

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2020 @ 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 Chairman, Eddie Elsberry. There was a quorum of Board Members present along with the Superintendent, Jared Hosmer.

**Voting Members Present**

John Agnew, Board Member  
Sam Ballard, Board Member  
Eddie Elsberry, Board Member  
Brad Hayes, Board Member  
Julia Houston, Board Member

**Non-Voting Members Present**

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

- **Invocation:** Brad Hayes
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. William Elrod

-A motion to amend the Agenda was made by Mr. Agnew with a second by Mr. Ballard and the vote was unanimous. The following changes were made to the Agenda:

**A-3 (ADD)** Grace Dooley was named the north region proficiency winner in landscape management. Grace is now one of only 3 students in the state to qualify for competition. Grace will compete for her state title on April 23rd at the Georgia FFA convention held in Macon GA. Results will be announced April 24th.

**D-2 (CORRECTION)** Should read: Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase of two 72 passenger school buses in the amount of \$82,629.00 each and one 14 passenger plus driver bus in the amount of \$62,499.00, for a total of \$227,757.00. We have \$77,220.00 in FY19 bond money to go toward the purchase of these three buses.

**G-1**

**Certified Resignation**

**(ADD)** Jamie Bennett; Teacher at Chattooga High School; Personal Reasons; Effective 02/14/2020.

**(ADD)** Charles Hammon; Teacher at Menlo Elementary School; Offered a position in a different school system; Effective 02/28/2020 (pending Board approval from another system).

### **Certified Recommendation**

**(CHANGE)** Thomas Lewis; **from** Science Teacher at Summerville Middle School; Replacing Donna Fletcher; Beginning FY 2020-21  
**to** Social Science Teacher at Chattooga High School; Replacing Jamie Bennett; Beginning 02/20/2020.

### **Classified Resignation**

**(ADD)** Cameron Coulby; Technology Specialist; Personal Reasons; Effective 02/18/2020.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Recommended Agenda for February 20, 2020 School Board Work Session Meeting.**

-Motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Mr. Hayes with a second by Dr. Houston  
And the vote was unanimous.

- **Review Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- January 16, 2020 Work Session Meeting
- January 16, 2020 Regular Session Meeting
- January 30, 2020 Called Meeting

#### **A. Resolutions/Recognitions**

1. **(non-action item)** National School Counseling Week
2. **(non-action item)** The Chattooga Education Association sponsored its annual countywide district spelling bee on the evening of Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Lyerly Elementary School. First through eighth grade students from Leroy Massey Elementary School, Lyerly Elementary School, Menlo Elementary School and Summerville Middle School participated. Finalists were:

#### **1st Grade Winners**

- 1st place-Julian Rosales (LMES)
- 2nd place-Rosalee Hammond (MES)
- 3rd place-Aurora Hennon (LES)

#### **2nd Grade Winners**

- 1st place-Andrew Dilbeck (LES)
- 2nd place-Monica Poulos (LMES)
- 3rd place-Jashiya Wooten (LMES)

#### **3rd Grade Winners**

- 1st place-Paisley Powell (LES)
- 2nd place-Bristol Eager (LES)
- 3rd place-Collin Tucker (LES)

#### **4th-8th Grade Winners**

- 1st place-Ava Howard (MES)

2nd place-Braxxton Lyons (MES)  
3rd place-(\*\*TIE\*\*) Caden Ware (LMES) and Sky Burrage (SMS)

Menlo student, Ava Howard, will represent Chattooga County by competing in the GAE Region 1 Spelling Bee this Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Georgia Highlands College in Rome.

3. **(non-action item)** Chattooga High School Agriculture students recently participated in two state Career Development Events. Congratulations to the following students:

-In Agriculture Sales, these students placed 1st in Area and 5th in State:

Chayse Culbert  
Grace Dooley  
Emma Rae Ward  
Rylee Wells

-In Lawnmower Evaluation and Maintenance, William Elrod placed 2nd in Area and 9th in State.

