

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 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 Chairman, Eddie Elsberry. There was a quorum of Board Members present.

Voting Members Present

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member
Lori Brady, Board Member
Tiffany Lawrence, Board Member
Bonnie Fletcher, Board Member

Non-voting Members Present

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

- **Invocation:** Hailey Cornejo
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Libby and Laney Dodd

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

Addition to agenda item G-1:

Certified Recommendation

-Molly Grogan; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; vacant position; beginning 01/02/2024.

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

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

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting**
- December 14, 2023 Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation: NONE**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions: (non-action)

1. School Spotlight- Summerville Middle School and Leroy Massey Elementary School

2. District Spelling Bee Winners:

Chattooga County Schools and the Chattooga Education Association sponsored the annual District Spelling Bee on the evening of Thursday, November 9th at Menlo Elementary School. Forty-eight students in grades first through eighth from Leroy Massey Elementary, Lyerly Elementary, Menlo Elementary, and Summerville Middle School participated. The 1st Place winners at each grade level were:

1st Grade: Branson Nixon from Menlo Elementary School

2nd Grade: Eli Young from Leroy Massey Elementary School

3rd Grade: Ruby Kellett from Lyerly Elementary School

4th-8th Grade: Andrew Dilbeck from Lyerly Elementary School

Andrew is a back-to-back district spelling bee champion. He will represent Chattooga County by competing in the GAE Region 1 Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 24th.

B. School Board Members

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve board member school visits on March 21, 2024.

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

C. School Board Policies

1. Board Consideration of Superintendents Recommendation to review Policy BBA and elect a Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2024. Term will begin January 2024 and run through December 2024.

-Ms. Brady made a motion to elect Mr. Elsberry as Board Chairman. There was no second.

-Ms. Fletcher made a motion to elect Ms. Brady as Board Chairman. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Fletcher all voted in favor. Ms. Brady abstained. Mr. Hosmer advised that Ms. Brady will begin leading meetings in February.

-Ms. Brady made a motion to elect Ms. Lawrence as Board Vice-Chairman. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Brady and Ms. Fletcher all voted in favor. Ms. Lawrence abstained.

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for December 31, 2023.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to pay for approximately 100 employees \$1,000 retention supplement, from General Fund equity.
- A motion to approve D-1 and D-2 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. **(Added)** Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve revisions to the 2023-2024 Gifted Handbook.
- A motion to approve E-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery, 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 6:49 p.m. by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Ms. Brady, and the vote was unanimous.
- A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 7:12 p.m. by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous. **No action was taken in Executive Session.**
- A motion to amend the agenda, to add agenda item E-1 (was inadvertently left off the agenda), was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Brady, and the vote was unanimous

G. Personnel

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

(Added) Certified Recommendation

- Molly Grogan; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; vacant position; beginning 01/02/2024.

Classified Resignation

- Michael Padgett; Custodian at Lyrly Elementary School; effective 12/31/2023.

Classified Recommendation

- Faith Ann Foster; Non-Instructional Aide at Summerville Middle School; replacing Dantazia 'Shay' Padgett; beginning 01/05/2024.
- A motion to approve Classified Recommendation, Faith Ann Foster, was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Brady. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Brady and Ms. Fletcher all voted in favor. Ms. Lawrence abstained.
- A motion to approve all other items under G-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery, 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 Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items

1. Mrs. Helie presented academic and grants information.
2. Mr. Whitfield gave an update on the SMS barn.

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:52 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder

Admin. Assistant to Superintendent