

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING**

September 12, 2022

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in session on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the District Office Boardroom. Board members present were Chair Dr. Mark Nix, Vice Chair Ms. Shanese Dawkins, Secretary Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Mrs. Carol Gallman, Mr. Peter Wilkins, Mrs. Lynne Shackelford, Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mr. Cody Cash, 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 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.

Dr. Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Mr. Blackwell led the invocation that included a moment of silence for the recent passing of two employees, followed by the ROTC Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Board meeting agenda was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Gallman made the motion to approve the Board meeting agenda, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board Public Hearing meeting minutes dated August 8, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Ms. Dawkins made the motion to approve Board Public Hearing meeting minutes dated August 8, 2022, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated August 8, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to approve the Board meeting minutes dated August 8, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Shippy. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated August 18, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to approve the amended Board meeting minutes dated August 18, 2022, seconded by Ms. 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.

Honors/Accomplishments/Commendations

- **Cherokee County Sheriff's Office – "Back-To-School Supply Drive"**
 - Cherokee County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Steve Mueller
 - Cherokee County Coroner – Coroner Dennis Fowler
 - The Gaffney Police Department – Police Chief Gerald Knight
- **Gaffney High School's Air Force JROTC (AFJROTC) Award Recognitions**
 - Yhazir Estrado, Commander's Award
 - Luke Leskanic - Ironman Award; Distinguished Graduate
 - Jaiden Johnson - Military Officers Association Award
 - Garrett Moss - Outstanding Element Leader
- **College Board National Recognition Program – Gaffney High School**
 - Alyssa Reynolds: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Arelimar Rodriguez: NHRA - National Hispanic Recognition Award
 - Caitlin Hines: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Emily Largent: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Jillian Eubanks: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Mickey Blanton-Harmon: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Prayag Patel: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
 - Shon Ponder: NRSTA - National Rural and Small Town Award
- **College Board's National Rural and Small Town Awards – Academic Achievement**
 - Zack Burgs – Blacksburg High School

- Jake Coughlin – Blacksburg High School
- **USC Upstate Cherokee County Cohort 1 Master's Degree Graduates**
 - Zach Bridges – Gaffney Middle School
 - Kayla Brown – Limestone Central Elementary School
 - Holly Childers – Grassy Pond Elementary School
 - Ashley Cox – Draytonville Elementary School
 - Lindsey DeBorde – Northwest Elementary School
 - Lindsey Logan – Blacksburg Primary School
 - Bailey Frye - Limestone Central Elementary School
 - Megan Gotz Humphrey - Blacksburg Primary School
 - Nickie Holsclaw - Limestone Central Elementary School
 - Christina Jefferies Glenn – B.D. Lee Elementary School
 - Erica Manning - Grassy Pond Elementary School
- Grayson Padgett - B.D. Lee Elementary School
- Alisa Phillips - B.D. Lee Elementary School
- Neeley Queen - Draytonville Elementary School
- Brittany Nicole Ruppe - Draytonville Elementary School
- Megan Sarratt - Northwest Elementary School
- Stacy Smith - Northwest Elementary School
- April Smoak – Corinth Elementary School
- Kimberly West - B.D. Lee Elementary School
- Madison Wood - Corinth Elementary School
- Danielle Wright - Blacksburg Primary School
- **SC State Department of Education - Student Panelist for the South Carolina Computer Science and STEM Summit 2022** - Jeremiah Greene – Gaffney High School
- **Varsity Brands Most Spirited Teacher** – Karen Denton – Gaffney High School
- **District TOY Winner (Teacher of the Year)** – Brandon Watkins – Ewing Middle School now at Gaffney Middle School
- **District SSOY Winner (Support Staff of the Year)** – Kristen Sarratt – Blacksburg Primary School
- **District First Year Teacher Winner** – Erica Erwin – Draytonville Elementary School

School Board Policy Review was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Fall provided an update on policy BE Board Meetings, requesting that the policy be updated to reflect a Board meeting start time of 6:00 p.m. Mr. Morgan, Executive Director of Finance provided an update on the changes made to Administrative Rule KF-E Application/Rental Agreement.

- **Mr. Sarratt, Jr. made the motion to approve School Board Policy: BE Board Meetings 1st Reading, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**
- School Board Policy: KF Community Use of School Facilities – Administrative Rule (File) KF-E Application/Rental Agreement. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Surplus Property Proviso - Information Item was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Fall, Superintendent reviewed Surplus Property Proviso 1.113 (SDE: Surplus Property) as follows:

- A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2022.
- All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, 2022, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.
- If a district fails to comply, the SCDE is directed to withhold 5% of all state payments to the district until it complies.
- Transferring vacant/unused surplus property
 - School district must transfer any qualifying property to any governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation of its intent to accept the property for public use by December 31, 2022. the Governmental subdivision or state agency must comply with all requirements related to the acquisition of real property, and/or requirements related to the establishment of permanent improvement projects prior to accepting transfer of the property
- Offering vacant/unused surplus property for sale
 - If no governmental subdivision or state agency confirms an intent to accept the property, the district is to offer the property for sale or lease at fair market value as determined by a neutral appraiser and in compliance with existing law providing for sale or lease of such property by a school district

This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.

