

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
District Administration Building  
August 16, 2018**

**MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the District Administration Building.

The following Board members were present:

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

District personnel present included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Rodney Goode, Greg Mack, Susan Little, Paul Hollifield, Cynthia James, Rodney Graves, Chris Dinkins, Max Deaton, Jean Brewington, Allison Berry, Windy Hodge, Elizabeth Phillips, Cindy Snead, Sherri Horton, and Kelley Smith.

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Gilmer asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Mrs. Jolley made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

At 7:40 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. Kennedy 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 to amend the agenda by moving action item #4 to a discussion item. Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the amended agenda and was seconded by Mr. Lee. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Horton conducted the following staff recognitions:

- ◆ South Carolina School Boards Association Certificates of Achievement in Board Member and Leadership Training:
  - Billy Gossett, Level Two
  - Chris Jolley, Level Two
  - Deion Logan, Level One
  - Ami Odom, Level One

- ◆ Tonya McCullough, Clifdale Elementary School teacher, received two DonorsChoose grants entitled, “Science with the Frizz!” and “Helping Those in Need”.
- ◆ Catrina Epps, Cowpens Elementary School teacher, received two DonorsChoose grants entitled, “Classroom Rug” and “Flexible Seating”.
- ◆ Stephanie Fisher, Cowpens Elementary School teacher, received a DonorsChoose grant entitled, “Now Hear This!”
- ◆ Laura Thrift, Cowpens Elementary School teacher, received a DonorsChoose grant entitled, “Wobble While We Work!”
- ◆ Kyla Jeter, Pacolet Elementary School teacher, received a DonorsChoose grant entitled, “Reading Our Way to Being Good Digital Citizens”.
- ◆ Carmen-Rebekah O’Dell, Cowpens Middle School teacher, received two DonorsChoose grants entitled, “Lego, Kids! It’s STEM Time!” and “Materials for Class”.
- ◆ Teresa Brown & Tim Loftis, Broome High School teachers, received a DonorsChoose grant entitled, “Cutting Out a Career Lab”.
- ◆ Wanda Noblin, Cowpens Elementary School teacher, received a South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics grant for the proposal, “Developing Successful Mathematicians through Support and Intervention”.
- ◆ Sharon Brown and Nikki Brackins earned Autism Certification through Converse College.
- ◆ New Employees were introduced.

Mr. Hollifield gave a presentation on Summer Capital Projects.

In the Chairman’s Report, Chairman Gilmer reminded everyone about the “Walk with Elected Officials” on August 18 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Cowpens and the Middle School of Pacolet. She then asked Mr. Gossett to give a report on the Pacolet Veterans Park Initiative.

The following reports were made:

- ◆ Summer School Programs for 2018 – Dr. Little
- ◆ Use of Community Auditorium – Mr. Mack

Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of June 21, 2018 Board Meeting, Minutes of July 31, 2018 Board Work Session, and the Monthly 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 8-13-18)

Britney Smith	5K Teacher	PES
Stephen Coate	Mathematics Teacher	BHS
	Letter of Agreement	

Resignation (Effective 6-15-18)

Laresa Tate	Teacher Assistant	CAN
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<u>New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel</u>			<u>(Effective)</u>
Jessica Davis	4K Teacher Assistant	CES	8-20-18
Kimberly Bradley	.5 Grade 1 Teacher Assistant/ .5 Media Assistant	CAN	8-20-18
Terri Napoli	4K Teacher Assistant	CAN	8-20-18
Bobbie Jo Little	Nurse	PES	8-13-18
DJ Moore	Special Ed Teacher Assistant	CMS	8-20-18
Melissa Shields	Instructional Specialist	PES	8-20-18
	1-Year Appointment		
Kristie Courtney	Teacher Assistant	CES	8-20-18
	1-Year Appointment		
Victoria Snyder	.73 Teacher Assistant/ .27 Teacher	CES	8-13-18
Shamaka Rice	Instructional Specialist	BSH	8-13-18

Mr. Kennedy made a motion for approval of the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval to report a breach of contract to the State Board of Education for appropriate action. Mr. Kennedy made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was 4 in favor and 5 opposed.

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval to use the Student Centered Education Consulting Group as a third-party agency providing employment opportunities for 2018-19 retirees. Mr. Gault made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval an Annual General Obligation Bond Resolution. Mr. Logan made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

There being no further business, Mrs. Jolley made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and was seconded by Mrs. Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Date