

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
District Three Community Auditorium  
January 21, 2021  
MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the District Three Community Auditorium.

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Jolley called the work session to order. The following Board members were present for the work session and regular meeting:

Chris Jolley, Chair	Shannon Gault, Trustee
Ami Odom, Vice Chair	Jodi Gilmer, Trustee
Billy Gossett, Secretary	Deion Logan, Trustee
Eddie Dearybury, Trustee	Ami Odom, Trustee

District personnel present for the work session included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood.

After meeting with potential board candidates, Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Jolley made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

District personnel present for the board meeting included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Greg Mack, Rodney Goode, Susan Little, Windy Hodge, Molly O'Dell, Paul Hollifield, Rodney Graves, Kira Reaves, Jean Brewington, Allison Berry, Elizabeth Phillips, Aly Myles, and Stacy Mann.

At 7:34 p.m., Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to return to open session and stated that no action was taken while in executive session. Mrs. Gilmer made the motion 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.

Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding a second executive session at the end of the meeting and removing Action Item #2 until a future board meeting. Mrs. Jolley made the motion to approve the amended agenda and was seconded by Mrs. Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Myles made the following school board recognitions:

- ◆ South Carolina School Boards Recognition Month
- ◆ School Board Member Service Awards

McMillan-Pazdan-Smith Architects and Harper Construction presented updates on Clifdale Middle and Future Projects.

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

The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Cowpens Middle School – Mayor Mike Hamrick
- ◆ Update on Employee Intent Forms – Mr. Goode
- ◆ Special Education Update – Mrs. O’Dell
- ◆ D3 Virtual Update – Mrs. Hodge
- ◆ Board Vacancy Update – 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. Mr. Dearybury made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes- November 19, 2020, Monthly Financial Report, Monthly Operations Report, and Monthly Safety Report). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval the Property Appraisal RFP. Mr. Gault made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack then presented for approval the Property Marketing RFP. Mrs. Odom made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval the 2021-22 Budget Development Calendar. Mr. Gossett made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

<u>New Employment of Certified Personnel</u>		<u>(effective)</u>	
Allison Catto	Virtual Teacher Letter of Agreement	PES	12-14-20
Faith Hammonds	Virtual Teacher Letter of Agreement	CAN	1-5-21
Julie Childress	Virtual Teacher Letter of Agreement	CES	1-5-21
James Cochran	Social Studies Teacher	BHS	1-5-21
Janna Sparks	Grade 1 Teacher	CAN	1-5-21

<u>Retirements (effective 12-18-20)</u>		
Melissa Mitchell	Special Education Teacher	PES
Elizabeth Mathis	Kindergarten Teacher	PES

<u>Resignation (effective 12-9-20)</u>		
Yolanda Fowler-Moore	Grade 1 Teacher	CAN

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

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

Mr. Goode then presented for approval the Continuation of FFCRA Employee Leave. Mrs. Odom made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Dr. Little presented for approval the local board approved courses at Broome High School for 2021-2022. Mr. Dearybury made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval the Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School Resolution. This Resolution would allow the B.E. Mays Alumni Association or other 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization or government entity to create a vibrant community center that honors the legacy of the life and work of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. District Three would be willing to gift the current Middle School of Pacolet Building to the B.E. Mays Alumni Association or other 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization or government entity after they submit a Comprehensive Community Use Plan for approval on or before June 30, 2021. Mr. Gossett made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential board candidates. Mr. Gault made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Gault made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to appoint Don Kennedy as a temporary board member and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was a majority in favor.

At 10:05 p.m., Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Logan made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Date