

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 21, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

**Chattooga County Board**  
**Office of the Superintendent**  
**Agenda for Board Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman, Eddie Elsberry. There was a quorum of Board Members present along with the Superintendent, Jared Hosmer and the Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Martin.

**Voting Members Present**

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman  
Brad Hayes, Vice-chairman  
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member  
Lynn Hall, Board Member  
Spencer Hogg, Board Member

**Non-voting Members Present**

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent  
Jeff Martin, Assistant Superintendent  
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

- **Invocation:** Brad Hayes
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** B.J. Montgomery

-A motion to amend the agenda, to reflect the following changes, was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Hogg, and the vote was unanimous.

1. Under Previous Minutes, the second meeting should be March and not February.
2. Add Felicia Foster as Public Participation
3. Add agenda item B-2 (Board consideration of Board Chairman's recommendation to select a delegate and alternate for the Delegate Assembly in June 2022 in Savannah, Georgia.
4. Add agenda item D-2 (Board Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the vehicle donation receipt for JBM, Inc.
5. Additions to agenda item G-1:

**Certified Resignation**

-Karlie Worley; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 6/03/2022.

### **Certified Recommendations**

- Michael Bessette; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Kelsey Webb (transferred to PALS); beginning FY 2023.
- Kristen Gilbert; Math Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Karlie Worley; beginning FY 2023.
- Bethany Hancock; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Marc Walsh; beginning FY 2023.
- Annalisa Hughes; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing herself (changed her mind about retiring); beginning FY 2023.
- Sonya Mayo; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Allison Cordell; beginning FY 2023.
- Stacy McGrath; Secondary Science Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Lisa Benson (transferred to Success Team); beginning FY 2023.
- Bill Shelton; Science Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Erica Brown (transferred to Menlo Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.
- Donna Waters; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Alex Odom; beginning FY 2023.
- Javan Winston; ELA Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Charlsie Hegwood (transferred to Lyerly Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.

### **Certified Transfers**

- Jared Groce; From Chattooga High School to Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Brandi Hammonds (transferred to Lyerly Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.

### **Classified Resignation**

- Larry Wilson; Maintenance Director at the Central Office; personal reasons; effective 04/21/2022.

### **Classified Transfer**

- Jason Whitfield; from system Maintenance worker to Maintenance Director at the Central Office; replacing Larry Wilson; beginning 04/21/2022.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for April 21, 2022 School Board Meeting.**

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

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- March 17, 2022 Called Meeting
- March 17, 2022 Monthly Meeting

-A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Mr. Hayes, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

- **Public Participation:** Felicia Foster

**A. Resolutions/Recognitions (non-action items)**

**1. REACH Signing Day**

Sky Burrage from Summerville Middle School

**2. Young Georgia Authors System-Level Winners**

Kindergarten- Thai Moorefield from Leroy Massey Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Brylee Thrasher from Leroy Massey Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Laney Dodd from Leroy Massey Elementary School

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Caedmon Harris from Menlo Elementary School

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Layla Albert from Leroy Massey Elementary School

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Alexandria Thompson from Lyerly Elementary School

6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Xaylon Rollins from Summerville Middle School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Hannah Reynolds from Lyerly Elementary School

8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lileah Braden from Summerville Middle School

9<sup>th</sup> Grade- Nyala Thurman from Chattooga High School

10<sup>th</sup> Grade- Cheyanne Blackmon from Chattooga High School

11<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jaycie Ledbetter from Chattooga High School

12<sup>th</sup> Grade- Maddison Rosser from Chattooga High School

**\*These students received their awards at a special reception which was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**3. Teacher Appreciation Proclamation**

**B. School Board Members**

**1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the completion of the GSBA Individual Self-Assessment, by board members.**

**2. Board consideration of Board Chairman's recommendation to select a delegate and alternate for the Delegate Assembly in June 2022 in Savannah, Georgia.**

**(Mr. Elsberry made a recommendation for Mr. Hogg to serve as delegate and Mr. Montgomery as alternate. Both board members agreed).**

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

**C. School Board Policies**

**1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to adopt Board Policy BHB: Nepotism (policy will lay until the May board meeting, to allow for public input).**

**2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the annual review of Board Policy BH: Board Code of Ethics.**

-A motion to approve C-2 was made by Mr. Hayes, 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 March 31, 2022.**

2. Board Consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the vehicle donation receipt for JBM, Inc.

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

#### **E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve public input concerning the "Return to In-Person Instruction Plan" six-month review for 2021-2022.

