

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

**January 13, 2020**

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the District Office Boardroom. 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. Kevin Phillips, and Ms. Cheryll Smith. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall, Chief Human Resources and Operations Officer Dr. Carl Carpenter, Chief Operations Officer of Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Shirley Sealy, Executive Director of Finance Mrs. Sherri Morgan, and Director of Food Service Sandra Littlejohn. News media present: The Gaffney Ledger and the Cherokee Chronicle.

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 Sarratt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and Dr. Nix led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Board meeting consent agenda, approving the meeting agenda and the December 9, 2019 meeting minutes, was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

**Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations**

- **Crystal Apple Awards**
  - **November Crystal Apple Award Winners**
    - Certified - Debbie Greene: Teacher - Blacksburg Elementary School
    - Support Staff - Mary-Katharine Heintzel: Information Management Services at the District Office
  - **December Crystal Apple Award Winners**
    - Certified - Terri Mull – Student Services Teacher - Gaffney High School
    - Support Staff - Jessica Lawrence – Teacher Assistant - Draytonville Elementary School
- **National Board Certification** – Ruby Byers, Guidance Counselor at Luther Vaughan Elementary School
- **Indian Enterprise- "Business of the Year" – South Carolina Department of Transition Services State Level Award** - Gaffney High School
- **Private Donor Lunch Debt Payment in Honor of Terri Kite** - Ewing Middle School
- **Lego Robotics Competition**
  - **Cherokee Qualifier Event**
    - Core Values Award - Blacksburg Middle School - Robocatz
    - Judges Award - Draytonville Elementary School - Red Hot Dray Go Bots
    - Rising Star Award - Limestone Central Elementary - Grizzbots
  - **Advanced to the West State Qualifier**
    - Northwest Bobcatters
    - Ewing Eaglebotics
    - Blacksburg Middle Robocatz
- **Board Appreciation Month**

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

Review of 2018-2019 Audit Findings – Mr. Ben Kochenower, CPA of Cline Brandt Kochenower, provided trustees with an overview of the favorable audit report for 2018-2019 school year. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Policy FF Naming Facilities Request: CCSD Operations Facility was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve naming the recently purchased facility adjacent to the District Office, the CCSD Operations Facility, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Executive Session – for Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District, Contractual Matters was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Mrs. Harper 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, Contractual Matters, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 5:55 PM and ended at 7:38 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, Contractual Matters. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. No action was needed from executive session.

Board Policy Review was the next item on the agenda.

- Policy GCF Professional Staff Hiring – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Dr. Carl Carpenter.
  - Administrative Rule GCF – R Professional Staff Hiring - Reading
- Policy GDF Support Staff Hiring – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Dr. Carl Carpenter.
  - Administrative Rule GDF – R Support Staff Hiring - Reading
- Policy GCQE Retirement of Professional Staff – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Dr. Carl Carpenter. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve Policy GCQE Retirement of Professional Staff – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, seconded by Mr. Davis. Those in Favor of the Motion: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sarratt Jr., Mr. Phillips, and Ms. Smith. Those Opposed to the motion: Dr. Nix. The motion did pass with a majority vote.**
- Policy GDQC Retirement of Support Staff – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Dr. Carl Carpenter. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to table Policy GDQC Retirement of Support Staff, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Financial update was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Director of Finance, provided trustees with a copy of the Budget timeline for 2019-2020. **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. Davis made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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, 2020, due date. **This was presented for information only; No action was necessary.**

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

Dr. Fall shared that the January announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates was included in the board packet. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Bailey thanked everyone for what they do for the District and thanked Dr. Fall for the Board Appreciation month gifts.

Mr. Blackwell thanked Dr. Fall for the Board Appreciation month gifts and asked Mrs. Moss if she could update a Statement of Economic Interest list for the Trustees.

Mrs. Harper thanked Dr. Fall for the Board Appreciation month gifts.

Mr. Davis thanked everyone for the gifts and shared his appreciation for what everyone does for the District.

Ms. Smith welcomed everyone back from the holiday break and thanked everyone for what they do for the District.

Mr. Phillips spoke on Senate Bill 419, encouraged others to be involved in the education bill process and the effects this bill will have on school districts. He encouraged everyone to have a voice in this matter and closed by thanking Dr. Fall for what he is doing for the District.

Dr. Nix asked about Algebra and when it would be available for in more grade levels.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared his appreciation for what everyone does for the District and thanked Dr. Fall for the Board Appreciation Month gifts.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

  
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Mr. Matt Davis, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
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Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman