

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 @ 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
B.J. Montgomery, Board Member
Lori Brady, Board Member
Tiffany Lawrence, Board Member
Bonnie Fletcher

Non-voting Members Present

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent
Michelle Helie, Assistant Superintendent
Alisha Yoder, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent

- **Invocation:** Barry Peppers
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** B.J. Montgomery

-A motion to amend the agenda, to make the following changes, was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady all voted in favor. Ms. Fletcher had to step out of the meeting for a few minutes and did not vote.

Certified Resignation

-Nancy Edwards; CTAE Director at Chattooga High School; retirement; effective 01/31/2024.

Classified Resignation

-Velvie Hagar; Custodian at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 09/29/2023.

Classified Recommendations

- Ashley Dendy; Paraprofessional at Menlo Elementary School; replacing Emily Hunter; beginning 09/19/2023.
- Barry 'Alan' McCrickard; Custodian at Summerville Middle School; replacing Macy Gober; beginning 08/31/2023.

Substitutes

- Carolyn Brayman; Substitute Teacher and School Food Service; effective 09/22/2023.
- Kathy Hunter; Substitute School Food Service; effective 09/22/2023.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for September 21, 2023 School Board Meeting.**

-A motion to approve the amended agenda Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Brady. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady all voted in favor. Ms. Fletcher had to step out of the meeting for a few minutes and did not vote.

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

- August 17, 2023 Monthly Meeting

-A motion to approve the previous month's minutes was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Brady. Mr. Elsberry, Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady all voted in favor. Ms. Fletcher had to step out of the meeting for a few minutes and did not vote.

- **Public Participation: NONE**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions (non-action)

1. National Maintenance and Custodian Workers Appreciation Day
2. National Information Technology Professionals and Technology Specialists Appreciation Day

B. School Board: NONE

C. School Board Policies

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Regulation DIB-R(1): Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets (**Regulation will lay until the October board meeting, to allow for public input**).
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve new Board Exhibit DIB-E(1): SBITA Decision Tree and Footnotes (**Exhibit will lay, with it's corresponding Regulation, until the October board meeting, to allow for public input**).
3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Board Policy JGCD: Medication (**policy will lay until the October board meeting, to allow for public input**).

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for August 31, 2023

-A motion to approve D-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Brady 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 2023-2024.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve changes to the 2023-2024 Chattooga County Student/Parent Handbook and Discipline Code.
- A motion to approve E-1 and E-2 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher and the vote was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter into Executive Session was made at 6:20 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

- A motion to return to regular session was made at 6:27 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous. There was no action taken in Executive Session.

G. Personnel

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

Certified Recommendations

- Rhonda Bannister; 49% Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; new allotment (funded by Title I); beginning 09/12/2023.
- Kimberly Justice; 49% Interventionist at Menlo Elementary School; new allotment (funded by Title I); beginning 09/12/2023.
- Katherine Kerce; Special Education Teacher at Chattooga High School and Summerville Middle School; replacing Brandon Ponder (transferred to ISI at SMS); beginning 09/13/2023.
- Lisa Miller; 49% Interventionist at Lyerly Elementary School; new allotment (funded by Title I); beginning 09/12/2023.
- Melissa Colbert; 35% to 49% Interventionist at Menlo Elementary School; difference in salary to be paid by Title I.

Classified Resignations

- Juanita 'Marie' Cook; School Food Service Worker at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 08/31/2023.
- Macy Gober; Custodian at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 08/31/2023.
- Emily Hunter; Special Education Paraprofessional at Menlo Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 09/15/2023.
- Cara Love; Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 09/08/2023.
- Jennifer Pasley; School Food Service Worker at Summerville Middle School; personal reasons; effective 08/18/2023.

Classified Transfer

- Patricia 'Lynn' Vaughn; School Food Service Worker transferring from Leroy Massey Elementary School to Chattooga High School; vacant position; beginning 08/30/2023.

Classified Recommendations

- Breanna Gallagher; Paraprofessional at Lyerly Elementary School; new allotment paid by Title I; beginning 09/15/2023.
- Kaysea O'Neal; School Food Service Worker at Summerville Middle School; replacing Jennifer Pasley; beginning 08/29/2023.
- Amanda Price; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Patricia 'Lynn' Vaughn; beginning 09/05/2023.
- Jessica Ware; Receptionist at Lyerly Elementary School; replacing Julia Cavin (transferred to Bookkeeper at same location); beginning 09/26/2023.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve updates made to the 2023-2024 Personnel Handbook.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve request for the following employee to conduct privately paid tutoring for students during off-contract hours: Judith Hodges- Leroy Massey Elementary School.

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

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items

1. Academic update/Powerpoint by Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Helie
2. Facilities/projects update by Jason Whitfield

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 6:44 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman

Recorded by: _____

Alisha Yoder

Admin. Assistant to Superintendent