

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

September 9, 2019

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria at Alma Elementary School. 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, and Mr. Kevin Phillips. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall, Chief Human Resources and Operations Officer Dr. Carl Carpenter, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Shirley Sealy, Executive Director of Finance Mrs. Sherri Morgan, 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.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda approving the meeting agenda and the August 12, 2019, Board minutes was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Alma Elementary School Presentation – Mrs. Tracy Allison, Principal, was the next item on the agenda. Mrs. Allison, Alma Elementary School Principal, presented the Trustees with the history of Alma Elementary School formally Progressive School that included the mission of Alma Elementary, facility upgrades, community support and involvement, and numerous educational programs. Mrs. Allison highlighted STEAM programs, First Lego Teams, the Palmetto Literacy Project, Saxon, and the Talk to Me initiative. Fifth Graders of Alma Elementary School closed the presentation by performing a PBIS song. **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, Contractual Matters 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, Contractual Matters, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 5:50 PM and ended at 6:45 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. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Mr. Phillips made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations for Building A and Granard Middle School, seconded by Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

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

- **School Supply Drives**
 - **Operation Round Up – Broad River Electric Cooperative – Book Bags for Students – Mr. Josh Crotzer**
 - **Cherokee County Sheriff's Office – "Back-To-School Supply Drive"**
 - Cherokee County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Steve Mueller
 - Gaffney Police Department – Police Chief Chris Skinner
 - Cherokee County Coroner – Coroner Dennis Fowler
- **District TOY Winner (Teacher of the Year) – Jennifer Taylor – Blacksburg Elementary School**
- **District SSOY Winner (Support Staff of the Year) – Brandon Watkins – District Office**

- **District First Year Teacher Winner – Emilee Hardin – Limestone Central Elementary School**
- **SC READY 2018-2019 Maximum Scorers – Math**
 - Trenton Blanton – Northwest Elementary School
 - Trevor Blanton – Northwest Elementary School
 - Jonas Hames – Blacksburg Elementary School
 - Emma Hogue – Blacksburg Elementary School
 - Brady Smith – Grassy Pond Elementary School
 - Grace Sperber – Gaffney Middle School
 - Emily Largent – Ewing Middle School
- **SCPASS 2018-2019 Maximum Scorers – Science**
 - Benjamin Guthrie – Granard Middle School
 - Abigail Mace – Blacksburg Middle School
- **South Carolina High School Writing Contest 1st Place Winner – Alanie Blanton – Gaffney High School**
- **HOSA – Health Occupational Students of America- State Finalists - Blacksburg High School**
 - Team #1 Carlee Ayers and Blake Richardson
 - Team # 2 Alexis Sutton and Mykayla Martin
- **2019 Senior Division of SC Bar Association Law Day 12th Grade Essay Contest Winner – Heather Harris – Blacksburg High School**
- **SCSBA Boardsmanship Institute Recognition**
 - Matt Davis, Level 1
 - RJ Holly, Level 2
 - Kevin Phillips, Level 2
 - Johnny Sarratt, Jr. Level 2

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

Board Policy Revisions - Administrative Rule – IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems – 2nd Reading was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Shirley Sealy, Chief Officer of Curriculum and Instruction, provided the 2nd reading for Administrative Rule – IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Financial Update – Building Program Closeout Summary was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Director of Finance, presented the Trustees with a summation of the final closeout figures for the building program, beginning with the initial referendum budget, change order overages, and additional projects completed in the process. Mrs. Morgan also provided an update on the Health and Wellness Center. **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. Phillips made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

SCSBA Law Conference Highlights was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Sarratt, Jr., Mr. Phillips, Mr. Blackwell, and Mr. Davis shared on the conference sessions they each attended at the SCSBA Law Conference, highlighting various sessions that focused on the educational funding, the opioid epidemic, and social media awareness. **This item was received for information only; no action was taken.**

Dr. Fall shared that the September/October 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. Allison for hosting the Board meeting this evening.

Mr. Blackwell shared his personal Alma Elementary School history before thanking Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting this evening.

Mrs. Harper congratulated all the honorees this evening and thanked Sheriff Mueller and Coroner Dennis Fowler for everything they do for the District. She also thanked Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting at Alma Elementary School today.

Mr. Phillips shared his history with Alma Elementary before thanking Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting this evening.

Mr. Holly thanked Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting this evening and shared his concerns on the current state of per pupil funding.

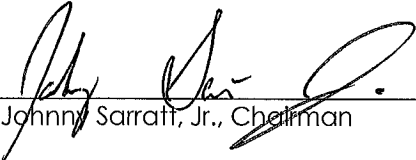
Dr. Nix shared his appreciation to Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. shared his history with Alma Elementary School and thanked Mrs. Allison for hosting the meeting. He thanked Sheriff Mueller for what he does for the community before reiterating the positives that come with increasing security at our football games, keeping our students and public safe.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.


Mr. Matt Davis, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman