

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

August 12, 2019

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the Media Room at Gaffney Middle School. Board members present were Chair Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Vice Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mrs. Robin Harper, Mr. RJ Holly (in attendance until executive session concluded), Mr. Kevin Phillips and Ms. Smith. 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, Director of Maintenance Mr. Mitch Miller, 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.

Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Blackwell led the invocation.

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

Reorganization of the Board was the next item on the agenda.

Ms. Smith nominated Mr. Sarratt, Jr. to serve as Board Chair. **Mrs. Harper made the motion to close the nominations. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. was elected Board Chair by a unanimous vote.**

Dr. Fall turned the meeting over to Mr. Sarratt, Jr. to proceed with the election of Vice Chair and Secretary.

Mr. Phillips nominated Dr. Nix to serve as the Board Vice Chair. **Mr. Davis made the motion to close the nominations. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. Dr. Nix was elected Board Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Holly nominated Mr. Davis to serve as the Board Secretary. **Ms. Smith made the motion to close the nominations. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. Mr. Davis was elected Board Secretary by a unanimous vote.**

Short Recess for a Photo was the next item on the agenda.

Gaffney Middle School Presentation – Dr. Eric Blanton, Principal, was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Eric Blanton, Gaffney Middle School Principal, presented the Trustees with an overview of Gaffney Middle School that included the transition process and facility upgrades, the AVID program, PBIS tribes, mentor groups, examples of team building exercises, and the emphasis Gaffney Middle has created around being a school family. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 2019, was the next item on the agenda. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated June 10, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2019, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Holly made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated June 24, 2019, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 2019, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated July 8, 2019, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2019, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting dated July 22, 2019, seconded by Mr. Holly. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. (Mr. Sarratt, Jr. abstained from voting due to his absence from this meeting.)**

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

General Obligation Bond Resolution and Financial Status Overview – Mike Gallagher, Compass Municipal Advisors. Mr. Gallagher reviewed the current financial status off the District and presented the Trustees with a general obligation bond. After a brief conversation: **Mrs. Harper made a motion to approve the General Obligation Bond Resolution, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion. (Mr. Holly abstained from voting on this item.)**

Board Policy Revisions was the next item on the agenda. Administrative Rule – IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems – 1st Reading and Administrative Rule – DKC-R Expense Authorization/Reimbursement – 2nd Reading. **Both administrative rules were presented as information only items.**

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 Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 6:33 PM and ended at 7:31 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. **Dr. Nix made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement between Cherokee County School District and Tutelage Education Solutions, giving the Superintendent authority to proceed with finalizing the lease purchase agreement with Tutelage Education Solutions, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

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 Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Act 155 Diploma was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. **Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the Act 155 Diploma request, seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Request for Course Approval (Middle and High Schools) was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the request course approvals (middle and high schools), seconded by Ms. Smith. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Technology: Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Todd Hughes, Director of Administrative Services, presented to the Trustees the Consumer Guide for the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and outlined the filter requirements and how the students are educated on the protocols. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Mr. Hughes was asked to provide an Environmental Update on the coil-cleaning schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Hughes stated that the current coil cleanings were underway and projected to conclude in October 2019. The District has been very proactive in the process and has incorporated a 2-year coil cleaning cycle going forward. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Board Newsletters was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Fall provided the August newsletter to each Trustee that contained valuable Board information for their review. **This was presented for**

information only; no action was necessary.

Dr. Fall did not have any announcements to add. The August 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. Blanton for hosting the Board meeting this evening.

Mr. Blackwell echoed the sentiments of Mr. Bailey.

Mrs. Harper echoed the sentiments of her fellow Board members and welcomed Dr. Fall as Superintendent.

Ms. Smith echoed the sentiments of her fellow Board members.

Mr. Phillips spoke enthusiastically about the new school year and is looking forward to great things from the Dr. Fall's leadership.

Dr. Nix shared his appreciation to Dr. Blanton for hosting the meeting and asked for an update on uniforms requirements for athletes.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. welcomed Dr. Fall to the District and looks forward to a new school year. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. spoke on the need for support from our local legislators to facilitate an earlier school state date.

Mr. Sarratt, Jr. called for a motion to adjourn. **Dr. Nix made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davis. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



Mr. Matt Davis, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Chairman