

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2022

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the District Office Boardroom. Board members present were Chair Mr. Matt Davis, Vice Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Secretary Mrs. Lynne Shackelford, Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Ms. Shanese Dawkins, Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., and Mrs. Crystal Shippy. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carl Carpenter, Executive Director of Finance Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Director of Academics Dr. Meredith Rose, Executive Director of Student Services Bessie Westmoreland, and Executive Director of Operations Mr. Todd Hughes. Media Present: Mr. Scott Powell, 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.

Mr. Matt Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Board meeting agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the Board meeting agenda, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated June 13, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Shackelford made the motion to approve Board meeting minutes dated June 13, 2022, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated June 20, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Ms. Dawkins made the motion to approve the Board meeting minutes dated June 20, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated July 21, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the amended Board meeting minutes dated July 21, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Dawkins. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. No requests were made to speak in front of the Trustees for this meeting.

Board Member Recognition was the next item on the agenda – Dr. Fall, Superintendent, recognized Mr. Matt Davis and Mr. Barry Bailey for terms as Trustees for Cherokee County School District. Mr. Davis nor Mr. Bailey are seeking additional reelection in the August Board of Trustees election. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

WZZQ Request to Broadcast all Gaffney High Varsity Football Games for the 2022/2023 School Year – Board Approval Requested was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the WZZQ Request to Broadcast all Gaffney High Varsity Football Games for the 2022/2023 School Year, seconded by Ms. Dawkins. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Weapons Detection System Recommendation – Board Approval as Needed was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Todd Hughes, Executive Director of Operations, presented the Trustees with the District-wide Weapons Detection System Recommendation, a system that was used and tested at our recent graduation ceremonies. The weapons detection systems would be purchased from the District's capital budget with an estimate of \$563,135.00. **Dr. Nix made the motion to approve the District-wide Weapons Detection System Recommendation, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Facility Study Finalization – Board Approval as Needed was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees were provided a copy of the final facility study by Mr. Jeff Holstein of Cummings Management Group, who presented the Trustees with a final version of the study that included, by school location, deferred maintenance and projects and repairs listed by grade level ratings and all associated costs over the next ten-year period. Mr. Holstein also provided the Trustees with the life span of our existing buildings and a feasibility study. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Code of Conduct Updates – Middle and High Schools – Information Item was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Isaac Wallace, Coordinator of Attendance, Truancy, and Discipline, provided the Trustees with updates made to the Code of Conduct for both the middle and high schools for this school year along with the introduction of student I.D. Badges that will be issued at both the middle school and high school levels. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

2022/2023 General Fund Budget 2nd Reading – Board Approval Requested. Dr. Fall, Superintendent and Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Director of Finance, presented the Trustees with updates and budgetary cuts made to the 2022/2023 General Fund Budget for second reading. **After an open discussion, Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to approve 2022/2023 General Fund Budget 2nd Reading, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Superintendent's Report was the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Blackwell made the motion to table approving personnel recommendations until after executive session, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

Request for Course Approval (Middle and High Schools) - Board Approval Requested. **Mrs. Shackelford made the motion to approve the Request for Course Approval for Middle and High schools, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Technology: Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Mr. Todd Hughes, Executive Director of Operations, provided the Trustees with an update and any changes to the 2022/2023 Children's Internet Protection Act. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Monthly Board Newsletter 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.**

Announcements was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Fall shared that the August Announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates included in the board packet. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Executive Session - For the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment, Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District/Contractual Matters. **Mrs. Shackelford made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment, 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 7:21 PM and ended at 11:29 PM. Mr. Davis said the Board had been in Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment, Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District/Contractual Matters. **Mrs. Shackelford made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as Needed from Executive Session Based on Discussion During Executive Session Related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Employment/Action as Needed from Executive Session.

Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to extend the Superintendent's employment contract with the District for an additional two years and approval for the Board Chair to execute the contract on the Board's behalf, seconded by Dr. Nix. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.

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

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees celebrated Mr. Bailey and Mr. Davis on their years of service and dedication to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Davis both shared their appreciation for the acknowledgment and further expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to have served on this Board for the betterment of Cherokee County School District.

Mr. Davis called for a motion to adjourn. **Dr. Nix made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.**



Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Dr. Mark Nix, Chairman