

CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2021 PM VIA TELECONFERENCE

Chattooga County Board
Office of the Superintendent
Agenda for Board Meeting

Due to a rising number of Covid-19 cases in the county, the January 21, 2021 Work Session Meeting was held via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Board Chairman, Eddie Elsberry. There was a quorum of board members confirmed present, along with the Superintendent, Jared Hosmer.

Voting Members Present

Eddie Elsberry, Board Chairman
Brad Hayes, Board Vice-Chairman
Julia Houston, Board Member
B.J. Montgomery

Non-Voting Members Present

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

- **Adoption of Superintendent's recommended Agenda for January 21, 2021 School Board Regular Session Meeting.**

-Motion to adopt the agenda was made Mr. Montgomery with a second by Mr. Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- December 17, 2020 Work Session Meeting
- December 17, 2020 Regular Session Meeting
- December 21, 2020 Called Meeting

-Motion to approve previous minutes was made by Mr. Hayes with a second by Dr. Houston and the vote was unanimous.

A. Resolutions/Recognitions: NONE

B. School Board Members: NONE

C. School Board Policies

- 1. (action taken during Work Session)** Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to review Policy BBA and elect a Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2021 year. Term will begin January 2021 and run through December 2021.

2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to select a new Board Member to fill the unexpired term of Sam Ballard, Seat #3. The candidates are Johnny Brady, Andrew Campbell, Steven Groves, Lynn Hall and Mark Pickle.

-Mr. Montgomery made a motion to appoint Lynn Hall, with a second by Mr. Elsberry. Mr. Hayes, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Elsberry all voted in favor, with Dr. Houston being opposed. The motion passed and Mr. Lynn Hall will fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ballard.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to update Policy IHE, Promotion and Retention. **(as required, item has laid since the December 17, 2020 meeting, to allow for public input)**

-Motion to approve C-3 was made by Dr. Houston with a second by Mr. Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

4. **(non-action item)** Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to revise Policy BCBI, Public Participation in Board Meetings, due to the implementation of Senate Bill 68 **(policy will lay until February 18, 2021 board meeting, to allow for public input).**

D. Financial Management

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Financial Statement for December 31, 2020.

-Motion to approve D-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery with a second by Dr. Houston and the vote was unanimous.

E. Educational Programs, Student Support and Staff Development

1. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve addendum to the 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook **(item was held at the December 17, 2020 pending approval of the update to Policy IHE)**

-Motion to approve E-1 was made by Dr. Houston with a second by Mr. Montgomery 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 to approve 2020-21 Salary Handbook change on page 19.
2. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Personnel changes:

Certified Recommendation

-Jared Winkles; Automotive Service Technology Teacher at Chattooga High School; Replacing Anthony Cooper; Effective 02/01/2021.

Classified Resignation

-Hilda Copeland; School Food Service Worker at Leroy Massey Elementary School; Personal reasons; Effective 12/17/2020.

Substitutes

-Karsen Gilliam; Substitute Teacher; Effective 01/25/2021.

-Hilda Copeland; School Food Service Substitute; Effective 01/25/2021.

3. Board consideration of Superintendent's recommendation to approve the extension - of the "FFCRA" Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

-Motion approve G-1, G-2 and G-3 was made by Mr. Hayes with a second by Dr. Houston 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 2020-2021 school year.

-Motion to approve H-1 was made by Mr. Montgomery with a second by Mr. Hayes and the vote was unanimous.

-Superintendent's "For Information Only" Items:

*Patrick Clifton, Technology Director, advised the Board of E-Rate money received which is around \$431,000. The District portion will be 15% of that.

*Jeff Martin, Assistant Superintendent, gave a COVID update.

*Michelle Helie, Chief Academic Officer, gave her monthly "Pulse Check."

- Enrollment Count Update

- Distance learning participation rate

- Coming up:

1- The state of Georgia is in the process of adopting new K-12 Math Standards for the 2022-2023 school year.

2- Spelling B coming up next week for grades 1-8.

3- Training continuing for the new reading program.

4- Some teachers are continuing Dyslexia Endorsement classes.

ADJOURNMENT

-Motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 p.m. by Mr. Montgomery with a second by Dr. Houston and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hosmer, Superintendent

Eddie Elsberry, Board Chairman

Recorded by: _____

**Alisha Yoder
Admin. Assistant to Superintendent**