

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

Chattooga County Board
Office of the Superintendent
Agenda for Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Mr. Dodd, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

1- Add to G-1 (Certified Faculty Recommendation List for FY 2025-2026): Molly Henson

2. Add to G-2 (Personnel):

Certified Recommendation

-Jackson Moore; Special Education Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Jesse Peppers; beginning FY'26.

Substitute

-Freddie Bell; Substitute Custodian; effective 03/14/2025.

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

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

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting**

- February 20, 2025, Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation : NONE**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions (no action required)

1. 2025 School Board Appreciation Week Proclamation

2. FY'26 District-wide Teacher of the Year- Mrs. Erica Brown (Menlo School)

B. School Board Members: NONE

C. School Board Policies

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy GAMA: Drug-Free Workplace. Item will lay until the April 17, 2025, board meeting, to allow for public input.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy GAN: Employee Tobacco Use. Item will lay until the April 17, 2025, board meeting, to allow for public input.

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Financial Statement for February 28, 2025.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to provide free breakfast to all students during Milestone testing.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to purchase Frontline Education Absence and Substitute Management Solution.

-A motion to approve D-1, D-2 and D-3 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. (no action required) District curriculum/academic update- Robert Beach

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

-A motion to enter executive session was made at 6:42 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 7:09 p.m. by Mr.

Eckroat, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous. **No action was taken in Executive Session.**

G. Personnel

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Certified Faculty Recommendation List for FY 2025-2026.

- A motion to approve all Certified Faculty (including addition), except Lindsey Eckroat and Johnny Brady, was made by Ms. Lawrence with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.
- A motion to approve Lindsey Eckroat was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Dodd. Ms. Brady, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Fletcher, and Mr. Dodd all voted in favor. Mr. Eckroat abstained from the vote.
- A motion to approve Johnny Brady was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Dodd. Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Fletcher, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Eckroat all voted in favor. Ms. Brady abstained from the vote.

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

Certified Recommendation

- Justin Brown; In-school Suspension Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Brandon Ponder; beginning 03/25/25.

Classified Recommendation

- Sonya Jackson; Bookkeeper/Secretary at Chattooga High School; replacing Misty Blackwell; beginning 03/18/2025.

Substitute

- Miranda Fletcher; Substitute Teacher; effective 03/21/2025.
- A motion to approve all items under G-2 (including additions), was made by Mr. Dodd, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, 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. Information about Special Olympics on April 9th at Chattooga High School.

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:17 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Michelle Helie, Superintendent

Lori Brady, Board Chair

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder

Admin. Assistant to Superintendent