

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Chattooga County Board
Office of the Superintendent
Agenda for Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Chairman, Eddie Elsberry. There was a quorum of Board Members present.

Voting Members Present

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman
Lori Brady, Board Member
Tiffany Lawrence, Board Member
Bonnie Fletcher, Board Member

Voting Member Absent

B.J. Montgomery

Non-voting Members Present

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent
Michelle Helie, Assistant Superintendent

- **Invocation:** Done at 5:30 p.m. meeting
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Done at 5:30 p.m. meeting

-A motion to amend the agenda, to make the following changes, was made by Ms. Brady, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

Add the following additions under G-1:

Classified Resignation; Sheila Barnett; School Food Service Worker at Lyerly Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 11/10/2023.

Classified Recommendation; Tialissa Holmes; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Hannah Talbert, beginning 11/15/2023.

Classified Recommendation; Sandra Phillips; Bus Monitor; vacant position; beginning 11/28/2023.

Add agenda item G-2:

Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Alison Garrett, teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School, to conduct privately paid tutoring for students during off-contract hours.

Add agenda item D-2:

Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY 2024 millage rate at 10.898.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for November 16, 2023 School Board Meeting.**

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

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

- October 19, 2023 Monthly Meeting
- October 25, 2023 Called Meeting

- A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

- **Public Participation: NONE**

A. Resolutions/Recognitions (non-action)

1. 2023-24 REACH Scholarship Recipients:

Layla Williams: Summerville Middle School
Olivia Faircloth: Menlo Elementary School
Haven Green-Burke: Lyrly Elementary School

B. School Board

1. Eddie Elsberry- Funds from Savings to purchase CD.

-Mr. Elsberry made a motion to allow Mr. Hosmer and his team to move \$1,000,000.00 from savings, into a 6-month CD at First National Bank in Summerville. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

C. School Board Policies: NONE

D. Financial Management

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

-A motion to approve agenda item D-1 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY 2024 millage rate at 10.898.

-A motion to approve D-2 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Mr. Elsberry. Mr. Elsberry and Ms. Fletcher both voted in favor but Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady both opposed, therefore, the motion did not pass.

-Ms. Lawrence made a motion to set the millage rate at 9.434 which would be a full rollback. No one seconded the motion.

-Due to the 2/2 split vote on agenda item D-2, Ms. Brady made a motion, at 7:03 p.m. to take a recess. Mr. Elsberry seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. During the recess Mr. Hosmer contacted the school district's attorney, Cory Kirby, and was advised that twice per year, due to sickness, board members can participate in a board meeting over the phone. Mr.

Hosmer was able to contact Mr. Montgomery via speaker phone.

-At 7:12 p.m. Ms. Fletcher made a motion to return from recess. Ms. Brady seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hosmer explained the situation and Mr. Elsberry verbally confirmed that Mr. Montgomery was on the speaker phone.

-Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve agenda item D-2 (Superintendent's recommendation to set the FY 2024 millage rate at 10.898). Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion. Mr. Elsberry, Ms. Fletcher, and Mr. Montgomery were all in favor. Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Brady opposed. Motion passed.

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve bus requests for Chattooga County 4-H.

-A motion to approve E-1 was made by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

-A motion to enter executive session was made at 7:18 p.m. by Ms. Fletcher, with a second by Ms. Lawrence, and the vote was unanimous.

-At 7:35 p.m. Ms. Fletcher made a motion to exit executive session, with a second by Ms. Lawrence. The vote was unanimous. **There was no action taken**

G. Personnel

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

Classified Resignations

-Donna Burrage; Bus Monitor; retirement; effective 12/15/2023.

-Lacey Ellison; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; personal reasons; effective 10/18/2023.

-Nancy Hill; Bus Driver; retirement; effective 12/15/2023.

Classified Recommendations

-Haley Hester; Paraprofessional at Summerville Middle School; replacing Carrie Gilreath; beginning 10/27/2023.

-Elizabeth Ochoa; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; replacing Lacey Ellison; beginning 11/07/2023.

Substitutes

-Sarah Campbell; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 10/24/2023.

-Desirae Rogers; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 11/01/2023.

-Joy Pence; Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional; effective 10/24/2023.

-A motion to approve all items under G-1, including additions, was made by Ms. Brady, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Alison Garrett, teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School, to conduct privately paid tutoring for students during off-contract hours.

-A motion to approve G-2 was made by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Brady, 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. Brady, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items

ADJOURNMENT

-A motion to adjourn was made at 8:03 p.m. by Ms. Lawrence, with a second by Ms. Fletcher, and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

Eddie Elsberry, Chairman

Recorded by: _____
Michelle Helie
Assistant Superintendent