

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
District Administration Building  
August 15, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at the District Administration Building.

The following Board members were present:

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

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

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Lee 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. Gilmer. 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 approve the agenda. Mrs. Jolley made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Logan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Myles conducted the following staff recognitions:

- ◆ South Carolina School Boards Association Certificates of Achievement in Board Member and Leadership Training:
  - Chris Jolley, Level 3
  - Deion Logan, Level 2
  - Ami Odom, Level 2
- ◆ Tonya McCullough, Cannons Elementary School teacher, received a DonorsChoose grant entitled, “Cosmo for Teaching Future STEM Engineers”.
- ◆ Clifdale Elementary School was named to the Healthier Generation’s 2019 list of America’s #HealthiestSchools by achieving the National Healthy Schools Bronze Award.

- ◆ Isabel Sloan (PES), Michael Shoolbred (CMS), and Roxanne Kingsland (BHS) were three of 24 teachers from around the county chosen to display their artwork at the Cultural Center in the “Art Teacher as Artist” exhibit.
- ◆ Angel Sparks, Broome High School teacher, was chosen to attend the 2019 National Museum of the American Indian’s NK360 Summer Teacher Institute in Washington, DC.
- ◆ Patrice Robson, Pacolet Elementary teacher, received two DonorsChoose grants entitled, “Headphones Anyone?” and “Students are Flexible, We Should Be Too”.
- ◆ New Employees were introduced.

The following presentations were made:

- ◆ Estimated 2019 Test Data Summary/Survey Results – Mrs. Hodge
- ◆ 3-1-1 Update – Mr. Mack

In the Chairman’s Report, Chairman Lee thanked everyone for their hard work during the referendum process. He also thanked Mr. Blackwood, the administration and staff for immediately moving forward with Destination 3-1-1 after the referendum did not pass.

The following reports were discussed:

- ◆ Report on Summer School Programs for 2019 – Dr. Little
- ◆ Mental Health Counselors – Dr. Little

Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of June 20, 2019 Board Meeting, Monthly Operations Report, and Financial Report). The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

New Employment of Certificated Personnel (effective 8-12-19)

Lynn Pharr	Science/Social Studies Teacher	MSP
Yvonne Duncan	Physical Education Teacher	MSP
Melissa Coy	Business Teacher	BHS
Scott McAninch	German Teacher	CMS
Emily Rountree	Special Education Teacher	CMS

Retirement (effective 7-24-19)

Tracy Herring	Administrative Assistant	CES
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Resignation (effective 6-4-19)

Jessica Ramsey	ISS Coordinator	BHS
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Mr. Kennedy made a motion for approval of the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel (effective 8-19-19)

Claudia Casey	Special Education Teacher Assistant	CMS
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Transfer Past Position/Location New Position/Location (effective 8-7-19)

Dana Horne	Teacher and Learning Specialist/ MSP & CMS	Administrative Assistant/ CES
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Mr. Mack presented for approval an Annual General Obligation Bond Resolution. Mr. Gault made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval to allow the district administration to seek and approve a demographics consultant or firm to complete a thorough District Three population review. Mr. Gossett made a motion to for approval and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

There being no further business, Mrs. Jolley made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Logan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Date