

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

November 11, 2019

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 5:30 PM in the Activity Room at Blacksburg Middle School. Board members present were Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Vice Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Secretary Mr. Matt Davis, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mrs. Robin Harper, Mr. Kevin Phillips, Ms. Cheryl Smith. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall, Chief Human Resources and Operations Officer Dr. Carl Carpenter, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Shirley Sealy, Director of Student Services Mrs. Bessie Westmoreland, and Director of Food Service Sandra Littlejohn. 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 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 Consent Agenda to approve the Board meeting agenda and the October 14, 2019 and October 28, 2019 Board meeting minutes was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Blacksburg Middle School Presentation – Mrs. Melody Bradley, Principal, was the next item on the agenda.

Mrs. Bradley, Blacksburg Middle School Principal, introduced Mr. Jones, a Blacksburg Middle School Teacher, who provided the Trustees with the mission of Blacksburg Middle School. Mr. Jones provide the audience with a history of Blacksburg, S.C., before highlighting community support and involvement, educational programs, and academic and athletic achievements. Mr. Turner introduced a Region Band Solo Student, Hayden Stevens, who performed. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations was the next item on the agenda.

- **Veterans Day**
- **Palmetto Silver Award for High Performance 2017/2018 – Goucher Elementary School**
- **Adult Education Program**
 - High School Diploma Award
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Career Readiness Award
 - Beth Martin Adult Education Teachers Hall of Fame for her 20 years of service in Adult Education
- **North/South Competition – All Star**
 - Katherine “Katlin” Mathis- 2019 North-South All Star Girls Tennis Classic - Gaffney High School
 - Caden Richards– 2019 North-South All Star Football - Gaffney High School
- **Class 5A Region Coach of the Year** - Bailey Frye – Gaffney High School Cheerleading Coach
- **Blacksburg High School Marching Band** – 4th Place Class A SCBDA Marching Band State Championship

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

Policy Revision - Policy ECA Security – 2nd Reading and Administrative Rule JICDA-R3 - Code of Conduct Cherokee County Elementary Schools were the next items on the agenda. Dr. Carl Carpenter, Chief Office of Human Resources, presented the Trustees with the 2nd reading of Policy ECA Security and Mr. Gavin Fisher, Discipline Coordinator, provided the Trustees with the reading of Administrative Rule JICDA-R3 - Code of Conduct Cherokee County Elementary Schools. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Policy ECA Security, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Policy FF Naming Facilities Request: Gaffney High School Training and Strength Facility - Board Approval Requested was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the Policy FF Naming**

Facilities Request: Gaffney High School Training and Strength Facility, seconded by Mr. Davis. 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. **Ms. Smith 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/Legal advice related to a potential claim, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 5:59 PM and ended at 7:09 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/Legal advice related to a potential claim, **Mrs. Harper made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Mr. Phillips made the motion for the Superintendent to draft a policy that prohibits retirees from holding any position in the District outside of a teaching position, seconded by Mr. Davis. Those in Favor of the Motion: Mrs. Harper, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sarratt Jr., Mr. Phillips, and Ms. Smith. Those Opposed to the motion: Mr. Bailey and Dr. Nix. The motion did pass with a majority vote.

Facility Evaluation was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Fall was asked by the Trustees to evaluate the District's facilities to determine which school locations that could potentially merge into one school location. Dr. Fall provided the Trustees with an update on his findings and stated that with the current enrollment and capacity evaluation, Alma Elementary School and Mary Bramlett Elementary School would be the only locations that could be a consideration. Dr. Fall would be looking into this option further and would be developing a team to review in depth this option and if it would be a benefit to our students and resources. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Future School Program and Calendar Planning was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Fall discussed achievement in the District and shared with the Trustees the Limestone College opportunity, allowing our students to earn 85 college credits via a Scholars Academy program. Dr. Fall also shared information on the opportunity to introduce algebra at the middle school level, and what a year-round/alternative school calendar option would be for our District, researching pros and cons of this option. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

American Education Week Activities was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Fall reviewed the American Education Week memorandum and schedule of events for November. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Superintendent Evaluation was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Fall provided each Trustee with a timeline in their Board packets that outlined the steps and due dates for the Superintendent's Evaluation and a copy of the evaluation rubric for their review. **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 November 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 November 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 Mrs. Bradley for hosting the Board meeting this evening.

Mrs. Harper congratulated Blacksburg Middle School for their excellent rating and thanked Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Davis thanked Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting this evening and shared on Veteran's Day.

Mr. Phillips thanked Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting this evening and thanked Dr. Fall for his service to our country.

Ms. Smith thanked Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting at Blacksburg Middle School this evening.

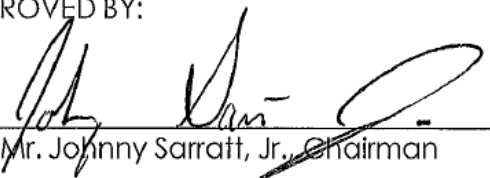
Dr. Nix shared his appreciation to Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting this evening.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. thanked Mrs. Bradley for hosting the meeting this evening and shared his appreciation for the dedicated service of our Veteran's.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.


Mr. Matt Davis, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman