

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
District Administration Building  
August 18, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the District Three Administration Building.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Chris Jolley, Chair  
Mrs. Ami Odom, Vice Chair  
Mr. Billy Gossett, Secretary  
Mrs. Sarah Dunn, Trustee

Mrs. Jodi Gilmer, Trustee  
Mrs. Holly Jolley, Trustee  
Mr. Deion Logan, Trustee  
Mrs. Cathy Voelker, Trustee

District personnel present included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Rodney Goode, Greg Mack, Donnie Elder, Eddie Wyatt, Molly O'Dell, Rodney Graves, Heath Roberts, Allison Berry, Elizabeth Phillips, Kim Goode, Aly Ruggiero, and Kelley Smith.

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

At 7:30 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 Mrs. Voelker. 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 approve the agenda. Mrs. Jolley made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Dunn. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Ruggiero recognized the Broome JROTC Academic Team, Brayden Eubanks, Emily Buell, Yuma Shiraki, and Bobby Nichols for placing 6<sup>th</sup> at the 2022 National JROTC Academic Bowl and making it to the National Playoffs. Sam Shimanskiy, 2022 Broome graduate, was also recognized for winning the 800 meters at the State Track and Field Competition to become a State Champion and set a new school record.

Mrs. Ruggiero conducted the following staff recognitions:

- ◆ Cannons Elementary received a 2023 Distinguished Arts Program Grant
- ◆ Pacolet Elementary received a 2023 Equitable Arts Advancement Program Grant
- ◆ Tonya McCullough, Cannons Elementary teacher, was chosen to attend the Real World Science Summer Teacher Seminar in New Orleans.
- ◆ Courtney Smith, Cannons Elementary teacher, was chosen to attend the 2023 LitCon and International Institute of Reading Recovery. She also received \$5000 from the Foundation for Struggling Readers of Reading Recovery Council of North America to be applied to the cost of teacher leader training at Clemson University.

- ◆ Support Staff of the Year were recognized: Christina Moore (CAN), Kristie Courtney (CES), Anna Buice (PES), Nathaniel Dunlap (CM), Carrie Chesebro (BHS), and Daphine Spivey (DMTC).
- ◆ Teachers of the Year were recognized: Brooke White (CAN), Rebecca Sparks (CES), Sarah Burnett (PES), Hillary Wyatt (CM), Summer Carling (BHS), and Sharon Mack (DMTC).
- ◆ Summer Carling will compete on the state level as the District Three Teacher of the Year.

The following presentations were made:

- ◆ Capital Projects Updates – Harper Construction
- ◆ New Employee Introductions - Principals

The following report was discussed:

- ◆ Enrollment Updates – Mr. Goode

Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of June 16, 2022 Board Meeting, July 12, 2022 Special Called Meeting and the Monthly Financial Report). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Voelker, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

<u>New Employment of Certificated Personnel</u>			<u>(effective)</u>
Janet Behnke	Part-Time Speech Teacher	CM	8-8-22
Nathan Pressley	Physical Education Teacher (Letter of Agreement)	CES	9-1-22

Retirement (effective 8-11-22)

Beverly Carruth	Teacher Assistant	CAN
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Resignations (effective)

Mike Reid	Physical Education	CES	8-3-22
Earlene Scruggs	Computer Lab	CES	8-8-22

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

Mr. Goode also presented the following personnel recommendations as information only.

<u>New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel</u>			<u>(effective)</u>
Jamie Cline	Guidance Support/Registrar	BHS	8-8-22
Denisha Murphy	ARC Lab	BHS	8-15-22
Morgan Lyles	Special Ed Teacher Assistant.	CAN	8-15-22
Catherine Craw	Special Ed Teacher Assistant	CAN	8-15-22
Kayla McGwinn	Special Ed Teacher Assistant	CAN	8-15-22
Cathy Tobias	5K Teacher Assistant	CAN	8-15-22

Mrs. O'Dell presented for approval the Textbook Recommendations. Mrs. Voelker made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval a General Obligation Bond Resolution. Mr. Gossett made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack then presented for approval a TAN Resolution. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mrs. Voelker. The vote was unanimous in favor.

There being no further business, Mrs. Odom made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. and was seconded by Mrs. Dunn. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Date