

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 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, Chairman
Tiffany Lawrence, Vice-chairman
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:** James Baird
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Kyler Kellett

-A motion to amend the agenda, to add the following items under item G-1, was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

Certified Recommendation

-Jesse Peppers; Special Education Inclusion Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Amber Brown; beginning FY'25.

Certified Transfer

-Michael Bessette; Special Education Teacher from Leroy Massey Elementary School to Chattooga High School; replacing Nancy Daniel; beginning FY'25.

Classified Resignation

-Marilyn Davis; School Food Service Worker at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 02/07/2024.

Classified Recommendation

-Regina McGill; School Food Service Worker at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Marilyn Davis; beginning 02/20/2024.

Substitutes

-Teresa Keef; Substitute School Food Service Worker; effective 02/20/2024.
-Thomas O'Kelley; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/20/2024.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for February 15, 2024 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**

- January 18, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation:** None

A. Resolutions/Recognitions: (non-action)

1. School Spotlight- Lyerly Elementary School and Chattooga County Learning Center

2. Leigha Burnham- Cargill Award Recipient

On January 30, Ms. Leigha Burnham, an esteemed educator at Summerville Middle School was honored at the Georgia State Capitol as a Don Cargill STEM Scholar by the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers, Inc. (GYSTC). Ms. Burnham received this recognition for her outstanding integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction. Recipients of this award demonstrate commitment to providing students with innovative and challenging STEM experiences. Ms. Burnham cultivates an environment of exploration that not only excites and energizes students but also equips them to pursue enhanced educational opportunities in STEM. Ms. Burnham was awarded \$500 to use in her classroom to support her teacher project "Charged Up for STEM." Awardees were invited to the Capitol for breakfast with members of the General Assembly. The event featured a warm welcome from former educator, Representative Gerald Greene (District 154), Kathleen Atkins (GYSTC Board Chair, Lockheed Martin), and Keith Crandall (Science Program Manager, Georgia Department of Education). Furthermore, recipients received congratulations from Governor Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp and were recognized in the Senate Chambers by Senator Clint Dixon (District 45), chair of the Education and Youth Committee.

B. School Board Members: NONE

C. School Board Policies: NONE

D. Financial Management

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

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

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase of new financial software from Harris School Solutions (SmartFusion). There is a one-time fee of \$71,024.61 and an annual fee of \$40,625.00.

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

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to sell the following five school buses, through sealed bid, to the highest bidder.

<u>Bus #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>VIN #</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
69	2007	International	4DRBUAFN97B482628	66 passenger
76	2007	International	4DBRUAFN08B503965	66 passenger
79	2007	International	4DRBUAFN97B503963	72 passenger
82	2009	Freightliner/Thomas	4UZABRDJ39CZ73712	30 passenger
83	2009	Freightliner/Thomas	4UZABRDJ79CAA6681	72 passenger

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

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to purchase the following new school buses from Yancey Bus Sales:

One 54 passenger bus (equipped with air and gasoline engine), for \$125,759.00 and one Special Education bus (equipped with lift, air and gasoline engine), for \$149,237.00.

-A motion to approve D-4 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 proposed 2025-2026 school calendar.

-A motion to approve E-1 was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, 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 6:59 p.m. by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 7:48 p.m. by Ms. Fletcher, 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 the following Personnel changes:

Certified Resignations

-Nicholas Biddle; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; career change; effective 05/29/2024.

-Amber Brown; Teacher at Chattooga High School; career change; effective 05/29/2024.

-Kelsy Byrd; Teacher at Chattooga High School; career change; effective 05/29/2024.

-Nancy Daniel; Teacher at Chattooga High School; retirement; effective 05/29/2024.

- Melanie Patterson; Teacher at Chattooga High School; seeking other opportunities; effective 05/29/2024.
- Bobbette Rokus; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; retirement; effective 05/29/2024.
- Tonya Smith; Teacher at Summerville Pre-K; retirement; effective 05/29/2024.
- Brenda Worsham; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; retirement; effective 05/29/2024.

Classified Resignations

- Dymon Shelton; School Food Service worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; moving; effective 01/31/2024.
- Patricia Bentley; School Food Service Manager at Menlo Elementary School; retirement; effective 05/24/2024.

Classified Recommendations

- Christopher 'Seth' Kirk; Custodian at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Michael Padgett; beginning 02/02/2024.
- Mary Womack; School Food Service worker at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Sheila Barnett; beginning 01/30/2024.

Substitute

- Diane Vineyard; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 02/06/2024.
- A motion to approve all items under G-1, including additions, was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Certified Faculty for 2024-2025 (see list attached).

- A motion to approve all names under G-2, except Ashley Brown, was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.
- A motion to approve Ashley Brown was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Ms. Lawrence. Mr. Elsberry, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Brady, and Ms. Fletcher all voted in favor. Mr. Montgomery abstained from the vote.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Administrator/ Success Team list for FY 2024-2025:

Central Office/Chattooga Education Center Administrators

Mrs. Michelle Helie- Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
 Mr. Jeremy Heathcock- Federal Programs/Student Services Director
 Mrs. Kelli Johnson- Special Education Director
 Dr. Emily Mobbs- Director of Data Collections and Student Information
 Mr. Barry Peppers- Alternative Education Director

Principals

Mrs. Paula Buice
 Mr. Michael Shank
 Mr. Roger Wilkinson
 Dr. Phillip Wood

Assistant Principals

Mrs. Angela Culbert (CTAE Director also)
Ms. Brandi Hammonds
Mr. Val ‘Kip’ Klein
Mr. Brent Mobbs
Mr. Mark Turker
Mr. Matthew West

Success Team

Mr. Robert Beach
Mrs. Lisa Benson
Mrs. Christie Dooley
Mrs. Jennifer Reese

-A motion to approve G-3 was made by Ms. Fletcher, 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

1. Michelle Helie provided information about grants awarded and upcoming events.
2. Jason Whitfield gave facilities update.
3. Ribbon-cutting at CHS tennis courts on February 20th at 3:30 p.m.
4. Schedule for upcoming school visits and Whole Board Governance Training.

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

Lori Brady, Chairman

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder
Admin. Assistant to Superintendent