

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 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
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. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

1. Add to Public Participation: Felicia Foster

2. Add to G-1 (Personnel):

Certified Resignations

-Teri Bradley; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 06/11/2025.

-Melissa Colbert; Part-time Instructional Specialist at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 06/13/2025.

Certified Transfer

-Richard Rutledge II; From Math Teacher at Summerville Middle School to Principal at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Paula Buice; beginning FY'26.

Classified Resignations

-Ashley Howell; Paraprofessional at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 06/08/2025.

-Betty "Miranda" Williams; Paraprofessional at Summerville Pre-K; relocating; effective 06/17/2025.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for June 19, 2025 School Board Meeting.**

-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**

- May 15, 2025 Called Meeting
- May 15, 2025 Monthly Meeting
- May 20, 2025 Called Meeting

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

- **Public Participation**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions: NONE

B. School Board Members: NONE

C. School Board Policies

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

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the annual Review of Board Exhibit BH-E(1): Board Norms and Protocols.

-A motion to approve items C-1 and C-2 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY'26 Budget.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for May 31, 2025.

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

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Student Enrollment & Withdrawal Handbook.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Professional Learning Plan and Evaluation.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Chattooga County Schools Gifted Handbook.

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) beginning school year 2025-2026.

5. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook.

-A motion to approve items E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

6. District Curriculum/Academic Update- Robert Beach (**no action required**).

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. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 6:52 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

No action was taken in Executive Session

-Board Chair, Lori Brady asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add agenda item G-3(a): "Board consideration of Board Chair's recommendation to approve an extension of the Superintendent's contract, for an additional one year, through June 30, 2028." Motion to amend agenda was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

G. Personnel

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

Certified Resignations

-Alvah Beasley; Teacher and Coach at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 05/28/2025.

-Paula Buice; Principal at Menlo Elementary School; retirement; effective 06/30/2025.

Certified Recommendations

-Garrett Brown; PE/Health Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Alvah Beasley; beginning FY'26.

Classified Resignations

-Christopher "Seth" Kirk; Custodian at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; Effective 05/30/2025

Classified Recommendations

-Jeffrey Dotson; Part-time Custodian at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Seth Kirk; beginning 06/04/2025.

-Austin Martin; Part-time Technology Student Worker; beginning 06/04/2025.

Substitutes

-Stephen Barnett; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025.

-Sara Covington; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025.

- Karsen Gilliam; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025
- Titus Hatcher; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025.
- Essence Lundy; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025.
- Savannah “Ashley” Mayo; Summer Feeding Program Substitute; effective 06/03/2025.

-A motion to approve G-1 (including additions) was made by Mr. Eckroat, with a second by Mr. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Salary Handbook.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Personnel Handbook.

Add: 3(a) Board consideration of Board Chair’s recommendation to approve an extension of the Superintendent’s contract, for an additional one year, through June 30, 2028.

-A motion to approve items G-2, G-3 and G-3(a) 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 2024-2025 school year.

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

-Superintendent’s “For Information Only” Items

1. Summer Feeding Program us underway
2. Summer projects and cleaning is underway at all schools
3. Two CHS students, Emma Kate Smith and Gabrielle Diaz will be attending the National FFCLA conference in Orlando in July.

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:04 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