

Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2023
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 23, 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 the 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.

Per the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), The Herald was notified of the meeting's time, date, place, and agenda as amended. 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 5:20 p.m. and requested a motion to convene the executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Marr. The motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session included discussions on personnel and legal matters.

A motion to adjourn executive session and go into an open session was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff at 5:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION-LIVE-STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE

Mr. Wallace called the public open session meeting to order at 6:05 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 October 23, 2023, agenda was approved with no objections or concerns.

The board approved the printed minutes from the September 25, 2023, regular meeting as written with no objections or additional concerns.

The board approved the staff personnel recommendations presented by the administration in executive session with no objections or concerns.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND APPRECIATIONS:

Dr. Quinn welcomed all in attendance, after which the following recognitions were made:

[SC READY/SCPASS Maximum Scores](#)

Our first recognition of the night is students across Clover School District who earned the highest score in one or more sections of last year's SC READY or SCPASS tests. Fifty-seven students from our elementary and middle schools earned the highest scores in one or more areas.

[National Merit Semifinalist – Christopher Hansen](#)

Christopher Hansen has been named a 2024 National Merit Semifinalist. National Merit Semifinalists are among the highest-scoring students in their state on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) taken during the junior year of high school. Less than one percent of the nation's graduating high school seniors earn this recognition.

To continue in the competition for one of more than 7,100 scholarships, Christopher must complete an application that includes his academic record, write an essay, and post another high score when he takes the SAT this fall.

[National Rural and Small-Town Award – CHS Students](#)

Seniors earned the National Rural and Small-Town Award for their performance on College Board exams. Clover High School students earning this recognition are:

Christopher Hansen	Courtney Hill	Emma Brennan	Hannah Jongquist
Isabelle Popejoy	Jackson Williams	Logan Smith	Olivia Cox
Rachel Keefauver	West Page	Zoila Escalante	

To be eligible for NRSTA recognition, students must:

- Post Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) scores in the top 10 percent of assessment takers **or** earn a score of three or higher on two or more Advanced Placement tests taken in grades 9 and 10;
- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; and
- Reside in an area deemed rural or a small town by the National Center for Education Statistics.

[CSD Employees of the Month](#)

As Clover School District continues to strive to be the destination district in South Carolina for education, along with that comes a commitment to recognizing the staff members who stand out amongst their peers.

Our main partner in recognizing these staff members is United Bank of Clover. We extend our gratitude to Mrs. Kate Manley and the staff at United Bank for their support of the staff members of the Clover School District and their gifts of \$25 to each staff member of the month. Staff Members of the Month are:

• Tammy Crago-BTY	Elizabeth Rago-BTL	Todd Moser-Crowders Creek
• Beth Culton-Griggs Road	Logan Cato-Kinard	Mary Allison-Larne
• Kristy Tomicki-Mendes-OES	Shannon Neumann-CMS	Jessica Allred-OMS
• Jeanna McCullen-CHS	Telliya Patton-NGC	Kelly Childers-ATC
• Debbie Atkins-CVA	Thomas Jackson-District	

PUBLIC FORUM

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

- **Mr. Zack Davis, the CSD parent**, expressed concerns about the Transportation Department and the safety of children at bus stops. He feels the bus routing should be evaluated annually.

CERTIFICATION/ELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE 2023 SCSBA LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY MEETING

SCSBA's annual business meeting will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The Delegate Assembly is the policy-making body of the association and is composed of certified voting delegates from active board members. Clover School District has three (3) votes. The board nominated Mrs. Cody, Mr. Burris and Mr. Meeks as the voting delegates and alternates for to the 2023 SCSBA Delegate Assembly. ***Without objection, the board unanimously approved the election of Mrs. Cody, Mr. Burris and Mr. Meeks as delegates to the 2023 SCSBA Delegate Assembly.***

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: CLOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL FARM – MRS. KEISHA ROBINSON, CMS AG TEACHER AND CMS STUDENTS**
Clover Middle School's agriculture program began five years ago. At that time, Clover Middle added an Introduction to Agriculture Class and acquired our FFA Charter. Today, students have the opportunity to be involved both during and after school. They are provided hands-on opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom and across curriculum. Click the [school farm](#) link to get an overview of the CMS program.
- **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE REPORT – MR. DONNIE GRICE, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES**
Mr. Grice provided an extensive overview of the district's maintenance and facilities operation. The report is available [here](#).
- **2023 STATE TESTING RESULTS – MRS. BETH GOFF, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTABILITY**
Mrs. Goff provided a [review](#) of the state's current accountability model, giving Clover's district and school ratings based on the model. She also provided a brief overview of the changes to the accountability model and its impact on school ratings.
- **POLICY UPDATES - DR. TONY HEMINGWAY, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICER**
Dr. Hemingway presented the following [policies](#) for second reading:
 - **Policy GCC**–Professional Leave Absences, **Policy GDC**–Staff Leaves and Absences, and **Policy KEC /AR KEC-R**–Public Concerns & Complaints about Instructional Resources.
 - Policies **JICDA/JICDA-R** – Code of Conduct, **JICFAA**-Bullying, **JICH**–Drug and Alcohol Use, **JLCDB**–Life-Saving Medications, **JFABD**–Admission of Homeless Students, **JFABH**–Military Remote School Enrollment, **ADC/GBED/JICG**–Tobacco Free School and **IKF**–Graduation Requirement were presented for first reading.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR – MR. BRYAN DILLON, Public Information Officer

Mr. Dillon presented [Calendar Drafts](#) for the 2024-25 Academic Calendar for FIRST READING. The drafts have proposed start dates of August 1, 2023, and August 5, 2023.

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

Dr. Hopkins provided the monthly update on facilities. He requested approval for the base bid and alternates for the CHS track to Southern Builders at a cost of \$899,000. ***The board unanimously approved the request for the base bid and alternates for the CHS track to Southern Builders at a cost of \$899,000.*** A request to approve the base bid and alternate to Southern Builders at a cost of \$2,232,000 for the high school media center was also made. ***The board unanimously approved the request for the base bid and alternates to Southern Builders at a cost of \$2,232,000 for the high school media center, as requested.***

FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- Mr. Love shared the [printout of revenues and expenditures](#) in the General Fund as of September 30, 2023.
- He stated that the district is over budget in interest income and that the substitute expenses are over budget as well.
- A request to surplus additional [items](#) from schools was made. ***The board unanimously approved the request to surplus additional items from schools as requested by Mr. Love.***

Dr. Quinn and Mr. Wallace thanked the audience for attending.

Mrs. Stiff made a motion to adjourn the Open Session at 7:55 p.m. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rob Wallace, Chairperson

Mike Ballard

Ginger Marr, Vice Chairperson

Matt Burris

Jessica Cody, Secretary

Keron Meeks

Tracy Stiff

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEETING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

www.boarddocs.com/sc/clover/Board.nsf/Public

The live stream of this meeting is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/CaHZIF3ZGLM?feature=shared>

Board minutes recorded by:

Marlene Spencer, Board Clerk