

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 17, 2019 @ 6:00 PM**

**Chattooga County Board**  
**Office of the Superintendent**  
**Agenda for Board Meeting**

Superintendent, Jimmy Lenderman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Invocation:** Barry Peppers
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Jared Hosmer

-Chattooga County Probate Judge, Jon Payne, swore in the new Board Members, Sam Ballard, Julia Houston and Brad Hayes.

-There was a quorum of Board Members present, along with the Superintendent, Jimmy Lenderman and the Assistant Superintendent, Jared Hosmer.

**Voting Members Present**

John Agnew, Board Member  
Sam Ballard, Board Member  
Brad Hayes, Board Member  
Julia Houston, Board Member  
John Turner, Board Member

**Non-Voting Members Present**

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

-Mr. Lenderman asked for a motion to amend the Agenda. John Agnew made the motion with a second by John Turner and the vote was unanimous.

-Mr. Lenderman asked for a motion to move Agenda Item C, "Election of Board Chairman and Vice-chairman," to between Adoption of Superintendent's Amended Agenda and Approval of Previous Minutes. John Agnew made the motion with a second by John Turner and the vote was unanimous.

- **Adoption of Superintendent's Amended Agenda for January 17, 2019 School Board Meeting**

-Motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by John Turner with a second by Brad Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- December 13, 2018

-Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Sam Ballard with a second by John Agnew and the vote was unanimous.

- **Public Participation: NONE**

**A. Resolutions/Recognitions: NONE**

**B. School Board Members**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for discussion on the following questions and issues from Board Member, Julia Houston:

-Motion to approve discussion was made by John Agnew with a second by Sam Ballard. The vote was 4-1, with John Turner abstaining.

**-Five day school week**

-Julia Houston made a motion to have a discussion on returning the system to a five-day week for the upcoming school year. John Agnew made a second motion and the vote was unanimous. After the discussion, John Agnew made a motion that Chattooga County Schools return to a 5-day week for the 2019-2020 school year, with a second by Julia Houston. Sam Ballard, John Agnew, Julia Houston and Brad Hayes all voted in favor, with John Turner voting against it.

**-Discussion concerning adopting a Reading Program for the 2019-2020 school year**

-Julia Houston made a motion that the Board look at adopting a different reading program for the 2019-2020 school year. John Agnew made a second motion. Sam Ballard, John Agnew, Julia Houston and Brad Hayes all voted in favor, with John Turner abstaining from the vote.

-Julia Houston made a motion to form a committee who will evaluate our current reading program, along with potential others, to determine the best obtainable reading program for the upcoming school year. John Agnew made a second motion and the vote was unanimous.

**-Recruitment/Retention Policy**

-Julia Houston made a motion for the Superintendent to begin to look at more ways to recruit and retain high-quality teachers. John Agnew made a second motion and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for discussion on the following questions and issues from Board Member, John Agnew:

-Motion made by Julia Houston with a second by Sam Ballard and the vote was unanimous.

**-Board Meeting schedule**

-John Agnew made a motion to return to two Board meetings per month beginning in March and to change Board Member pay to \$50 per meeting with a maximum of \$100 per day. Sam Ballard made a second motion and the vote was unanimous.

**-Moment of Reflection- Personnel Handbook, page 25 (E)**

-John Agnew stated that he feels the second sentence implies that students should not pray at this time and he feels like this is a violation of their freedom of religion and their guaranteed rights by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. Mr. Lenderman advised that he would consult the District's attorney to see if the wording can be changed or removed.

**-Board Policy BH – Domain V: Board Meetings**

-John Agnew recommended changing the wording in sentence #6 to read: "Make decisions in accordance with the best interests of the educational welfare of the children attending schools within the Chattooga County school system." Mr. Lenderman advised that he would discuss this item with the District's attorney, as well.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Board Member school visits on March 21, 2019.

-Motion to approve was made by Julia Houston with a second by Brad Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

**C. School Board Policies**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to review Policy BBA and to elect a Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2019.

-Julia Houston made a motion to nominate John Agnew as Board Chairman, with a second by Sam Ballard. John Turner made a motion to nominate Brad Hayes as Board Chairman but there was no second motion. Julia Houston, Brad Hayes and Sam Ballard voted in favor of John Agnew becoming the new Board Chairman, with John Agnew and John Turner both abstaining from the vote. John Agnew is the new Board Chairman.

-John Agnew made a motion to nominate Sam Ballard as Board Vice-chairman, with a second by Julia Houston. John Turner made a motion to nominate Brad Hayes as Board Vice-chairman but there was no second motion. Julia Houston, Brad Hayes and John Agnew voted in favor of Sam Ballard becoming the new Board Vice-chairman, with Sam Ballard and John Turner both abstaining from the vote. Sam Ballard is the new Board Vice-chairman.

**D. Financial Management**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for November 30, 2018.

-Motion to approve was made by Sam Ballard with a second by Julia Houston and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Pre-K Delegation of Authority from School District to Board of Education form.

-Motion to approve was made by Julia Houston with a second by Brad Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

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

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to hear an update on Purposity.

-Motion to approve was made by John Agnew with a second by Brad Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following three 4-H field trip requests for the use of Chattooga County school buses:

-4-H field trip to Georgia Highlands on 01/26/19

-4-H field trip to Rock Eagle on 03/08/19

-4-H field trip to Rock Eagle on 06/03/19

-Motion to approve was made by Julia Houston with a second by John Turner and the vote was unanimous.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve Exhibits C-G in the Chattooga County Schools SWSS (Strategic Waiver School Systems) Partnership Contract.

-Motion to approve was made by Sam Ballard with a second by Julia Houston and the vote was unanimous.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**G. Personnel**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the following Personnel changes:

**Certified Resignations**

-Lisa Mills; Business Ed Teacher at Summerville Middle School; Relocating to North Carolina; Effective 01/18/19.

-Jeremy Bandy; Special Ed Teacher at Summerville Middle School; Personal reasons; Effective 06/04/19.

-June Barnes; English/Language Arts Teacher at Summerville Middle School; Retirement; Effective 05/31/19.

-Sheila Cook; Early Childhood Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; Retirement; Effective 05/31/19.

-Pattie Luther; Early Childhood Teacher at Leroy Massey Elementary School; Retirement; Effective 05/31/19.

-David Tuttle; Math Teacher at Chattooga High School; Retirement; Effective 05/31/19.

-Deborah Yarbrough; Teacher at Crossroads Academy; Retirement; Effective 05/31/19.

**Certified Recommendation**

-Melissa Colbert; Middle Grades English at Lyerly Elementary School; Replacing Charlene Koonce; Beginning 01/08/19.

**Classified Recommendation**

-Davis Roberts; Student Technology Worker; Replacing Garrett Heaps; Beginning 01/18/19.

**Substitutes**

-Denise Brooks; Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/18/19.

-Kimberly Hamby; Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/18/19.

-Tina Ham; Certified Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/15/19.

-Susan Reece; Certified Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/18/19.

-Marlena Mitchell; Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/18/19.

-Lisa Owings; Certified Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/18/19.

-Motion to approve all of G-1 was made by John Agnew with a second by John Turner and the vote was unanimous.

**H. Superintendent of School**

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Outline of Board Activities for the 2018-2019 school year.

-Motion to approve H-1 was made by John Agnew with a second by Brad Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

-Motion to adjourn was made by John Turner at 7:32 p.m. with a second by Sam Ballard and the vote was unanimous.

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**Jimmy Lenderman, Superintendent**

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**John Agnew, Chairman**

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

**Alisha Yoder**

**Admin. Asst. to Superintendent**

