

**SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
District Three Community Auditorium
September 19, 2019**

MINUTES

The Spartanburg District Three Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the District Three Community Auditorium.

The following Board members were present:

Mr. Kevin Lee, Chair

Mr. Chris Jolley, Vice Chair

Mr. Billy Gossett, Secretary

Mr. Shannon Gault, Trustee

Mrs. Jodi Gilmer, Trustee

Mrs. Holly Jolley, Trustee

Mr. Don Kennedy, Trustee

Mr. Deion Logan, Trustee

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

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Lee 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. Jolley. 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. Gault made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. 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 to amend the agenda by deleting the executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues. Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the amended agenda and was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ms. Myles recognized Jared Moss, freshman at BHS, as the 2019 Law Day Essay winner and recipient of a \$500 award. His essay was chosen out of 400 other entries from students in grades 9-12 in Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee counties.

The following additional recognitions were made:

- ◆ Melissa Allen- Received a Donors Choose grant for "Ramp it up for problem solvers"
- ◆ Amy Johnston- Received a Donors Choose grant for "Keeping Our Band on Track with Essential Supplies"
- ◆ Cowpens Elementary School- Received a "Rewards for Excellence" award for their Cougar Tales School Newsletter
- ◆ Pacolet Elementary School- Received a "Rewards for Excellence" award for their Pacolet Elementary School Monthly Newsletter

- ◆ Clifdale Elementary School- Received a “Rewards for Excellence” award for their Facebook page
- ◆ Kathy Johnston- Received a “Rewards for Excellence” award for her picture entitled “Mufasa’s Roar”
- ◆ Spartanburg County School District Three- Received two “Rewards for Excellence” awards for the “Putting Others First” and Veterans’ Day program videos
- ◆ Cowpens Middle School- Received a Golden Achievement award for their Black History Month Program
- ◆ Math Interventionists- District Three earned a grant from Duke Energy for \$1400 for supplies for our math interventionists
- ◆ 2019-20 Teachers of the Year
- ◆ 2019-20 Bus Driver of the Year

The following presentation and resolution were made:

- ◆ The Original Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School Resolution- recognized by the state that BE Mays Consolidated School was the first in the state and nation named after Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. The district also unveiled a website in the school’s honor and showed a video talking about what makes the school and its alumni one of a kind. Reverend Roger Smith also shared about the school.

In the Chairman’s Report, Mr. Lee stated that in keeping with the Board’s 2019-20 focus on teaching and learning, the administration will provide a continuous improvement summary during the October 17 board meeting. This will give the Board an opportunity to hear from each principal and determine appropriate support for continuous improvement efforts. The Board will stress cost savings in every decision.

The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Special Education Update – Mrs. O’Dell
- ◆ Clear Bag Policy/ Safety Update – Mr. Goode
- ◆ Student Enrollment Update – Mr. Goode
- ◆ 10-Day Enrollment Review – Mr. Mack
- ◆ Report on Use of Community Auditorium – Mr. Mack
- ◆ Minimum County Foundation Proposed Amendment – Mr. Blackwood

Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Minutes of August 15, 2019 Board Meeting, Monthly Financial Report, Monthly Operations Report, and Monthly Safety Reports). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gilmer, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Goode presented the following personnel items as information:

New Employment of Non-Certificated Personnel

Stephanie Peak	Transition Service Specialist	DMTC	9-3-19
Josh Burrell	Groundskeeper	Districtwide	9-30-19

Dr. Little presented for approval to change the district calendar to reflect the Early Release Day on February 14 instead of February 19. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to change the date and was seconded by Mr. Gossett. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Mack presented for approval to dispose of surplus property. Mrs. Gilmer made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Due to state law and mandate changes, Mr. Blackwood made a recommendation to suspend Policy BG-School Board Policy Process that requires two readings of a policy prior to approval. Mr. Gault made a motion to suspend the policy and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Blackwood then made a recommendation to waive first readings and approve the following policies and administrative rule:

- ◆ EEAE – Bus Safety Program
- ◆ KLGA – School Resource Officers
- ◆ IDA-R – Grading/Assessment Systems

Mr. Gault made a motion to approve the revisions and was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:19 p.m., Mr. Gault made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Jolley. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date