

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2024 @ 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

Lori Brady, Board Chair
Tiffany Lawrence, Board Vice-chair
Eddie Elsberry, Board Member
Bonnie Fletcher, Board Member
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member

Non-voting Members Present

Michelle Helie, Assistant Superintendent
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

Absent

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

- **Invocation:** CHS student, Matthew Floyd
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** CHS student, Jayla Rich

-A motion to amend the agenda, to make the following changes, was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

1- Public Participation: Add Joy Dodd

2- Additions to agenda item G-1:

Certified Recommendations

- Brandon Gordon; Social Studies/History Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Melanie Patterson; beginning FY'25.
- Breanna Tucker; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Bethany Hancock; beginning FY'25.
- Zachary White; Middle Grades ELA Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Abby Hosmer; beginning FY'25.

Classified Resignation

- Willie Long; Part-time Custodian at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 03/28/2024.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for April 18, 2024 School Board Meeting.**

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

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

- March 21, 2024 Called Meeting
- March 21, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation**

1. Marcus Washington, from Shorter University, to spoke about STEM partnership with Chattooga County Schools.
2. ~~Felicia Foster~~ (was unable to attend)
3. Joy Dodd

A. Resolutions/Recognitions: (non-action)

1. FY'24 Young Georgia Authors System-level Winners:

- Kindergarten- Gracelyn McGraw; Menlo Elementary School
- 1st Grade- Anthony Collins; Leroy Massey Elementary School
- 2nd Grade- Marlee Willingham; Leroy Massey Elementary School
- 3rd Grade- Aubree Grance; Lyerly Elementary School
- 4th Grade- Sienna Hayes; Leroy Massey Elementary School
- 5th Grade- Dakota Moss; Leroy Massey Elementary School
- 6th Grade- Aubrey Harrison; Summerville Middle School
- 7th Grade- Mariah Harris; Menlo Elementary School
- 8th Grade- Carter Bachelor; Menlo Elementary School
- 9th Grade- Hannah Reynolds; Chattooga High School
- 10th Grade- Matthew Floyd; Chattooga High School
- 11th Grade- Jayla Rich; Chattooga High School
- 12th Grade- Pippa Key; Chattooga High School

- 2.** Ms. Leigha Burnham, Chattooga County School's district-wide Teacher of the Year for FY'24, has been selected as a top 10 finalist for 2025 Georgia Teacher of the Year! The finalists were chosen from a pool of applicants all previously selected as their school district's Teacher of the Year. The applications were read and scored by a group of reviewers that included past Georgia Teacher of the Year winners and finalists along with Georgia Department of Education representatives. On March 13th State School Superintendent Richard Woods visited Summerville Middle School and surprised Ms. Burnham to let her know she'd been selected as a top 10 finalist. The finalists will meet with a panel of judges for formal interviews and speeches in April before the 2025 Georgia Teacher of the Year is selected in May.

3. 2024 Teacher Appreciation Proclamation

4. School Lunch Hero Day Proclamation

5. School Nurse Day Proclamation

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 2024.

Mr. Elsberry made a motion to elect Ms. Lawrence as Delegate, with a second by Ms. Fletcher. Ms. Fletcher made a motion to elect Mr. Elsberry as Alternate, with a second by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was unanimous.

2. Lori Brady- Superintendent search discussion (**non-action**)

C. School Board Policies: NONE

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for March 31, 2024.

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

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following addition to the FY'25 Student/Parent Handbook:
Changes to the Dexter Mosley Act/Parent Guidance will be added to the handbook as a hyperlink under Home School Students Participating in Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities.

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

F. Support Services/Facilities and Construction Management/Planning

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Southern A&E to seek bids for roof replacement at Lyrly Elementary School.

2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve a Resolution for the Certificate of Completion of Menlo Elementary School.

-A motion to approve F-1 and F-2 was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Elsberry and the vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-A motion to enter executive session was made at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 8:22 p.m. by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous. **No action was taken in Executive Session.**

G. Personnel

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the following Personnel changes:

Certified Resignations

- Laura Gamble; Interventionist at Leroy Massey Elementary School; funding ended for position; effective 05/29/2024.
- Abby Hosmer; Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 05/29/2024.
- Kimberly Justice; Interventionist at Menlo Elementary School; funding ended for position; effective 05/29/2024.
- Lisa Miller; Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; funding ended for position; effective 05/29/2024.

Certified Recommendations

- Amanda Heaps; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Rhonda Richards; beginning FY'25.
- James Rowe; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Wanda Edgins; beginning FY'25.

Certified Transfers

- Amanda Mayo; from ELA Teacher to Academic Coach at Summerville Middle School; replacing Rachel Groce; beginning FY'25.
- Kristy Patterson; from Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School to Teacher at Summerville Pre-K; replacing Tonya Smith; beginning FY'25.

Certified Non-renewal

- Tiffany Pate; Middle Grades Math Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; effective 05/29/2024.

Classified Resignation

- April Smith; School Nurse at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 05/24/2024.
- A motion to approve all items under G-1, including additions, was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

H. Superintendent of School

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of monthly Outline of Board Activities for the 2023-2024 school year.
- A motion to approve H-1 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

Michelle Helie, Assistant Superintendent

Lori Brady, Board Chair

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder

Admin. Assistant to Superintendent