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

2. Superintendent's presentation of the district's Cognia Review Report (**non-action item**).

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

-A motion to enter into Executive Session was made at 6:54 p.m. by Mr. Hogg, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit Executive Session was made at 7:18 p.m. by Mr. Hayes, with a second by Mr. Hogg, and the vote was unanimous. **\*There was no action taken in Executive Session.**

#### **G. Personnel**

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

##### **Certified Resignations**

- Allison Cordell; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 06/03/2022.
- Lucas Hill; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 06/03/2022.
- Julia Johnson; Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 06/03/2022.
- Savannah Olschewske; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; accepted a job closer to home; effective 06/03/2022.
- Magdana Philossaint; System School Psychologist; personal conflict; effective 06/03/2022.
- Karlie Worley; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 06/03/2022.

##### **Certified Recommendations**

- Dawn Bowling; Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Adriana Thompson (transferred within LES); beginning FY 2023.

- Melissa Duggan; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Kelly Cordle (transferred to MES); beginning FY 2023.
- Laura Windom; Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Paula Arden (transferred – TBD); beginning FY 2023.
- Michael Bessette; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Kelsey Webb (transferred to PALS); beginning FY 2023.
- Kristen Gilbert; Math Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Karlie Worley; beginning FY 2023.
- Bethany Hancock; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Marc Walsh; beginning FY 2023.
- Annalisa Hughes; Special Education Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing herself (changed her mind about retiring); beginning FY 2023.
- Sonya Mayo; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Allison Cordell; beginning FY 2023.
- Stacy McGrath; Secondary Science Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Lisa Benson (transferred to Success Team); beginning FY 2023.
- Bill Shelton; Science Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Erica Brown (transferred to Menlo Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.
- Donna Waters; Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Alex Odom; beginning FY 2023.
- Javan Winston; ELA Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Charlsie Hegwood (transferred to Lyerly Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.

#### **Certified Transfers**

- Lisa Benson; from Teacher at Chattooga High School to System Success Team (replacing Angela Culbert (transferred to CHS)); beginning FY 2023.
- Charlsie Hegwood; from Teacher at Summerville Middle School to Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Julia Johnson; beginning FY 2023.
- Bethany Stiefel; from Teacher at Summerville Middle School to Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Marcelia Thompson; beginning FY 2023.
- Kelsey Webb; from Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School to Teacher at PALS; new allotment; beginning FY 2023.
- Jared Groce; From Chattooga High School to Special Education Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Brandi Hammonds (transferred to Lyerly Elementary School); beginning FY 2023.

#### **Classified Resignation**

- Ashley Thomas; School Food Service Worker at Lyerly Elementary School; career change; effective 04/01/2022.
- Larry Wilson; Maintenance Director at the Central Office; personal reasons; effective 04/21/2022.

#### **Classified Transfer**

- Jason Whitfield; from system Maintenance worker to Maintenance Director at the Central Office; replacing Larry Wilson; beginning 04/21/2022.

**Classified Recommendations**

- Alvin E. Brown; System Maintenance Worker; hours will be “as needed;” new allotment; beginning 04/13/2022.
- Stephanie Childress; School Food Service Worker at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Ashley Thomas; beginning 04/11/2022.
- Mary Womack; School Food Service Worker at Lyerly Elementary School; vacant position (current employee on extended medical leave); beginning 04/11/2022.

**Substitute**

- Daisy White; Substitute Paraprofessional; effective 04/18/2022.
- A motion to approve all items under G-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Hall, 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 2021-2022 school year.

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

**-Superintendent’s “For Information Only” Items**

1. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Chattooga County Literacy Council sponsored a county-wide adult Spelling Bee. The Chattooga County School District’s team won First Place. Team members were Amanda Mayo from Summerville Middle School, Karen Appelbaum from Chattooga High School, and Success Team member, Jennifer Reese.
2. Progress update on the new Menlo School.
3. EOC/EOG Milestones, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

-A motion to adjourn was made at 7:36 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Hogg, and the vote was unanimous.

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**Jared Hosmer, Superintendent**

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**Eddie Elsberry, Chairman**

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alisha Yoder  
Admin. Assistant to Superintendent**