

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

October 10, 2022

The Cherokee County School District Board of Trustees met in session on Monday, October 10, 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., Mr. Billy Blackwell, Mr. Cody Cash, Mrs. Carol Gallman, Mrs. Lynne Shackelford, Mrs. Crystal Shippy and Mr. Peter Wilkins. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Dana Fall, Executive Director of Finance Mrs. Sherri Morgan, Executive Director of Academics Dr. Meredith Rose, Executive Director of Student Services Bessie D. 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, and WYFF4-TV.

Dr. Mark Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Gaffney High School ROTC and students from Limestone-Central Elementary School.

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 Mr. Blackwell. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated September 12, 2022 was the next item on the agenda. **Ms. Dawkins made the motion to approve Board meeting minutes dated September 12, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Shackelford. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

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

AP Scholars Award Recognition—49 students from Blacksburg High School and Gaffney High School were recognized

School Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation was the next item on the agenda. The Trustees heard from Mrs. Cindy Gallman representing Goucher Charter Academy. Mrs. Gallman stated she was formally asking the Board to accept the bid from Goucher Charter Academy to purchase Goucher Elementary School.

Limestone-Central Elementary School Presentation – Mrs. Melody Bradley, Principal, was the next item on the agenda. Mrs. Bradley gave an overview of the many activities and celebrations the school has. Her presentation provided pictures of the school beautification program, the school resource officers program with the students learning the American Flag protocol, the schools Girls on the Run program, the new playground equipment, outdoor classroom and many other activities of the school. Mrs. Bradley closed her presentation with a calendar of school events for the Trustees and an invitation to read and visit with the students of Limestone-Central Elementary School. **This was presented for information only; no action was necessary.**

BE Board Meetings Policy-2nd Reading was the next item on the agenda. The time change for the board meeting from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM was the only change to the policy. **Mrs. Gallman made the motion to approve this policy, seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Legal Tips and Guidelines for Effective School Board Members was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Alex Sherard with White and Story presented information to the Board. His presentation consisted of the responsibilities and duties of School Trustees, which included Board Policy, Passing a Budget, Appeals and adhering to Department of Education regulations. **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 was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Nix called for a motion to go into Executive Session. **Ms. Dawkins 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 votes unanimously for the motion.** The Executive Session began at 8:08 PM and ended at 9:16 PM. Dr. Nix 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. **Ms. Dawkins made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mrs. Gallman. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

Action as needed from Executive Session was the next item on the agenda. **Mrs. Shackleford made the motion to uphold the Superintendent's Recommendation on a Student Discipline issue, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Mr. Sarratt, Jr. recused himself from the vote. Trustees voted 8-0 for the motion.**

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. Sarratt, Jr. made a motion that the Board accept the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendation, seconded by Ms. Dawkins. Trustees voted unanimously for the motion.**

SCSBIT Risky Business Conference was the next item on the agenda under the Superintendent's Report. **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 October newsletter to each Trustee that contains 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 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.**

Mr. Wilkins shared that it was a privilege to serve food to the students at Blacksburg High School today. Students were wonderful and very polite and it was a great experience.

Mrs. Shackelford congratulated the AP scholars recognized tonight and said it was terrific to have that many AP scholars recognized for our district. She also enjoyed the presentation Mrs. Bradley gave tonight and said there is remarkable work going on at Limestone-Central Elementary School.

Mr. Blackwell thanked Limestone-Central Elementary School for the presentation and gifts they gave out tonight. He said it was a good presentation and everybody is doing a good job and to keep it up.

Mr. Cash said he enjoyed the presentation tonight by Mrs. Bradley and Limestone-Central Elementary School. He stated that he started teaching there and taught 2 years in Kindergarten there and he is going to take her up on her offer and go be a guest reader to a kindergarten class.

Mrs. Gallman said that today is National Mental Health day and she wants to make sure we are doing everything we can in our schools to recognize that we do have a lot of students with Mental Health issues and we need to be doing everything we can to help them. She was also impressed with the 49 AP Scholars that was recognized tonight and congratulated the Curriculum staff past and present who have supported offering AP courses in our High Schools. Mrs. Gallman also stated that she has been invited to serve lunch at Blacksburg High School and that this is Homecoming week there and they would welcome the Trustees to their Homecoming Assembly on Friday morning and to support the Wildcats on Friday evening.

Mr. Sarratt also agreed with other Trustees that we had a great number of AP Scholars recognized tonight and at the end of the day that is what it is all about. He stated that Athletics and Arts are great but Academics are why the students are here first. He also invited the Trustees to the Gaffney Middle School football game on Thursday with the winner going to the championship game. Mr. Sarratt also wanted to thank Mr. Dawkins, Principal at Gaffney Middle School for all of his hard work and said he is doing a great job.

Ms. Dawkins congratulated all of the 49 AP Scholars. She also said it was a wonderful presentation given by Mrs. Bradley about Limestone-Central Elementary School and that she loves that Mrs. Bradley had really developed a student centered culture there at her school and is putting the students first and that is what we need to do for all students in our district. She also echoed Mrs. Bradley's sentiments that we have a great team here with Dr. Fall and his Administrative staff and thanked them for working so hard to make sure our District has what it needs to provide so well for our children.

Mr. Nix congratulated our AP Scholars that was recognized tonight. He also asked Dr. Fall and our Administration to ask people who are reporting to them if they have the tools that they need to do their job and he would say more than likely yes they do and those tools have made a difference for our students.

Dr. Nix called for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Gallman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, Jr. Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr., Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. Mark Nix, Chairman