

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
District Administration Building  
January 20, 2022  
MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the District Three Administration Building.

The following Trustees were present:

Chris Jolley, Chair	Jodi Gilmer, Trustee
Ami Odom, Vice Chair	Holly Jolley, Trustee
Billy Gossett, Secretary	Deion Logan, Trustee
Eddie Dearybury, Trustee	Cathy Voelker, Trustee
Sarah Dunn, Trustee (via phone)	

District personnel present for the board meeting included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Greg Mack, Rodney Goode, Windy Hodge, Molly O'Dell, Eddie Wyatt, Heath Roberts, Aly Ruggiero, and Kelley Smith.

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, legal, and land purchase/sale. Mr. Dearybury made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to return to open session and stated that no action was taken while in executive session. Mr. Gossett made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Jolley then asked if there was any other business to carry over from executive session. Mrs. Gilmer made a recommendation to the Board to allow the Superintendent to negotiate the potential purchase for small land parcels surrounding Cannons Elementary School and the potential sale of Cowpens Middle School property. Both the sale and purchase of land will require Board approval at a future meeting. Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Jolley called the meeting to order and announced that there was a quorum present, and all media outlets were properly notified.

Mrs. Ruggiero made the following school board recognitions:

- ◆ South Carolina School Boards Recognition Month
- ◆ School Board Member Service Award for Holly Jolley

Mr. Mack and Mr. Wyatt presented a Capital Projects Update.

The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Special Education Update – Mrs. O'Dell
- ◆ New Course Offerings at DMTC – Mr. Roberts

- ◆ Update on Employee Intent Forms – Mr. Goode
- ◆ Draft 2022-23 School Calendar – Mr. Blackwood
- ◆ B.E. Mays Community Center – Mr. Blackwood
- ◆ Electronic Filing Statement of Economic Interests – Mr. Blackwood

Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to accept the presentations and discussion items as information only. Mrs. Gilmer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Voelker. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes- November 18, 2021, Monthly Financial, Operations, and Safety Reports). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gossett, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval the 2022-23 Budget Development Calendar. Mrs. Gilmer made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Goode presented the following personnel recommendations for Board Action:

New Employment of Certified Personnel (effective 1-4-22)

Caitlyn Turner	ESOL/ Grade 1 Teacher	CAN
	Letter of Agreement	

<u>Retirements</u>			<u>Effective</u>
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Patricia Farmer	Instructional Coach	CM	7-1-22
Vera Lynn Pharr	Grade 8 Teacher	CM	5-30-22

<u>Resignation</u>			<u>Effective</u>
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Monica Ridings	Bookkeeper	CAN	12-17-21
Megan Kerr	Special Education Teacher	CAN	2-25-22
Kaila Baker	Teacher Assistant	PES	1-10-22
Nancy Toney	ESOL Teacher	CM	6-30-22

Mr. Gossett made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Odom, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Goode then presented the following personnel recommendations as information only:

<u>New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel</u>			<u>Effective</u>
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Linnea Martin	District Paraprofessional	DIST	11-16-22
Teresa Allen	Bookkeeper	CAN	1-4-22
Amber Brown	Special Ed Teacher Asst.	PES	1-4-22

Mr. Goode presented for approval the administration’s timelines for issuing certified employee contracts. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion for approval. Mrs. Voelker seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Hodge presented for approval the local board approved courses at Broome High School and Daniel Morgan Technology Center for 2022-2023. Mrs. Jolley made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Hodge presented revisions to policy IJL- Library Material Selections and Adoption. Mr. Blackwood made a recommendation to suspend Policy BG-School Board Policy Process that requires two readings prior to policy approval. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to suspend the policy and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mrs. Hodge then made a recommendation to approve the revisions to policy IJL- Library Material Selections and Adoption. Mr. Dearybury made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood presented first reading revisions to Section B policies in the Board Policy Manual. Because it was first reading, no vote was taken.

Mr. Logan presented for approval to waive tuition for students of non-resident alumni. After much discussion, Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to table this item to give the administration time to define “alumni” and collect more information on the impact based on growth in the district. Mrs. Voelker seconded the motion, and the vote was 8-1 in favor.

At 9:55 p.m., Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Date