

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 15, 2025 @ 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 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  
Mr. Chad Dodd, Board Member  
Mr. Derrick Eckroat, Board Member

**Voting Members Absent**

Ms. Bonnie Fletcher, 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 Mr. Dodd, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

**Add to G-1 (Personnel):**

**Certified Recommendations**

- Alissa Hanrahan-Sasser; Principal at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Phillip Wood; beginning FY 2026.
- Ryan Reece; Teacher at Summerville Middle School; replacing Lori White; beginning FY 2026.

**Classified Recommendations**

- Phyllis Bell; Part time Custodian at Summerville Middle School; replacing Willie Brown; Beginning 04/15/2025.
- Amy Gregory; Bus Driver; vacant position; beginning 05/01/2025.
- Jayden Wakefield; Bookkeeper/Secretary at Chattooga High School; replacing Sonya Jackson; beginning 05/05/2025.
- Margaret Ward; Bus Driver; vacant position; beginning FY 2026.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for May 15, 2025 School Board Meeting.**

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

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

- April 17, 2025 Called Meeting
- April 17, 2025 Monthly Meeting

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

- **Public Participation: NONE**

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

1. School Spotlight- Chattooga Academy/Learning Center

**B. School Board Members: NONE**

**C. School Board Policies**

**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 for approval to move CD to Georgia Power Federal Credit Union, at a rate of 5.05 (6 months).
3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve FY 2025 Budget amendments.

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

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

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Tribunal Panel Members:  
Central Office: Jeremy Heathcock, Robert Beach and Kelli Johnson  
Chattooga High School: Roger Wilkinson, Angie Culbert, Mark Turner and Renee Beasley.  
Summerville Middle School: Rachel Groce and Kip Klein  
Leroy Massey Elementary School: Brent Mobbs and Brandi Hammonds  
Lyerly Elementary School: Mike Shank  
Menlo Elementary School: Paula Buice  
Academy: Barry Peppers
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 School Nutrition Procurement Plan.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Wellness Policy.

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Parent & Family Engagement Policy.

5. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 reviewed/revised Vision & Mission Statements for all schools.

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

**6. (non-action)** District curriculum/academic update- Robert Beach

**F. Support Services/Facilities and Construction Management/Planning**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2025 Summer Feeding Program.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval to request GaDOE assistance in developing a new five-year local facilities plan for Chattooga County Schools.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

-A motion to enter executive session was made at 6:36 p.m. by Mr. Dodd, with a second by Mr. Eckroat, and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to exit executive session and re-enter regular session was made at 6:44 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Dodd, 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**

-Phillip Wood; Principal at Leroy Massey Elementary School; retirement; effective 06/30/2025.

**Certified Recommendations**

-Ramsey Elrod; Teacher at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Jennifer Leann Webb; Beginning FY 2026.

-Jackson Walters; Special Education Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Dustin Powell; beginning FY 2026.

### **Classified Resignations**

- Willie Brown; Custodian at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 04/22/2025.
- Sonya Jackson; Bookkeeper at Chattooga High School; personal reasons; effective 04/30/2025.

### **Classified Recommendations**

- Betty Miranda Williams; Paraprofessional at Summerville Pre-K; replacing Anita Greer; beginning FY 2026.

### **Substitutes**

- Jackson Moore; Substitute Teacher; effective 05/02/2025.
- A motion to approve all items under G-1, including the additions, was made by Mr. Eckroat, with a second by Mr. Dodd, 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. Dodd, and the vote was unanimous.

### **-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items:**

1. August 21-22: Early release at 1:30 due to Ag Fair traffic.
2. Possible lighting upgrade at Mitchell Field
3. Athletic events attendance procedures

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Dr. Michelle Helie, Superintendent**

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**Lori Brady, Board Chair**

**Recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Alisha Yoder**  
**Admin. Assistant to Superintendent**