

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 @ 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
Brad Hayes, Vice-chairman
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member
Lynn Hall, Board Member

Non-voting Members Present

Jeff Martin, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Helie, Chief Academic Officer
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

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

-A motion to amend the agenda, to add the following items, was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Mr. Hayes, and the vote was unanimous.

Add agenda item E-2:

Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve public input concerning "Return to In-Person Instruction Plan" six-month review for 2022-2023.

Add agenda item G-1:

Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Personnel changes:

Classified Resignations

- Kenneth Gilreath; Bus Driver; Personal reasons; effective 08/26/2022.
- Christopher Woods; Bus Driver and Paraprofessional at Summerville Middle School; Personal reasons; effective 09/23/2022.

Classified Recommendations

- Christian Reynolds-Carlton; Caregiver at Leroy Massey Elementary School; New allotment; beginning 09/06/2022.
- Kimberly 'Denise' Watkins; Caregiver at Leroy Massey Elementary School; Replacing Justine

Gladney; beginning 08/30/2022.

Substitutes

- Ian Livesay; Custodian/Grounds Maintenance; effective 08/19/2022.
- Donna Mosteller; School Food Service Substitute; effective 08/30/2022.
- Kenneth Gilreath; Substitute Bus Driver; effective 08/30/2022.
- Hannah Bishop; Substitute Teacher; effective 09/13/2022.

- **Adoption of Superintendent’s Recommended Agenda for September 15, 2022 School Board Meeting.**

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

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- August 11, 2022 Called Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- August 11, 2022 Called Meeting (4:30 p.m.)
- August 18, 2022 Monthly Meeting
- August 23, 2022 Called Meeting
- August 24, 2022 Called Meeting

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

- **Public Participation: NONE**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions (non-action)

1. Future Problem Solvers Recognition:

This past school year, the Summerville Middle School’s 6th and 7th grade Future Problem Solvers, competed in the annual state level competition for Community Problem Solving. The students were challenged with identifying a community and finding ways to impact change. Under the leadership of their teacher, Dr. Damian Elder, the students decided to focus on the community within the walls of the school. The problem identified was student bullying due to hygiene and clothing, and students not feeling comfortable seeking help. After much deliberation, the students decided that they wanted to start a clothing and hygiene closet for students in need.

The project “So Fresh,” was submitted to the State Competition in March and in May the group was awarded 1st place in Community Problem Solving. The 1st place ranking opened the door to an invitation to the International Conference at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

On June 8th, 3 students, Avery Brown, Alli Teems, and Titus Hatcher traveled with Dr. Elder to Massachusetts to compete. Students were judged on a written report, project proposal, and face-to-face interviews. Students also completed a display to share their project with all the state and country winners at the conference.

On June 12th the “So Fresh,” team was awarded 3rd Place in the International

Conference, making their project 3rd in the world. While every student did not attend the conference, the win belongs to them as well.

We couldn't be prouder of these students and their teacher for the hard work and dedication that they put into this amazing project.

2. Summerville Middle School FFA Recognition:

In April of this past school year, the Summerville Middle School FFA was named a Georgia FFA Gold Emblem Chapter in April; an award given to the top 10% of Georgia FFA chapters based on their performance in the three areas of the FFA Program of Activities - Growing Leaders, Strengthening Agriculture, and Building Communities. The application for this award (National Chapter Award) was then sent on to National FFA for judging. Our chapter was then named a National FFA 3-Star Chapter based on the same criteria for the second year in a row. This award is given to the top ~3% of FFA chapters in the country. These two awards are judged with middle and high school chapters in the same category. For reference, there are more than 7,500 FFA chapters (800,000+ Student members) across the country.

*The following FFA student representatives were present: Emerson McCary, Briann Edwards, and Isabella Pendergrass.

3. National Maintenance and Custodian Workers Appreciation Day Recognition

B. School Board Members

1. Brad Hayes- Tennis Courts

After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayes asked if we could take a look at other locations to put tennis courts, in order to save money and hopefully move forward with the project.

2. Brad Hayes- Track at Chattooga High School

Mr. Hayes expressed his desire to expand the track, to be able to hold at-home track meets in the future.

C. School Board Policies

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy BCBI: Public Participation in Board Meetings (policy will lay until the October board meeting, to allow for public input).

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Board Regulation BCBI-R(1): Public Participation in Board Meetings- Rules of Conduct and Public Participation Procedures (regulation will lay, with its corresponding policy, until the October board meeting, to allow for public input).

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Local Board Training Plan for FY 2023.

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

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for August 31, 2022.

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

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Wellness Policy.
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve public input concerning "Return to In-Person Instruction Plan" six-month review for 2022-2023.

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

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

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G. Personnel

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-A motion to approve G-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Hayes, 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 2022-2023 school year.

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

-Superintendent’s “For Information Only” Items

1. Menlo School construction update

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 6:42 p.m. by Mr. Hayes, with a second by Mr. Montgomery, and the vote was unanimous.

Jeff Martin, Assistant Superintendent

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman

Recorded by: _____

**Alisha Yoder
Admin. Assistant to Superintendent**