-**ADDED:** Grace Dooley was named the north region proficiency winner in landscape management. Grace is now one of only 3 students in the state to qualify for competition. Grace will compete for her state title on April 23rd at the Georgia FFA convention held in Macon GA. Results will be announced April 24th.

**B. School Board Members: NONE**

**C. School Board Policies**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the change to Personnel Policy GCRH (Classified Personnel Vacations). This item was presented to the Board at the December 19, 2019 meeting, then held, to allow for public input. The item was tabled at the January 16, 2020 meeting due to a wording error.

**D. Financial Management**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for January 31, 2020.
2. **CORRECTED:** Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase of two 72 passenger school buses in the amount of \$82,629.00 each and one 14 passenger plus driver bus in the amount of \$62,499.00, for a total of \$227,757.00. We have \$77,220.00 in FY19 bond money to go toward the purchase of these three buses.

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

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following overnight/over 50 miles field trip:

Chattooga High School will be taking seven students to the following locations:

- Toronto, Canada
- Dublin and Kilarney, Ireland
- Wales and London, England

They will leave on April 4, 2020 and return on April 12, 2020. There will be four adult chaperones including a Teacher/Coordinator.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

-A motion to enter into Executive Session was made at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Hayes with a second by Mr. Agnew and the vote was unanimous.

-A motion to return to the Work Session was made at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Agnew with a second by Dr. Houston and the vote was unanimous. **There was no action taken during Executive Session.**

#### **G. Personnel**

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

##### **Certified Resignation**

-Kevin Muskett; Principal at Summerville Middle School; Retirement; Effective 06/24/2020.

-**ADD:** Jamie Bennett; Teacher at Chattooga High School; Personal Reasons; Effective 02/14/2020.

-**ADD:** Charles Hammon; Teacher at Menlo Elementary School; Offered a position in a different school system; Effective 02/28/2020 (pending Board approval from another system).

##### **Certified Recommendations**

-Michelle Helie; Chief Academic Officer at the Central Office; Replacing Jared Hosmer (CAO); Beginning 03/02/2020.

-**CHANGED:** Thomas Lewis; **from** Science Teacher at Summerville Middle School; Replacing Donna Fletcher; Beginning FY 2020-21 **to** Social Science Teacher at Chattooga High School; Replacing Jamie Bennett; Beginning 02/20/2020

**Certified Transfer**

-Jeff Martin; From Federal Programs Director at the Central Office, to Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Federal Programs at the Central Office; Replacing Jared Hosmer (Student Services); Beginning 03/02/2020.

**Classified Resignation**

-**ADD:** Cameron Coulby; Technology Specialist; Personal Reasons; Effective 2/18/2020

2. Board consideration of Superintendent’s recommendation for the approval of the following Certified Faculty for FY 2020-21:

**Central Office/Chattooga Education Center Administrators**

Jeff Martin- Assistant Superintendent of Student Services/Federal Programs  
Michelle Helie- Chief Academic Officer  
Beth Hall- Special Education Director  
Debbie Garrett- School Psychologist  
Michelle Floyd- School Social Worker

**Principals**

Brian Beasley  
Paula Buice  
Charles Cooper  
Emily Mobbs  
Barry Peppers

**Assistant Principals**

Nancy Edwards- CTAE Director & Assistant Principal  
Jeremy Heathcock  
Margaret (Peggy) Hicks  
Leann Lowry  
Janine Pendergrass  
Jennifer Reese

**Success Team and School Based Academic Coaches**

Robert Beach  
Angela Culbert  
Lisa Davis  
Martha Templeton  
Megan Ray

**H. Superintendent of School**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent’s recommendation for approval of Outline of Board Activities for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- City water crisis
- Cognia (formerly AdvancEd)
- Menlo School
- Chattooga High School Tennis Courts
- Wrestling and Boys & Girls Basketball

**ADJOURNMENT**

-Motion to adjourn Work Session was made at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Agnew with a second by Mr. Ballard and the vote was unanimous.

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**Jared Hosmer, Superintendent**

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**Eddie Elsberry, Chairman**

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

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