

Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2017
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30pm for executive session and open session at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Chairman-Mack McCarter, Vice-Chairman-Joe Gordon, Secretary-Sherri Ciurlik, Board Members-Liz Johnson, Ginger Marr, Rob Wallace and Jay Young.

Others in attendance included Superintendent Marc Sosne, Assistant Superintendents Ken Love and Pam Cato, Executive Director Mark Hopkins, Executive Human Resources Director Millicent Dickey, Public Information Officer Bryan Dillon, and Facilities Director Lyle Miller. Board Attorney Franklin Pendleton and Cumming Project Manager Kelly Clayton were in attendance for the Open Session only.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, *The Rock Hill 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

Chairman McCarter called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session discussions included a review of personnel recommendations from school administrators.

A motion to suspend executive session at 7:00pm was made by Mrs. Ciurlik and seconded by Mrs. Marr. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman McCarter called the public open session meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The welcome and greeting were extended to all in attendance. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Mr. Gordon.

The March 20, 2017 agenda was approved as printed with no objections or concerns.

Dr. Sosne and the board recognized the following:

[Matthew Siciliano, Clover High School](#)

Clover High School Matthew Siciliano placed 3rd place in the Automotive All Star Competition in February. Matthew's written score was the highest in the state. The competition consisted of 12 areas that included a written test and hands-on labs. For his 3rd place finish he won a Snap-On toolbox and tools valued at \$3,000 and earned \$2,000 for CHS. Matthew was Clover High School's first student to qualify to compete in this event.

[Chase Griffin and Garrett Lutz, Clover High School](#)

Chase Griffin and Garrett Lutz qualified for the State Strength (weightlifting) Meet, March 25th at White Knoll High. Griffin and Lutz make up two of the 33 student-athletes to qualify from a field of 143. Individually, Chase won his weight division and Garrett finished in third place.

[CHS Wrestling, Clover High School](#)

The Clover High School wrestling team competed in the 5A Upper State tournament Feb 17th-18th. Luke Brown, Ryan Jones and Andrew Dorrill qualified for the state tournament, where each wrestler finished in the top 4 in their respective weight class.

Luke Brown, who entered the meet unranked, knocked off the No. 2 and No. 4 ranked kids in the state on his way to finishing as the Upper State Runner-Up to qualify for state. At the state meet, he finished fourth to earn All-State honors.

[Choraliers, Clover High School](#)

Phillip Dean, Kensley Husband, John Austin King and Will Griffith participated in the South Carolina Solo and Ensemble Festival at South Pointe HS in Rock Hill. Phillip Dean was awarded the music scholarship for his category, and Kensley, John Austin and Will each earned Superiors, which is the highest ranking.

[FCCLA, Clover High School](#)

Clover High School FCCLA Members competed at the FCCLA State Competition on March 11th. Kayla Cruse was awarded Gold in Illustrated Talk. Kailee Brandon and Allie Cook were awarded Gold in Focus on Children which qualified them for the National Competition, and Darby Adams and Elizabeth East were awarded Bronze in Life Event Planning

[DECA, Clover High School](#)

The Clover High School DECA team, including Tori Engel, Nikki Mandoklovic, Zach Profitt, Emily Boudreaux, and Macy Kopyy, each finished in the top 10 at the DECA state competition in Charleston.

[Justina Phelan, Clover Middle School](#)

The University of South Carolina held a T-shirt Design contest with DiscoverE to celebrate Engineering Week. Justina Phelan won Second Place and a cash prize. She worked very hard on her design and discovered a natural talent for graphic design.

[Clover Middle School 7th grade girls' basketball](#)

The Clover Middle School 7th grade girls' basketball won the conference championship, finishing the season with a record of 9-2 for the year.

[Clover Middle School 8th grade girls' basketball](#)

The Clover Middle School 8th grade girls' basketball won the conference championship, finishing the season with a record of 15-1 for the year.

[Clover Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball](#)

The Clover Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball won the conference championship, finishing the season with a record of 11-1 for the year.

[Oakridge Middle School 7th Academic Quiz team](#)

The Oakridge Middle School 7th grade Academic Quiz team won the region and finished the competition undefeated.

PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

The board approved the printed minutes from the February 27, 2017 regular board meeting as written with no objections or concerns.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- **INNOVATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR A CSD STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES -- DR. LAURA HOLLAND - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES, MS. DONNA BAKER - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MS. WENDY BEHR - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Dr. Laura Holland, Executive Director of Special Services, along with Ms. Donna Baker and Ms. Wendy Behr, Occupational Therapists reported on the innovative use of technology for a Clover School District student with disabilities. The student has cerebral palsy, and has been totally dependent on a caregiver for all self-help skills, mobility, transfers, positioning, eating, and accessing all items and materials in the educational environment. The therapists have developed a system to allow this student some independence in her own learning. With the use of switches and an interface connector, the student is now able to independently access her iPad. During the presentation, some background information on the student was provided and a brief video demonstrating her new skills was shown.

- **DATA DRIVEN DECISIONS -- MRS. KATHY WEATHERS-PRINCIPAL, KINARD ELEMENTARY, MRS. CHRISTIE REID, MATH INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR**

Mrs. Weathers and Mrs. Reid shared how data driven decisions are used for student instructional needs. Data is analyzed from the district, school, teacher, and student level to determine next steps for continued academic progress. Teachers at Kinard Elementary utilize Leadership Notebooks to assist students in making individualized goals which can be academic or non-academic.

- **FLEX TIME FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -- MR. ROD RUTH, PRINCIPAL, CHS**

Mr. Ruth reported that Clover High School is exploring the benefits of adding Flex Time to its school day in some capacity. The implementation of flex time scheduling will give students dedicated time during the school day for make-up work, club meetings, career planning or other needs. Flex time will allow students who cannot stay after school or come before school because of transportation or work schedules to get extra academic help or take part in activities they may not otherwise be able to. Clover High spent the first semester sending a team of teachers and administrators to three schools to observe how those schools implemented flex time. The school plans to test Flex ideas during the last quarter of this school year.

- **CLOVER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION -- MRS. CATHY MCCARTER - ORGANIZER**

Mrs. McCarter provided the board with an update on the work she has done in getting an alumni association started for Clover School District. She has spent time viewing alumni websites and

talking with existing High School Alumni Associations. These activities have provided insight into several common elements of High School Alumni Associations.

- **2017 - 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR, MR. BRYAN DILLON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**
Mr. Dillon presented DRAFT Calendar C-17 for second reading and approval. The legislature approved H.3508 which allows an early start date of August 17, 2017. ***The board unanimously approved DRAFT Calendar C-17 as presented by Mr. Dillon without objections or additional concerns.***

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES -- DR. MARK HOPKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Dr. Hopkins presented for First Reading new **Local Board Approved (LBA) Courses** Genocide Studies, The Medal of Honor, Technical Theater 2 CP, 3 HON, 4 HON and Music Theory. A description of each new course was provided for review. In addition, **Policy IJNDB-E(1)** Student Assurances for Technology Acceptable Use (a change in the form) and **Policy GCCAAA** Leave Bank for Catastrophic Illness or Accident (the update applies to new hire only and determines how many days an employee may apply for) were presented for first reading. ***The board unanimously approved the policy updates for first reading as presented by Dr. Hopkins without objections or concerns.***

FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS SERVICES

Mr. Love presented the monthly finance report stating that we are in line with where we should be at this time of the time. Information about the state budget is being received.

FACILITIES REPORT – MR. LYLE MILLER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

Mr. Miller gave the monthly facilities report which reflected maintenance work orders and completions.

Mr. Clayton presented the monthly construction report as written and reviewed ongoing construction projects. He reported that final inspections for the Ninth Grade Academy will be held May 23, 2017.

The board approved the personnel recommendations as presented in executive session by the administration with no objections or concerns with Mr. Gordon and Mr. Young recusing themselves from the vote.

A motion to adjourn Open Session at 8:45pm and reconvene Executive Session was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Wallace. Motion was unanimous.

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session reconvened at 8:50pm and included discussions on legal matters and personnel.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 10:15pm was made by Mrs. Marr and seconded by Mr. Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.

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