

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
District Administration Building
November 21, 2019
MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Administration Building

The following Trustees were present:

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

District personnel present included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Susan Little, Greg Mack, Rodney Goode, Paul Hollifield, Windy Hodge, Molly O'Dell, Donnie Elder, Kira Reaves, Rodney Graves, Max Deaton, Jean Brewington, Allison Berry, Elizabeth Phillips, Cindy Snead, Aly Myles, and Kelley Smith.

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

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

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

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to amend the agenda by removing the first action item, Updated Destination 3-1-1 Model Approval. Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the amended agenda and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Myles conducted student recognitions. She recognized students from the Middle School of Pacolet with artwork on display in the District Three Board Room. Na Li was recognized for winning first place at the Pacolet Indian Festival for her artwork. CJ Littlejohn and Eddie Drake were recognized for being chosen to play in the S.C. High School Blitz East-West Game. Also recognized were Emily Bozard and Cameron Gossett for receiving a 2019 Heisman High School Scholarship. Finally, Karissa Helton was recognized for designing this year's Christmas Card for District Three. The following additional recognitions were made:

- ◆ Tonya McCullough, Cannons Elementary teacher, received the "STEAM supplies for a new school year" grant.

- ◆ Joshua Lang received \$1500 in archery equipment.
- ◆ Distinguished Reading Teachers of the Year:
 - School Winners: Jamie May (CAN); Jessica Bridges (CES); Charlotte Elder (PES); Kristy Eubanks (CMS); and Janice Baker (MSP)
 - District Winners: Charlotte Elder (PES) and Kristy Eubanks (CMS).
- ◆ 2017-2018 Palmetto Silver Winners: Cowpens Elementary and Clifdale Elementary
- ◆ Don Kennedy was recognized for his service as a District Three Board of Trustee.

McKibben Demographics made a presentation on District Three enrollments.

Mr. Mack and Mr. Andrew Coleman, Auditor with Greene, Finney and Horton, L.L.P., presented the 2018-2019 Audit Report.

Mr. Graves presented the new elective courses at Broome High School.

In the Chairman’s report, Mr. Lee 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 2018-2019. District Three is expected to receive \$982,000 under the distribution formula. It was also approved to request permission to increase the 13 mills levied annually by C.P.I. These funds will be used to increase teacher pay.

Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes- October 17, 2019, Monthly Financial Report, Monthly Operations Report, Monthly Safety Reports). The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

<u>Resignation</u>		<u>Effective</u>	
Claudia Casey	Special Ed Teacher Asst.	CMS	11-16-19
Shaketa Dover	Credit Recovery Lab Teacher Assistant	BHS	11-23-19
Kristin Roddy	Grade 3 Teacher	CES	11-27-19
Debra Van Deventer	Special Ed Teacher	CMS	12-20-19
<u>Retirement (1-7-20)</u>			
Rebecca Rhodes	Nurse	BHS	

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

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval to reschedule the February board meeting to February 20, 2020 to reflect the original scheduling of board meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

Mrs. Jolley made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood called for nominations for the Daniel Morgan Technology Center Board to replace Mr. Logan, who is now employed with District Seven, and Mr. Kennedy, who’s term

ends November 30, 2019. Mr. Gault nominated Mr. Gossett, and Mr. Logan nominated Mrs. Odom. By consensus, Mrs. Odom and Mr. Gossett will join the DMTC Board on December 1, 2019, and Mr. Gossett will serve as the DMTC board chair.

Consistent with Board policy, Mr. Lee relinquished the chair to Mr. Blackwood so the Board could elect officers for 2020. Mr. Blackwood called for nominations for the office of chair. Mr. Gossett nominated Mr. Lee. With no further nominations, Mr. Lee will remain chair by consensus.

Mr. Blackwood then called for nominations for the office of vice-chair. Mrs. Jolley nominated Mr. Jolley. With no further nominations, Mr. Jolley will remain vice-chair by consensus.

Mr. Blackwood called for nominations for the office of secretary. Mrs. Odom Mr. Gossett. With no further nominations, Mr. Gossett will remain secretary by consensus.

Mr. Lee resumed the position of chair.

After sharing results from the consolidated middle school naming committee, teachers, and students, Mr. Blackwood presented for approval the name: Clifdale Middle; the mascot: Centurions; and the colors: Royal Blue and White. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to approve all three and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:25 p.m., Mr. Gault made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date