

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Daniel Morgan Technology Center
November 15, 2018
MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Daniel Morgan Technology Center.

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

Jodi Gilmer, Chair	Don Kennedy, Trustee
Holly Jolley, Vice Chair	Kevin Lee, Trustee
Shannon Gault, Secretary	Deion Logan, Trustee
Billy Gossett, Trustee	Ami Odom, Trustee
Chris Jolley, Trustee	

District personnel present for the work session included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Rodney Goode, Susan Little, and Greg Mack.

The board was presented with information from Debbie Elmore, South Carolina School Boards Association, regarding the Educational Space Review.

Chairman Gilmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Jolly made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

At 7:35 p.m., Chairman Gilmer asked for a motion to return to open session and stated that no action was taken while in executive session. Mr. Gault made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

Chairman Gilmer asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kennedy made a motion for approval of the agenda with an executive session added at the end. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gossett, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Myles conducted student recognitions. She recognized Duke Tip Scholars from Cannons Elementary and Clifdale Elementary schools and DMTC students who participate in the work-based learning program. Brayden Eubanks, student at Cowpens Middle School, won an essay contest during bullying prevention week. Justice Cobbler, student at Cannons Elementary School,

was also recognized for his volunteer work with the Spartanburg Humane Society. The following additional recognitions were made:

- ◆ Tonya McCullough, Clifdale Elementary teacher, helped her school received the 2018-19 Recycling Education Grant.
- ◆ South Carolina State Council of the International Reading Association (SCIRA) Distinguished Reading Teachers of the Year:
 - School Winners: Melanie Cecil (CAN); Courtney Smith (CLIF); Jessica Bridges (CES); Kim Alexander (PES); Robin Breitenbach (CMS); and Kimberly McCauley (MSP).
 - District Winners: Courtney Smith (CLIF) and Robin Breitenbach (CMS).

Mrs. Theresa Perry presented about the Work-Based Learning Programs at Daniel Morgan Technology Center.

In the Chairman’s report, Mrs. Gilmer, on behalf of the board, announced that the Superintendent received a proficient rating from the Board for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Blackwood received several commendations and recommendations from the Board to carry forward to the 2019-2020 school year.

Also, Mrs. Gilmer stated that the Spartanburg County Education Oversight Committee met recently and approved the distribution of the Minimum Foundation Program millage (13 mills levied by each district) for 2017-2018. District Three is expected to receive \$975,342 under the distribution formula. This is about \$5000 less than last year due to a decrease in student enrollment.

Mr. Mack then discussed the 2018 45-Day Enrollments, Historical Numbers and 2-Year Projections.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes – October 18, 2018, Monthly Financial Report, Monthly Operations Report, Monthly Safety Reports). The motion was seconded by Mr. Jolley, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

<u>Resignation</u>			<u>Effective</u>
Stephen Coate	Math Teacher	BHS	12-31-18

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

Mr. Goode then presented the following personnel item as information:

<u>New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel</u>			<u>Effective</u>
Megan Rhodes	Groundskeeper/Custodian	BHS	11-5-18

Mrs. James presented a Testing Waiver for third grade student to take the ELA and Math test with pencil and paper, not online. Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve the Testing Waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Logan, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack and Mr. Andrew Coleman, Auditor with Greene, Finney and Horton, L.L.P., presented the 2017-2018 Audit Report. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood recommended for the Board to take no action to change Policy FF - Naming of Facilities, based on the research of policy change in 1999 and the current potential new middle school concept. Without Board action to the contrary, Policy FF will remain unchanged.

Mr. Blackwood then presented second reading revisions to policy GCO – Evaluation of Professional Staff and administrative rule GCO-R – Evaluation of Professional Staff. Mr. Gault made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Consistent with Board policy, Mrs. Gilmer relinquished the chair to Mr. Blackwood so the Board could elect officers for 2019. Mr. Blackwood called for nominations for the office of chair. Mrs. Jolley nominated Mr. Lee, and Mr. Gossett nominated Mrs. Gilmer. Mr. Lee was elected by a majority vote.

Mr. Blackwood then called for nominations for the office of vice-chair. By consensus, Mrs. Jolley will remain vice-chair until February 9, 2019, at which time Mr. Jolley will take over as vice-chair.

Mr. Blackwood called for nominations for the office of secretary. Mr. Logan nominated Mr. Gossett. With no further nominations, Mr. Gossett was elected as secretary by consensus.

Mrs. Gilmer resumed the position of chair and asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Mr. Kennedy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Gilmer asked for a motion to return to open session and stated that no action was taken while in executive session. Mrs. Jolley made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

At 10:00 p.m., Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Logan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date