

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 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 Chairman, 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

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

- **Invocation:** Jason Whitfield
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** B.J. Montgomery

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for May 16, 2024 School Board Meeting.**

-A motion to amend the agenda, to add the following items, was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous:

1- Public Participation: Add Felicia Foster

2- Add agenda item D-5: Board Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to roll over the current CD at First National Bank for an additional 6 months at a rate of 4.65%

3- Additions to agenda item G-1:

Certified Resignations

- Andrea Bourne; Spanish Teacher at Chattooga High School; retirement; effective 05/29/2024.
- Roshmel Young; PE Teacher and Coach at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 05/29/2024.

Classified Resignations

- Misty Burdick; Bookkeeper/Athletic Secretary at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 05/28/2024.
- Joleen Dotson; Paraprofessional at Lysterly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 05/24/2024.
- Stacy Moore; Receptionist at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 05/02/2024.

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

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

- April 18, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation**

- Joy Dodd
 - Chad Dodd
 - Felicia Foster (added)

A. Resolutions/Recognitions

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Chattooga County School District Strategic Waiver School System Resolution.

-After discussion and approval of agenda items E-6 and E-7, Mr. Elsberry made a motion to approve A-1, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

B. School Board Members

1. Board consideration of Board Chairperson's recommendation to take action on a plan to seek replacement for Superintendent.

-After discussion Ms. Lawrence made a motion to appoint Jimmy Lenderman as Interim Superintendent. Ms. Brady seconded the motion. Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady voted in favor. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Fletcher all opposed. Motion did not pass.

-Ms. Fletcher made a motion to promote from within but withdrew the motion for lack of clarification.

-Ms. Brady made a motion to open up the application process to allow internal applicants to apply through our HR. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion. Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady voted in favor. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Fletcher all opposed. Motion did not pass.

-Mr. Elsberry made a motion to name Michelle Helie as the sole finalist for Superintendent. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Fletcher all voted in favor. Ms. Brady and Ms. Lawrence opposed. Motion passed.

C. School Board Policies

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Board Policy Exhibit DJEAC-E(1): Purchasing Card User Agreement.
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy DJEAC: Purchasing or Credit Card Use (**policy will lay until the June board meeting, to allow for public input**).
3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Board Policy Exhibits DJEAC-E(2), DJEAC-E(3) and DJEAC-E(4). (**Exhibits will lay, with their corresponding policy until the June board meeting, to allow for public input**).

-A motion to approve C-1, as well as C-2 and C-3 (pending any public input that might be received within the next 30 days) was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Board Meeting dates for 2024-25:

July 18, 2024
August 15, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 17, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 19, 2024
January 16, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 17, 2025
May 15, 2025
June 19, 2025

5. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the annual review of Board Policy BH: Board Code of Ethics, by board members.

-A motion to approve C-4 and C-5 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for April 30, 2024.
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve FY'24 General Fund Budget amendment.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve School Window as a point-of-sale system at all locations.

-A motion to approve D-1, D-2 and D-3 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the transfer of 2 million dollars from our General Fund fund balance to our Committed Fund balance for future projects such as LES roof, playground equipment, chain link fencing, asphalt paving/stripping, old barn/athletic fieldhouse conversion at SMS, field renovation at SMS, CHS baseball field sprinkler system, CHS baseball field foul ball netting, new Ag barn equipment at SMS, weightroom equipment at SMS, maintenance and transportation vehicles (work trucks & SUV's), LED light conversions, outdoor lighting upgrades, lawn equipment and HVAC upgrades.

-A motion to approve D-4 was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Flecher all voted in favor. Ms. Brady and Ms. Lawrence opposed. Motion passed.

5. **(added)** Board Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to roll over the current CD at First National Bank for an additional 6 months at a rate of 4.65%.

-A motion to approve D-5 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the use of a school bus and driver, by the Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce, on May 29, 2024, for a community tour.

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

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-25 Administrator's Handbook.
3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-25 Student Enrollment & Withdrawal Handbook.
4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-25 Professional Learning Plan and Evaluation.
5. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-25 Attendance Handbook.

-A motion to approve E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5 was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

6. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024 Chattooga County Strategic Waiver Application.
7. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve update to the Chattooga County Schools Five Year Strategic Plan.

-A motion to approve E-6 and E-7 was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

-A motion to enter executive session was made at 7:38 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 8:10 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

- Julie Dodd; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 05/29/2024.
- Royce Hogg; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 05/29/2024.
- Krista 'Rhiannon' Morrison; Guidance Counselor at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 05/29/2024.
- Matthew West; Assistant Principal at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 06/30/2024.

Certified Recommendations

- Laura Welsh; ELA Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Amanda Mayo (transferred within SMS); beginning FY'25.

Certified Transfers

- Kasey Espy; from Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School to Middle Grades Math Teacher at Lysterly Elementary School; replacing Tiffany Pate; beginning FY'25.
- Mary Beth Housch; from Guidance Counselor at Leroy Massey Elementary School to Guidance Counselor at Summerville Middle School; replacing Rhiannon Morrison; beginning FY'25.

Classified Resignations

- Phillip Lawrence; Maintenance Technician; retirement; effective 05/31/2024.

Classified Recommendations

- Dinah Haynes; Part-time Custodian at Lyerly Elementary School; vacant position; beginning 04/24/2024.
- Jane Roper; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Dymon Shelton; beginning 07/24/2024.
- Sha'nese Walker; Part-time Custodian at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Willie Long; beginning 05/08/2024.

Classified Transfers

- Anita Greer; Paraprofessional at Summerville Pre-K; replacing Gwen Nichols; beginning FY'25.
- Ashley Thomas; from Lyerly Elementary School to Cafeteria Assistant Manager at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Betty Brazelton (transferring to Interim Manager); beginning FY'25.

Substitutes

- Zachary Duggan; Substitute Teacher; effective 05/01/2024.
- Kelly McCain; Substitute Teacher; effective 05/01/2024.
- Shannon Scacewater; Certified Substitute Teacher; effective 05/01/2024.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the following employee to conduct privately paid tutoring for students during off-contract hours:
 - Loretta Pierce: Menlo Elementary School

-A motion to approve all items under G-1 (including additions), as well as G-2 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, 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 Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items

- 1- Last day of school/Graduation information
- 2- Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Helie gave an update on grants.

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

Lori Brady, Chairman

Recorded by: _____
Alisha Yoder
Admin. Assistant to Superintendent