

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
District Administration Building
September 15, 2022**

MINUTES

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the District Three Administration Building.

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. Deion Logan, Trustee
Mr. Eddie Dearybury, Trustee	Mrs. Cathy Voelker, Trustee
Mrs. Sarah Dunn, 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, Max Deaton, Allison Berry, Kim Goode, Aly Ruggiero, and Kelley Smith.

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

Mrs. Ruggiero recognized Devin Harrelson (Cannons Elementary), Jonah Carroll and Zoe Moore (Cowpens Elementary), and William McGuane (Clifdale Middle) for making a perfect score on the SC Ready in Math. Also recognized for earning academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs were two Broome High students, Destiny West who received a National African American Recognition Award, and Erin Rodriguez who received a National Hispanic Recognition Award.

Mrs. Ruggiero conducted the following staff recognitions:

- ◆ Kristy Eubanks, teacher at Clifdale Middle, had her Donors Choose grant called "Organize and Engage" fully funded.
- ◆ Pacolet Elementary's April Barnhill received a Donors Choose grant for her 5th grade students called "It's Getting STEAM-Y in Here."
- ◆ Brooke Ridings, PE Teacher at Pacolet Elementary School, received a Junior League Mini Grant for her project called Walking Across America. In this project, 5th grade students will take a journey across America by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Students will track their steps and a map will be placed in the classroom showing the route from Spartanburg to California and students will have their own individual map to track their progress.

- ◆ Jan Rogers, teacher at Broome High School, was chosen to be a lesson reviewer for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Out of a large pool of applicants, Mrs. Rogers was selected and will get to review 4-6 lessons per school year for two years and receive compensation for each completed lesson review.
- ◆ Cowpens Elementary and Pacolet Elementary received certificates from Noble Tree for planting new trees at their schools.

The following presentation was made:

- ◆ Teacher of the Year Video and Teacher Forum Update – Mr. Chase Moyer

The following report was discussed:

- ◆ Instructional Update – Instructional Team
- ◆ Social Media Analytics – Mrs. Ruggiero
- ◆ Safety Measures – Mr. Goode

Chairman Jolley asked if there was any other business to carry over from executive session. Superintendent Blackwood presented for approval his notice of retirement before the end of July 2023. Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of August 18, 2022 Board Meeting, and the Monthly Financial, Operations, and Safety Reports). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Voelker, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

New Employment of Certificated Personnel (effective 8-25-22)

Patricia Langston (SCECG) Kindergarten Teacher CES

<u>Resignations</u>		<u>(effective)</u>	
Morgan Lyles	Special Ed Teacher Asst	CES	9-16-22
Dylan Thomas	Groundskeeper	DO	9-23-22

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

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

New Employment of Non-Certified Personnel (effective)

Marcie Barnekow	Grade 1 Teacher Assistant	CES	8-24-22
Eva Tellez	Kindergarten Teacher Asst	CES	9-7-22

Chairman Jolley asked for nominations for a delegate and an alternate to attend the 2022 South Carolina School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. Mrs. Voelker was nominated for delegate, and Mrs. Dunn was nominated for alternate. Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve these nominations and was seconded by Mrs. Odom. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Dearybury made a recommendation to change the regular monthly board meeting date from the third Thursday to the third Monday or Tuesday and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. After much discussion, Mrs. Odom made a recommendation to change the regular monthly board

meeting date to the third Monday of each month. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jolley, and the vote was 8-1 in favor.

Chairman Jolley made a recommendation to suspend Board Policy BG that requires two readings prior to approval of policy changes. Mr. Logan made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Dearybury. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mrs. Jolley made a motion to approve the revisions in Board Policy BE-Board Meetings to change the monthly board meeting date to the third Monday of each month with only one reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Voelker, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Logan made a motion to add Juneteenth as a holiday for staff each year on June 19 to the school calendar. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dunn, and the vote was 3-6 opposed.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. and was seconded by Mrs. Voelker. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date