

CHEATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Cheatham County Board of Education

May 1, 2025

Place: Educational Annex/Board Room

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence - Robert Epps
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Robert Epps
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Presentations, Awards Recognitions

SHS Band

SHS TSA

Sycamore High School students Colton Hager, Franklin Randa and Daylin Rodriguez placed third in Animatronics at the annual technology Student Association (TSA) competition in Chattanooga.

CCCHS FFA

The Cheatham County Central High School FFA Chapter earned a Superior Chapter Award and PLOW Gold Award at the 97th State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg.

CCCHS HOSA

Cheatham County Central High School HOSA (Future Health Professionals) member Piper Andrews and Katelyn Lain placed at the annual state competition in Chattanooga. Piper finished third in Healthcare Photography, and Katelyn placed third in Clinical Nursing. The two qualified for the international HOSA competition, which will be held June 18-21 at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

ACESA

Amanda Dalton, Teacher

ECES

Susan Collins, Teacher

KSES

Nivah Eckert, Academic Specialist

PEFAMS

Kimberly Boswell, Teacher

PVES

Amy Whitworth, Speech and Language Pathologist

WCES

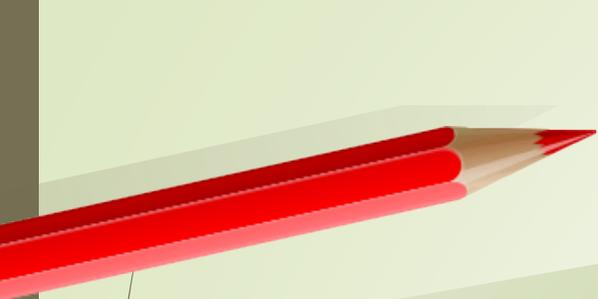
Cathy Gilstorf, All Core Tutor Teacher

CMS

Bert Poole, Teacher
HMS
Loretta Passen, Teacher
SMS
Kellie Turner, SPED Assistant
CCCHS
Rachel Stuart, Academic Specialist
HHS
Amanda Howell, SPED Assistant
SHS
Tim Terry, Teacher
RA
Aubrey Harris Albright, HS Teacher
Daycare
Ashley Stacey, KSES Site Director
Nutrition
Beatriz Tuttle, PVES Nutrition Manager
Transportation/Maintenance
Ian Moseley, Mechanic
Central Office
Jewel Simmons, Payroll Manager

7. Public Forum
8. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goal Update
ACESA, Linda Owen
9. Executive Committee
10. Five Year Plan
Chris Cooper
11. Elected Officials - Opportunity for Elected Officials to Address Board
12. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes: April 10, 2025
 - B. Disposal of surplus equipment/materials
 1. Jason Pierschbacher, CMS Principal requests the disposal of the following broken/unusable items: 2 broken student desks, 1 broken turntable, 5 disc CD player, cassette player, cassette tapes and storage, Sony tape recorder, telecenter system 21, Deskjet 1120C, Telecenter phone, Deskjet 930C, 1 broken standing desk, 1 broken teacher desk and 6 broken student chairs.
 2. Andrea Bledsoe, KSES Principal requests the disposal of the following broken/unusable items: 350 books that are out of date or damaged, broken dry erase board, pocket chart stand and 20 broken chairs.
 3. Dr. Audra Williams, HMS Principal requests the disposal of the following broken/unusable items: 3 broken library chairs, double side stand alone white board, 2 green wobble stools, 1 broken bungee chair, 1 broken inflatable wobble stool, 1 broken adjustable height stool, 5 old school computer carts, laptop charging station, wooden prop, 2 money boxes, and 2 broken chairs.

4. Nicole Galbreth, PVES Principal requests the disposal of the following unusable/broken items: 4 broken filing cabinets, 6 broken student desks, 3 broken tables and 20 broken student chairs.
13. Budget and Finance
 - A. Summary
 - B. Fund Balance Transfer Request - School Nutrition \$400,000.00
 - C. Fund Balance K-12 Science Textbook Adoption and Early Literacy Kits Request \$1,200,000.00
 - D. Fund Balance Request FY26 SESI \$486,000.00
 - E. Fund 143 Food Service Budget
 - F. Fund 146 Extended School Budget
 - G. Fund 177 Capital Projects Budget
 - H. Fund 141 General Purpose Budget
14. Old Business
15. New Business
 - A. Tenure Approval Kimberly Duke, Frances Ford, Kristyn Stone, Sheilah Taylor, Patricia Gomez, Annalisa Lewis, Christopher Vaughn, Lathan Turner, Sarah Ayers, Janessa Grimm, Susan Mullican, Erica Beaty, Bethany Pitt, Rachael Quillen, Beth Nicholson, Mathew Simon, Timothy Terry, Bryan Wall, and Joseph Lazenby
16. Brief comments from Board Members
17. Announcements
18. Adjourn

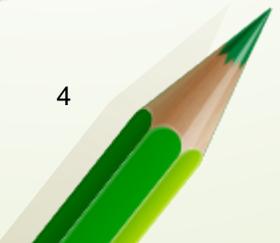


Employee of the Month

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Cheatham County
School District

2024-2025 School Year



Ashland City

Ashland City Elem EOM is Amanda Dalton. She demonstrates an extraordinary ability to balance the many demands of navigating new team dynamics, adjusting to a restructured schedule, and upholding a strong commitment to academic achievement, with unmatched professionalism and heart. Her leadership and resilience during times of change has created a positive spirit of support for students and staff.



