

Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
April 24, 2023
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for executive session and for the regular business session at 6:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Chairperson Rob Wallace, Vice Chairperson Ginger Marr, Secretary Jessica Cody, members Mike Ballard, Matt Burris, Keron Meeks, and Tracy Stiff.

Others in attendance for open session were Superintendent Dr. Sheila Quinn, Chief Financial Officer Ken Love, Chief Operations and Student Services Officer Dr. Mark Hopkins, Chief Human Resources and Strategic Planning Officer Dr. Tony Hemingway, and Board Attorney Franklin Pendleton. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Millicent Dickey and Public Information Officer Bryan Dillon attended the Open Session only.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, The *Herald* was notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of this meeting. An agenda was posted at the meeting site and on the school district Web Site.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:20pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Marr. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session included discussions on personnel and legal matters.

A motion to suspend executive session and go into open session was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff at 5:59pm. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION-LIVE-STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE

Mr. Wallace called the public open session meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. which was Live Streamed via the district's YouTube page. The audience was welcomed and greeted. Mr. Wallace read the guidelines for the meeting format. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Mr. Meeks.

The April 24, 2023, agenda was approved with no objections.

The board approved the printed minutes from the March 27, 2023, regular meeting and the April 10, 2023, special called meeting as written with no objections or additional concerns.

Personnel recommendations made by the administration were presented for approval. Per Board Policy BCB, Mr. Burris submitted a letter in writing to recuse himself from the conversation on personnel during executive session. He then abstained from the vote on personnel as presented. The personnel recommendations presented by the administration in executive session were then approved with no further objections or concerns.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Quinn and the board recognized the following:

Artfields Competition Winners

Four students from Clover High School and the Ninth Grade Campus had artwork selected for exhibition in the Artfields Competition. This is a large, juried exhibit held annually in Lake City to draw attention to the extraordinary talent in our state. Artfields is held in conjunction with a larger art show that showcases work from across the Southeast. Students whose artwork is on exhibit include **Emma Appleyard, Matthew Ledford, Caroline Owens and Natalie Wolnick.**

CHS Unified Cheer Team

Twelve students proudly represented Eagle Nation at the Unified Sports Cheerleading Championships and brought home the Gold. They performed a two-minute cheer and dance routine. The team is coached by Jasmine Davis.

District Battle of the Books Winners

The District Battle of the Books competition was held in the BEA gymnasium on Friday, March 24. A team from Bethany Elementary was the top scorer out of the 24 teams from across the district. Championship team members are **Anniston Ruth, Sloan David and Annabelle Naile.**

OMS Boys Soccer

Oakridge Middle School boys' soccer team completed an undefeated season outscoring their opponents 41 – 3 on the season. The team finished the season 8-0 scoring an average of 5 goals per game and captured the York County Middle School Championship. The team is coached by Andy Carter, Andrew Love, Kevin Kozel and Jackson Carter.

OMS Girls Soccer

The Oakridge Middle School Lady Eagles soccer team finished an undefeated season as county champions, outscoring opponents 22 – 1. These young ladies went 5-0, routinely dominating possession in their matches and smothering opponents with their tough, physical play. The hard work and dedication these 20 young ladies showed this season is a great example of the bright future for Clover. The team is coached by Luca Kimbrell.

FCCLA Winners

Nine students in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter from the Applied Technology Center took home top honors at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Charleston on March 30th. **Mackenzie Boggess** earned Gold in Fashion Construction. **Emma Brennan** earned Gold in Repurpose and Redesign. **Lindsay Cool** earned Gold in Interior Design. The team of **Emmerson Olszewski and Lashanti Pierre** earned Gold in Chapter Service Project. **Jasper Turner** earned Silver in Career Investigation. The team of **Kylan Kieslor, Greyson Rentz and Meany Baez** earned Silver in Food Innovation. The Gold winners will represent South Carolina at the FCCLA National Conference in Colorado in July.

At the state conference, **Emma Brennan** was elected to serve as a state officer for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, **Rhonda Yommer** has received the 2023 National Spirit of Advising Award from FCCLA. The award recognizes 100 FCCLA advisers across the country who demonstrate faithfulness, hard work,

humor, flexibility and skill in their leadership role. The award will be presented July 5 at the FCCLA National Conference in Denver.

FFA Winners

Clover FFA won the state championship in both Dairy Evaluation and Dairy Handling at the South Carolina State Contest on March 24th.

The Dairy Evaluation Team members are **Logan Bolin, Madelyn Bolin, Richie Sandstrom, Elizabeth Glenn and Emma Brown**. **Logan Bolin** was named the state champion Dairy Handler.

