

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 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 Board Chair, Lori Brady. There was a quorum of Board Members present.

**Voting Members Present**

Lori Brady, Board Chair  
Tiffany Lawrence, Board Vice-chair  
Eddie Elsberry, Board Member  
Bonnie Fletcher, Board Member  
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member

**Non-voting Members Present**

Michelle Helie, Superintendent  
Jeremy Heathcock, Assistant Superintendent  
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

- **Invocation:** James Baird
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** B.J. Montgomery

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

**1- Add agenda item D-1 (Financial Statement for June 30, 2024; DRAFT ONLY)**

**2- Additions (and one deletion) to agenda item G-3:**

**Certified Resignation**

-Andrew Stivers; Science Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 07/17/2024.

**Certified Recommendations**

-Miles Walker; Teacher at Chattooga High School; replacing Jontavian Hammonds; beginning FY'25.  
-Bailee Farrer; Science Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Andrew Stivers; beginning FY'25.

**Classified Resignations**

-Heather Ashley; Attendance Clerk at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 07/16/2024.  
-Yaniria Santiago-Merced; Paraprofessional at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 07/16/2024.

-David Whitfield; resigning as a bus driver effective 07/16/2024 (returning as a fulltime Teacher for FY'25).

-Betty 'Miranda' Williams; Paraprofessional at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 07/16/2024.

**Classified Recommendations**

~~-(REMOVE) Michael Perry; System Grounds Keeper/Custodian; replacing Ian Livesay; beginning 07/09/2024.~~

-Lindsey Barksdale; Paraprofessional at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Yaniria Santiago; beginning FY'25.

-Lisa Burnett; Paraprofessional at Chattooga High School; replacing Dejsha Bankston (transferred to Receptionist); beginning FY'25.

-Mary Anna Durham; CTAE Bookkeeper at Chattooga High School; replacing Brittany Sanford; beginning 07/19/2024.

-Alicia Housch; Paraprofessional at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Betty 'Miranda' Williams; beginning FY'25.

-Alan Smith; Bus Driver; vacant position; beginning FY'25.

-Jennifer Tate; School Nurse at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing April Smith; beginning FY'25.

**Classified Transfers: (REMOVE. Approved at June meeting)**

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

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

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

- June 6, 2024 Called Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

- June 6, 2024 Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- June 13, 2024 Called Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

- June 20, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- June 28, 2024 Called Meeting at 7:30 a.m.

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

- **Public Participation: NONE**

**A. Resolutions/Recognitions: NONE**

**B. School Board Members: NONE**

**C. School Board Policies**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve update to Board Regulation DIB-R(1): Financial Reports (Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets).

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy GARHB: Paid Parental Leave (**policy will lay until the August Board Meeting to allow for public input**).

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for board members to review and re-adopt Board Regulation BCBI-R(1): Public Participation in Board Meetings – Rules of Conduct and Public Participation Procedures, for FY'25.

-A motion to approve C-1 and C-3 was made by Mr. Elsberry, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **D. Financial Management**

-Added June 30, 2024 Financial Statement (DRAFT ONLY so no action was taken)

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

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Federal Programs Written Policies and Procedures Handbook.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Student/Parent Handbook.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 ESOL/Title III Policies & Procedures Handbook

4. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Section 504 System Handbook.

5. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Special Education Policy & Procedures Handbook.

6. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve request from the Special Education Department to begin using the SES/PaddyNet Medicaid Billing System.

-A motion to approve E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 and E-6 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, and the vote was unanimous.

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

-Maintenance Director, Jason Whitfield, gave an update on the Lyerly reroof project and boulders that have been donated to Menlo School.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

#### **G. Personnel**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve additional additional changes to the 2024-2025 Salary Handbook, which was approved at the June Board Meeting.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Personnel Handbook.
3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following personnel changes:

**Certified Resignations**

-Jontavian Hammond; Math Teacher at Chattooga High School; relocating; effective 06/30/2024.

**Certified Recommendations**

- Regan Copelan; Teacher at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Kirby Jones; beginning FY'25.
- Donna Grizzle; Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Bryn Lee (transferred to CCEC); beginning FY'25.
- Jeffrey Martin; 49% Teacher at Crossroads Academy; replacing Todd Dean (transferred to CHS); beginning FY'25.

**Classified Recommendations**

- Michael Perry; System Grounds Keeper/Custodian; replacing Ian Livesay; beginning 07/09/2024.
- Jackie Thomas; Bus Driver; vacant position; beginning FY'25.

**Classified Transfers (REMOVED. Approved at the June meeting)**

- ~~-Dejsa Bankston; from Paraprofessional at Summerville Middle School to Receptionist at Chattooga High School; replacing Amber Gill; beginning FY'25.~~
- ~~-Breanna Gallagher; Paraprofessional from Lyerly Elementary School to Leroy Massey Elementary School; vacant position; beginning FY'25.~~

**Active Substitute Teacher/Parapro List for 2024-2025**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| -Michael Armstrong  | -Kelly McCain       |
| -Virginia Ballinger | -John McGraw        |
| -Laney Barnes       | -Richie McWhorter   |
| -Carolyn Brayman    | -Dorothy Montgomery |
| -Patricia Brison    | -Faye Morton        |
| -Ashley Covington   | -Tommy O'Kelley     |
| -Kandy Craig        | -Joy Pence          |
| -Anna Dotson        | -Ciba Pierce        |
| -Zach Duggan        | -Pretreache Price   |
| -Lisa Duke          | -Maria Reyes        |
| -Anna Durham        | -Desirae Rogers     |
| -Robbie Eversole    | -Marie Rowland      |
| -Angela Frazier     | -Donna Sausville    |
| -Linda Glass        | -Shannon Scacewater |
| -Linda Griffith     | -Nina Sizemore      |
| -Steven Groves      | -Andrea Smith       |

-Morgan Hamby  
-Rod Hayes  
-Denise Heath  
-Carissa Hiatt  
-Chloee Hill  
-Emma Howard  
-Donnita Jorges  
-Darlene Ludy  
-Renee Mahan  
-Susan Mattice

-Judy Treloar  
-Shane Tucker  
-Paula Whitfield  
-Risa Willbanks  
-Brenda Wilson  
-Elleigh Wilson  
-Chris Woods  
-Brenda Worsham  
-Diane Vinyard  
-Angela Sparks

-A motion to approve G-1, G-2 and G-3 (including all additions) was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Elsberry, 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. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

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

1. Board Member training for FY'25.
2. Simbli discussion
3. Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Ag Fair due to traffic flow at SMS.
4. Meet the Teacher will be July 25<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
5. First day of school for students is July 26<sup>th</sup>
6. Spring Milestone scores still embargoed.
7. Academy/Learning Center information
8. Miscellaneous district academic information.
9. Current enrollment

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

-A motion to adjourn was made at 6:51 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

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**Michelle Helie, Superintendent**

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**Lori Brady, Board Chair**

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

**Alisha Yoder**  
**Admin. Assistant to Superintendent**