Educational Updates/Changes was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Fall provided the Trustees with a presentation on the following:

- Equal Access- CTE, Extra curriculum activities
- Changes in Accountability
 - On-Track to Graduate measures for high schools
 - Attainment of 6 credits per year, with 1 English and 1 Math (6/1/1)
 - Five-Year Student Success measure for High Schools
 - Proportion of students achieving a successful outcome (including earning a GED) within five years of starting high school
 - Criterion-referenced value-added model to replace current norm-referenced value-added model for Student Progress
- Unencumbered Time, S.946,
 - SBE adopt statewide policy; Each local board shall use to develop district policy within 3 months of statewide policy being adopted and submit to SCDE
 - Policy must include:
 - Elementary School principal must provide all full-time teachers in grades K-5 at least thirty minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school day.
 - Elementary, Middle, and High School principals must provide "at least thirty minutes of unencumbered time to any teacher responsible for instructing a special education class for more than twenty percent of the school day with students who are removed from the general education setting"
 - Unencumbered time defined as at least thirty minutes without any assigned duties or responsibilities.
 - Unencumbered time may not be withheld or reduced unless it is reasonable and necessary due to extreme and unavoidable circumstances to ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff
 - Additional compensation may not be offered in place of unencumbered time, except as provided by Section 59-5-63(A)(2)(b) (Duty Free Lunch) and as prescribed in the policy.
 - Provisions must be in place before July 1, 2023
- Partisanship Curriculum, Proviso 1.93,
 - Model Policy and Process currently being worked on.
 - Similar to the Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy.
 - Provides parents with a procedure to follow when filing complaint.
 - Scheduled to be taken to the SBE in October.
- Audit Changes, Proviso 1.86
 - Due December 1, 2022 – No Extensions (it's statutory)
 - If 60 or more days late (January 30), it is a Fiscal Practices Act violation.
 - District auditors must be approved by the State Auditor's Office.
George Kennedy, State Auditor
 - Proviso 1.86 requires that **all** students in grade one through grade eight are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool during the fall, winter, and spring. (formerly 1st - 9th)
 - Any school district failing to provide this data to the SCDE shall have **10 percent of their EFA funding withheld until the data is provided.**
 - For students with significant cognitive disabilities who are assessed with an alternate assessment, the student's Individualized Education Program team will determine what alternate assessment will be used to meet this mandate. If none of the approved list of reading and math assessments are appropriate, even with appropriate accommodations, then a rubric indicating student progress toward reading and math goals will meet this requirement.
- Personal Finance 1.10
 - 1.101. (SDE: Graduation Requirements) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, and pursuant to Section 59-39-100 of the 1976 Code, the Department of Education, through the State Board of Education, is directed to promulgate regulations to update the current graduation requirements to include within the existing credits a required half credit in personal finance. The regulation shall be submitted to the State Board of Education for first reading by September 30th.
- Certification
 - S.C. Code Ann. § 59-26-30
 - Issuance of educator certificates to individuals who have completed a teacher preparation program and certification testing requirements
 - SBE authority to adopt certification assessments and set passing scores
 - State Board Regulation 43-53 Credential Classification
 - Initial certificate requirements

This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.

Executive Session - 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 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. Gallman. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 6:51 PM and ended at 7:35 PM. Dr. Nix said the Board had been in Executive Session Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the employment, discipline or release of an employee or employees of the District/Contractual Matters. **Mr. Blackwell made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Gallman. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as Needed from Executive Session Based on Discussion During Executive Session. **Dr. Nix stated that no action was needed from executive session.**

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

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

SCSBIT Risky Business Reminder. Dr. Fall provide the Trustees with a reminder of the upcoming SCSBIT Risky Business Conference that he would be attending. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

SCSBA Law Conference Update – Board of Trustees Update was the next item under the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Gallman, Mr. Blackwell, and Mrs. Shackelford each provided information delivered during various sessions they attending during the SCSCA Law Conference. **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 September 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 September Announcements handout of upcoming events and meeting dates included in the board packet. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

Other Matters was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees shared remarks on how great the meeting was this evening, sharing their praise and appreciation for the numerous accomplishments and achievements presented.

Dr. Nix called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Gallman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. Mark Nix, Chairman