The students received nine additional 4H and FFA awards in addition to these honors. They will be recognized at the South Carolina State FFA Convention in June and have earned the right to move on to national competition at the National FFA Convention in November in Indianapolis.

CHS Boys and Girls All-State Wrestlers

Four CHS wrestlers—two boys and two girls—earned All-State wrestling honors this year. Wrestlers must be ranked in the top four in the state to earn the recognition.

Jaden Sikorski competed in the 132-pound weight class and finished the season with a record of 44-6. He was a regional champion and a North-South All-Star.

Jaden Charles competed in the 145-pound weight class and finished with a record of 28-8.

Kalliscya Gardner finished her season with a record of 16-1, with her only loss coming in overtime of the state finals.

Leilani Brown finished her season with a record of 8-4.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Marr read the guidelines for Public Forum speakers. The following representative addressed the board:

- **Mr. Kevin Johnson** shared a letter from Congressman Ralph Norman's office written to the York Preparatory Board Chairman regarding transgender bathroom usage. He has concerns that the context of the letter may be happening in Clover School District. He advised the board to be proactive before something does happen in CSD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: MY TOWN, SC – MR. BRIAN HERRING AND MR. MICHAEL LEISSA – OMS TEACHERS

Many of the 8th graders at Oakridge Middle School have been involved in a year-long project called My Town. The OMS staff and students shared a [presentation](#) on what that project is, how it is going, and what the plans are for the future of the project. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Largen, Dr. Quinn, and the school board for the support given in this growing and ever-changing project. The ultimate goal is to have students learning real-world skills that meet all the expectations of the profile of a South Carolina graduate

and the SC standards social studies skills for 8th grade while also having fun and learning to take pride in their work.

TRI-DISTRICT ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE – MRS. KRISTY AUSTIN, DIRECTOR

Mrs. Kristy Austin, Director of Tri-District Adult Education, gave an [overview](#) of the adult education program, shared program data, graduate success stories, and information about services offered to students to help them go beyond the GED. The program currently serves adults 18 and older. The Tri-District Adult Education Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:00pm.

CARE SOLAE MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE–DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER

Dr. Hopkins hosted the Care Solace team-Donovan Turner and Tyler Chandress virtually. Information was shared about their service and our partnership. Their services are available to all stakeholders.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR – MR. BRYAN DILLON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Mr. Dillon presented the 2024-2025 [DRAFT school calendars](#) for First Reading. DRAFT A has a start date of August 1, 2023, and end date of May 29, 2024. DRAFT B has start date of August 5, 2023, and end date of May 29, 2024. Both calendars have the fall and winter intercession weeks. Spring break will correlate with the other York County school districts. The district leadership team and teacher forum has provided feedback on the drafts. The results of the feedback from the survey showed that 61% of the staff is in favor of DRAFT A; 39% is in favor of DRAFT B.

POLICY UPDATES–DR. TONY HEMINGWAY, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICER

Dr. Hemingway will present a model SCSBA policy for Unencumbered Time for **Second Reading**. This is a statewide policy that each local school board can use to develop and implement a plan that directs the principal of each elementary school to provide at least thirty minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school day to all full-time teachers teaching in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, as required by Section 59-5-63, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. **The policy was approved unanimously by the board for Second Reading.**

FACILITIES REPORT – DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER

Dr. Hopkins presented the monthly [facilities report](#). Updates were provided on the bond projects, 8% projects, ESSER projects and the capital funds project. Dr. Hopkins requested approval to proceed with the shed project behind maintenance that was approved earlier by the board. The project amount is not to exceed \$100,000.00. **Without objection, the board unanimously approved proceeding with the shed construction behind maintenance not to exceed \$100,000.00.**

FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Mr. Love reported that the district is where we should be during this time of the year. The budget report for the month ending March 31, 2023, was shared. Bids have been received for the repair/replacement of part of the high school roof (8% funds). Mr. Love recommended awarding the contract to AAR of NC in the amount of \$1,044,265.00. **Without objection, the board unanimously approved the recommendation to award the roof contract to AAR of NC in the amount of \$1,044,265.00.**

Mrs. Stiff made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and reconvene Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session reconvened at 7:45p.m. for additional discussions on personnel, land and legal matters.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:30pm was made by Mrs. Marr and seconded by Mrs. Stiff. Motion was unanimously approved.

Rob Wallace, Chairperson

Mike Ballard

Ginger Marr, Vice Chairperson

Matt Burris

Jessica Cody, Secretary

Keron Meeks

Tracy Stiff

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/bOZj-CRo1gc?feature=share>

Board minutes recorded by:

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