East Cheatham

East Cheatham Elem EOM is Susan Collins. She has served a number of roles within our school and district, and has even come back to serve post-retirement. Many people aren't aware, but she used to work for a publishing company writing academic curriculum. She is amazing at so many things, but at ECES, her dedication, loyalty, and leadership are just a few of the assets that has helped shape our school into what it is today.



Kingston Springs

Kingston Springs Elem EOM is Nivah Eckert. We want to give a huge THANK YOU to our amazing new Academic Specialist for working so hard to get everything ready for TCAP testing! Her dedication, support, and positive energy have already made you an *essential* part of our school community.



Pegram

Pegram Elem EOM is Kimberly Boswell. She is truly deserving of Employee of the Month due to her unwavering positive attitude and infectious energy. She consistently goes above and beyond by lending a hand wherever needed, creating a supportive atmosphere for everyone around her.



Pleasant View

Pleasant View Elem EOM is Amy Whitworth. She has dedicated decades of service to the students of PVES, making an incredible impact through her work as a speech and language pathologist. Her commitment has always gone far beyond the therapy room—Amy’s true mission has been building lasting relationships with students and their families. Thank you, Amy, for your unwavering dedication, compassion, and joy. PVES is a better place because of you!



West Cheatham

West Cheatham Elem EOM is Cathy Gilstorf. She has been a teacher in our district for 38 years ...all at WCES. She has taught 2nd grade, 4th grade ELA and is currently our All Core in-school tutor teacher serving students in grades 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Her love for reading and instructional knowledge of foundational reading skills enable her to help these students improve their reading skills.



Cheatham Middle

Cheatham Middle EOM is Bert Poole. He works hard every day and puts real care into his teaching. We appreciate everything he does for our students and school!



Harpeth Middle

Harpeth Middle EOM is Loretta Passen. She is our 6th grade Rockstar Math magician! She is fun, dynamic, and loves to teach our students Math. She cares so much about our students and goes the extra mile to help them. She is kind and has such a fun sense of humor.



Sycamore Middle

Sycamore Middle EOM is Kellie Turner. She works hard at every task given, she seeks out extra work to do and does it all with a smile and positive attitude. She has become an essential and valued member of our school community since being here. We so appreciate all she does for students and staff.



Cheatham High

Cheatham High EOM is Rachel Stuart. She does an outstanding job supporting all our teachers and our academic pursuits. She is a first-year academic specialist who has absolutely hit the ground running. We are thrilled to have this Cub for Life as a part of our team. She has been especially noticed and valuable during our testing season



Harpeth High

Harpeth High EOM is Amanda Howell. She has been a beacon of light for our students this school year. Not only does she work to make sure her students are getting what they need in class, she also jumps in to help in areas outside the classroom with float building, participating in rallies, taking on leadership roles and joining her colleague, Nicole Wall, helping prepare for prom.



Sycamore High

Sycamore High EOM is Tim Terry. He is the epitome of a team player by doing whatever is in the best interest of both students and colleagues alike. Earlier this year, when a teacher resigned, Mr. Terry graciously volunteered to give up his planning and teach a class so that the students' learning would not be negatively impacted.



Riverside Academy

Riverside Academy EOM is Aubrey Harris Albright. She teaches our high school students and is devoted to making sure students graduate. Ms. Albright is the backbone of RA and handles everything she does with grace.



Daycare

Daycare EOM is Ashley Stacey. She is the site director at Kingston Springs Elementary and does a wonderful job running her site. She makes daycare fun and is very positive with the children. She works well with all the families and staff.



