Stations WZZQ-AM and WFGN, WSPA-TV, WYFF-TV, and WSOC-TV.

Chairman Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Blackwell led the invocation, followed by the Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Board Agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Holly made the motion to approve the Board agenda, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated January 14, 2019, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated January 14, 2019, seconded by Mr. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations was the next item on the agenda and the following were recognized at the meeting:

- **Crystal Apple Award – December** – Susan Parker – Limestone-Central Elementary
- **CCSD Spelling Bee Contest**
 - Winner – Dhairya Patel – Northwest Elementary
 - Runner-Up – Yhazir Estrado – Ewing Middle School
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Winners**
 - Middle School First Place: Angela Pastrana - Gaffney Middle School
 - Elementary School First Place: Jonas Hames -Blacksburg Elementary School
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Winners**
 - Secondary First Place: Warren Greene - Blacksburg High School
 - Middle School First Place: Peyton Vance - Blacksburg Middle School
 - Elementary School First Place: Lainie Blanton - Blacksburg Elementary School

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. No one requested to speak in front of the board.

Superintendent Search – South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA) was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Scott Price and Mr. Gene Moore presented the Trustees with the services available through the SCSBA for the Superintendent search process, outlining the proposal, a proposed timeline, and an overview of fees for this process. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Update on Building Program was next on the agenda. Mr. Donald Andrews, Interim Superintendent, gave an overview of the recent Building Program meetings and discussed setting priorities for future projects and needs of the District. Mr. Bill Cram, of M.B. Kahn, presented the February 2019 Monthly Progress Report on the building program projects. The Trustees also had an open discussion on various projects that included the Mary Bramlett roof project, Blacksburg High School field drainage, Gaffney High School cooling tower update, and B.D. Lee Elementary lighting and HVAC concerns. Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Finance Director, provided an update on the Building

Program expenses to dates and funding availability for future needs. The Trustees also asked for a current scope of work for Granard Middle school, including safety and cosmetic upgrades. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Board Evaluation was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees were presented with Policy BAA, a yearly Board Self Evaluation in their packets along with a link for the Trustees complete their self-assessment online. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Executive Session – for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Mr. Holly made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:15 PM and ended at 9:22 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. said the Board had been in Executive Session for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda.

Mrs. Harper made the motion to contract with the South Carolina School Board Association for the Superintendent Search, seconded by Mr. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Job Responsibility Index was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Andrews presented the Trustees with the District Job Responsibility Index, created to add in the District communication process. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

The Leadership Challenge was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Andrews gave an overview of the Leadership Challenge as a professional development tool for our administrators. He also provided the Trustees with a copy of the book for their reading. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Financial update was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Director of Finance, provided trustees with a financial update. Mrs. Harper mentioned revisiting our County Council request to increase our millage percentage. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Personnel Recommendations was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations. **Mr. Holly made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Two-Year School Calendar – 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Shirley Sealy, Chief Academic Officer, presented the 2018-2019 School Calendar to the Trustees. After a brief discussion:

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Holly. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Davis, Dr. Nix, Mr. Holly, Mr. Phillips, and Ms. Smith. Those opposed: Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Harper. The motion did pass with a majority vote.

Mr. Holly made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Those in favor of the motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Davis, Dr. Nix, Mr. Holly, Mr. Phillips, and Ms. Smith. Those opposed: Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Harper. The motion did pass with a majority vote.

Request for Course Approval – Middle and High Schools was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Shirley Sealy, Chief Academic Officer, presented information on Local Board Approved Courses, a request that requires local board approval and provides accountability monitoring for middle and high school courses. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the list of District middle and high school courses for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Chrome Book Evaluations was the next item on the agenda – Mr. Todd Hughes, Director of Administrative

Services, provided the Trustees with an update on the 1:1 Initiative and outlined the process for testing new devices. **This was presented for information only; No action was necessary.**

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. The Trustees received a booklet outlining the process and a reminder of the March 30, 2019, due date. **This was presented for information only; No action was necessary.**

Board Newsletter was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Andrews provided the February newsletter to each Trustee that contained valuable Board information for their review. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Mr. Andrews reviewed the February announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Holly made the motion to add back the funds for the scope of work for Granard Middle School, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Mr. Phillips made the motion to move forward with the bid process for a 7,800 Square foot freestanding weight room designed by McMillian Pazdan Smith, seconded by Mr. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Mr. Bailey shared his appreciation for what everyone does for the District.

Mr. Blackwell discussed a leak at Goucher Elementary School and thanked everyone for Board Appreciation month. He also scheduled a Property, Maintenance, and Grounds Committee meeting on February 25.

Mrs. Harper shared her appreciation for what everyone does for the District and shared on her Board appreciation month school visits.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for what they do for the District and shared on her visits to Ewing Middle School and Luther Vaughan Elementary.

Mr. Holly shared on his Board Appreciation month school visits.

Dr. Nix shared on his Board Appreciation month school visits, stating he had a good time spending time at the schools.

Mr. Davis shared his appreciation for what everyone does for the District and spoke about Bus Driver Appreciation month.

Mr. Phillips shared on his Board Appreciation month school visits.

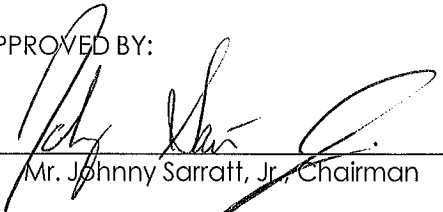
Mr. Sarratt, Jr. echoed the sentiments of his fellow Board members, shared his appreciation for the Board Appreciation month school visits, and added the need for a School Resource Officer at Ola Copeland Learning Center.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Dr. Nix made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.



Mr. Matt Davis, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman