

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Clifdale Middle Media Center
August 19, 2021**

MINUTES

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at Clifdale Middle.

The following Board members were present:

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

District personnel present included Superintendent Kenny Blackwood, Rodney Goode, Greg Mack, Windy Hodge, Donnie Elder, Eddie Wyatt, Molly O'Dell, Cindy Snead, Connie Sellers, 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 and personnel 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. Jolley. 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 with the following change: Add an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the superintendent evaluation process. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the amended agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Ruggiero and Principals conducted the following staff recognitions:

- ◆ Mr. Chase Moyer, District Three Teacher of the Year
- ◆ New Employees (virtual)

The following presentations were made:

- ◆ Potential Future Projects: Cannons Elementary Addition – McMillan Pazden Smith
- ◆ Capital Projects Updates – Mr. Elder and Mr. Wyatt

The following reports were discussed:

- ◆ Superintendent Updates
- ◆ Summer School Summary for 2020 – Mrs. Hodge

Mr. Dearybury made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of June 17, 2021 Board Meeting, June 29, 2021 Special Called Meeting, Monthly Financial Report, and Monthly Safety Report). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Odom, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

New Employment of Certificated Personnel (effective 8-9-21)

Renee Hill	Grade 4 Teacher	CES
Thomas Swanger	Welding Instructor	DMTC

Resignations (effective 6-30-21)

Kevin Wilkie	HVAC/Maintenance	District
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Mrs. Gilmer made a motion for approval of the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel (effective)

Kenny Logan	Behavior Interventionist	CES	8-9-21
Stephanie Peake	Career Development Facilitator	CM	8-9-21
Jeffrey Blackwood	ISS Coordinator	CM	8-16-21
Jessica Pisa	Academic Support	PES	8-16-21
Kaila Baker	4K Teacher Assistant	PES	8-16-21
Kimberly Pruitt	Grade 1/Media Assistant	PES	8-16-21

Mr. Blackwood presented for approval to extend up to 10 days of COVID leave for all employees. The 10 days of leave may be used by any employee who is directed to quarantine by the district due to being a close contact, displaying symptoms, or COVID positive. Mr. Dearybury made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Hodge presented for approval two .5 professional learning days added to the district calendar on September 15 and November 10 to allow professional learning for our educators. Mr. Dearybury made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. After further discussion, Mr. Gault made a recommendation to change the professional learning days to September 17 and November 12. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the amended professional learning days and was seconded by Ami Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

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

Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the reinstatement for continuing education and opportunities for Spartanburg School District Three Board of Trustees pursuant to board policy and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. After further discussion, Chairman Jolley made a motion to amend the recommendation to add “The Board will be as cost effective as possible using Zoom, teleconference, or have the consultants come to us”. Mrs. Odom seconded the motion, and the vote was 5-4 opposed. Mr. Gault resubmitted his original motion, seconded by Mr. Gossett, and the vote was 5-4 in favor.

Chairman Jolley asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent evaluation process. Mr. Gault made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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

There being no further business, Mrs. Jolley made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date