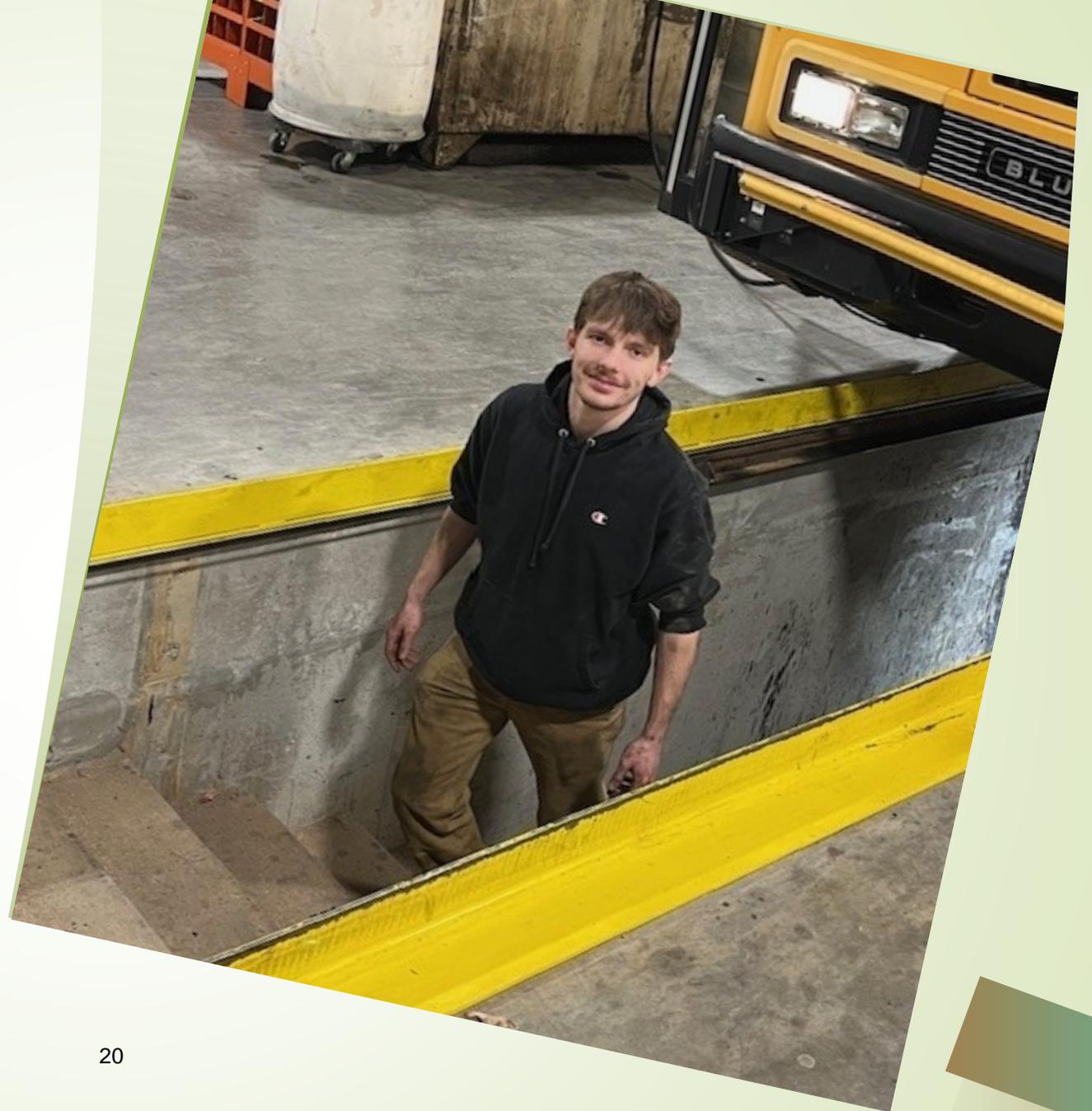
Nutrition

Nutrition EOM is Beatriz Tuttle. Despite the challenges of being short-staffed, Beatriz has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure our kitchen runs smoothly. Her dedication and hard work not only keep our meal service on track but also uplift the entire team with her positive attitude. Beatriz's commitment to providing nutritious meals for our students is truly commendable, and we are grateful for her tireless efforts.



Transportation

Transportation EOM is Ian Moseley. He is a dedicated mechanic at the bus garage and plays a key role in keeping our fleet running smoothly. His commitment to excellence, strong work ethic, and eagerness to learn make him an invaluable part of our team. We truly appreciate everything Ian does to support our operations and keep things moving.



Central Office

Central Office EOM is Jewel Simmons. She has been with the district for over 11 years serving as the Payroll Manager. She has been a dedicated employee whose hard work, professionalism, and commitment have had a lasting impact on everyone in the department. Jewel will be retiring in June and will be truly missed. We wish her the best in her well-earned retirement!





Sycamore Band Program

Malik Sylvester and Penelope Pitts



Thank you from the 6-12 Sycamore Band!
Photo: Cheatham County Honor Band 2025

Thank You!

- Thank you to the Cheatham County Commissioners for the financial allocation to our band programs this school year.
 - Middle School- \$3,000.00
 - High School- \$5,000.00
- What we used these funds for:
 - New Instruments, music, accessories
 - Repairing current instruments
- Made possible what was originally a 3-4 year goal to purchase these instruments.



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Where did your funds go?

Our Requests

- We are hopeful this financial allocation will continue moving forward
- In the next school year, we plan to purchase:
 - Middle School:
 - Concert Snare Drum with Case
 - Bass Clarinet
 - High School:
 - Drumline Equipment



Our Why



- Shared Team vision and 6th - 12th program perspective
- Serve more students through collaboration and wider use of equipment



How we function as a 6-12 program

- As a team, we purpose to use much of the same language, techniques, and fundamental approaches to teaching band in any of our 6th - 12th grade rehearsals.
- Students know and understand the expectations of Sycamore Band thus preserving time for music making and creating an environment where students feel safe, comfortable, and understood.





Sycamore at CPA

7th Grade Band

8th Grade Band

High School Band

Superior Ratings
for all groups in Concert
and in Sight-Reading