

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Chattooga County Board
Office of the Superintendent
Agenda for Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Board Chair, Lori Brady. There was a quorum of board members present.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Lori Brady, Board Chair
Ms. Tiffany Lawrence, Board Vice-chair
Ms. Bonnie Fletcher, Board Member
Mr. Chad Dodd, Board Member
Mr. Derrick Eckroat, Board Member

Non-voting Members Present

Dr. Michelle Helie, Superintendent
Mr. Jeremy Heathcock, Assistant Superintendent
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

- **Invocation:** Tiffany Lawrence
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chad Dodd

-A motion to amend the agenda, to make the following additions, was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

1. Add for Public Participation: Rick Wyatt & Larry Schlachter

2. Additions to G-2 (Personnel):

Certified Transfer

-Todd Dean; Teacher from Chattooga High School to Chattooga Academy; new allotment; beginning 03/04/2025.

Certified Recommendations

-Andrea Bourne; Spanish Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Todd Dean; beginning 03/04/2025.

-Julie Dodd; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Gwendolyn Nance; beginning FY'26.

-Courtney Parris; Math Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Jeffery Reynolds; beginning FY'26.

Classified Resignation

-Anita Greer; Paraprofessional at Summerville Pre-K; personal reasons; effective 05/28/2025.

Classified Recommendation

-Ciba Pierce; Paraprofessional at Lysterly Elementary School; replacing Carrie Brannon; beginning 02/25/2025.

Substitutes

- Carrie Brannon; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/25/2025.
- Breanna Deberry; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/25/2025

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for February 20, 2025 School Board Meeting.**

-A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Months' Meetings**

- January 7, 2025 Called Meeting
- January 16, 2025 Monthly Meeting
- January 17, 2025 Called Meeting
- January 21, 2025 Called Meeting
- January 23, 2025 Called Meeting (5:00 p.m.)
- January 23, 2025 Called Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

-A motion to approve the previous month's minutes was made by Mr. Dodd, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

- **Public Participation-** Ricky Wyatt and Larry Schlachter

A. Resolutions/Recognitions (no action required)

1. District School Spotlight: Lysterly Elementary School
2. CTAE Month Recognition: Angie Culbert

B. School Board Members

1. Board consideration of Board Chair's recommendation to select a delegate and alternate for the GSBA Summer Conference & Delegate Assembly in June 2025.

-Ms. Fletcher volunteered to be the delegate and Mr. Eckroat volunteered as an alternate.

C. School Board Policies

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Regulation DIB-R(1): Financial Reports (Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets).

-A motion to approve C-1 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Financial Statement for January 31, 2025.

-A motion to approve D-1 was made by Mr. Dodd, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar.

-A motion to approve E-1 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

F. Support Services/Facilities and Construction Management/Planning: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

G. Personnel

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the following Administrator/Success Team Renewal List for FY 2025-26.

Central Office/Chattooga Education Center Administrators

- Mr. Jeremy Heathcock- Assistant Superintendent/Federal Programs & Student Services
- Mr. Robert Beach- Chief Academic Officer
- Mrs. Kelli Johnson- Special Education Director
- Dr. Emily Mobbs- Director of Data Collections and Student Information
- Mr. Barry Peppers- Alternative Education Director

Principals

- Mrs. Paula Buice
- Mrs. Rachel Groce
- Mr. Michael Shank
- Mr. Roger Wilkinson
- Dr. Phillip Wood

Assistant Principals

- Mrs. Renee Beasley
- Mrs. Angela Culbert (CTAE Director also)
- Mrs. Brandi Bowman
- Mr. Val 'Kip' Klein
- Mr. Brent Mobbs
- Mr. Mark Turner

Success Team

- Mrs. Lisa Benson
- Mrs. Christie Dooley
- Mr. Bryn Lee
- Mrs. Jennifer Reese

-A motion to approve G-1 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following personnel changes:

Certified Resignations

- Rhonda Bannister; Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; funding ending for position; effective 05/28/2025.
- Denise Jones; Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; funding ending for position; effective 05/28/2025.
- Lisa Miller; Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; funding ending for position; effective 05/28/2025.
- Gwendolyn Nance, Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; retirement; effective 05/28/2025.
- Jesse Peppers; Special Education Teacher at Chattooga High School; transferring to another system; effective 05/28/2025.
- Jeffery Reynolds; Math Teacher at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 05/28/2025.

Classified Resignations

- Autumn Baggett; Special Education Paraprofessional at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 02/12/2025.
- Erica Edmondson; Finance Director at Central Office; retirement; effective 06/30/2025.
- Carrie Brannon; Caregiver at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 02/21/2025.

Classified Transfers

- Samantha Jones; from Accounts Payable Clerk to Finance Director at Central Office; replacing Erica Edmondson; beginning 07/01/2025.
- Misty Blackwell; from Bookkeeper at Chattooga High School to Accounts Payable Clerk at Central Office; replacing Samantha Jones; beginning 07/01/2025.

Classified Recommendations

- Ashley Howell; Caregiver at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Susan Howard; beginning 02/04/2025.
- Kaysea O'Neal; School Food Service Worker at Chattooga High School; replacing Teresa Luallen; beginning 01/28/2025.
- Kandi Rich; Special Education Caregiver at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Autumn Baggett; beginning 02/13/2025.
- Kurt Schreiner; Custodian at Chattooga High School; new allotment; beginning 02/12/2025.
- Andrea Smith; Special Education Caregiver at PALS; replacing Frances Green; beginning 01/21/2025.

Substitutes

- Kiersten Becker; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/14/2025.
- Phyllis Bell; Substitute Custodian; effective 02/04/2025.
- Risa Willbanks; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/18/2025.
- Konica Martin; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/18/2025.
- Autumn Baggett; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/13/2025.

-A motion to approve all items under G-2, including additions, was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

H. Superintendent of School

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the monthly Outline of Board Activities for the 2024-2025 school year.

-A motion to approve H-1 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items

1. Tentative bad weather make-up days: March 17, April 14, May 19.
2. Information about GoFan/Sporting event entry.
3. Academic/curriculum update by Robert Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:21 p.m. by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Michelle Helie, Superintendent

Lori Brady, Board Chair

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder

Admin. Assistant to Superintendent