

Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
November 27, 2023
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 27, 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 and Keron Meeks; Matt Burris and Tracy Stiff attended via the YouTube link.

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 5:30 p.m. and requested a motion to convene the executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Cody 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. Marr at 5:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION-LIVE-STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE

Dr. Quinn called the public open session meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The audience, as well as persons attending the meeting via YouTube live, was welcomed and greeted. Dr. Quinn explained the process for election of board officers. The following slate of nominees for board officers was presented:

Chairman – Rob Wallace

Vice-Chairman – Ginger Marr

Secretary – Jessica Cody

The nominees were elected unanimously with no abstentions.

The following volunteer positions were appointed unanimously:

Legislative Liaisons – Tracy Stiff and Matt Burris

Clover Leaf Representative – Keron Meeks

All on Board Coalition Representative – Mike Ballard and other board members as needed

Newly elected Board Chairman Rob Wallace again welcomed the audience and read tonight's meeting format guidelines. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Mr. Wallace.

The November 27, 2023, agenda was approved with no objections or concerns.

The board approved the printed minutes from the October 23, 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 and the board recognized the following recognitions were made:

Mrs. Wendy Faulkner – Bethany Elementary

Mrs. Wendy Faulkner's class was honored for participating in the Kindness Challenge. Ms. Guerin shared more about the depth of this kindness challenge. The Kindness Challenge started during COVID-19 as a way of bringing kindness and love into her classroom. The class donated gifts, T-shirts, socks, stuffed animals, and other items to Levine Children's Hospital.

CMS 8th Grade Football – Western York County Championship

The Clover Middle School 8th grade football team was recognized for winning the Western York County Championship. Led by head coach Mr. Ko Simpson, the Blue Eagles finished the season 7-0. They capped off the year with a 24-6 win over Castle Heights in the championship game. Congratulations to the Clover Middle School 8th Grade Football Team.

CMS Cheerleading

In just its second year, the Clover Middle School Cheerleading Team has ascended to the top of the middle school cheerleading ranks in York County. The members of the Cheer Team earned two first-place trophies at competitions this year and finished in the top three at two other competitions held throughout the year. The CMS Cheer Team is coached by Marissa Cross.

Meredith Kincaid – Clover High School

Ms. Kincaid received a \$5,000 Sweet Repeat Grant for upgrades to the Eagles' Closet that will continue to help our students grow. At CHS, the Eagles' Closet is set up for the Occupational Credential program to get on-the-job training skills as a thrift store that is available to the community. Congratulations, Ms. Kincaid.

Patty Myers' 1st Block Class – Clover High School

Each year, the Special Olympics holds a contest to design the t-shirts for the year. This year, Mrs. Myers's team won the national contest, and their design will be featured nationwide.

CHS Marching Band – Clover High School

Earlier this month, the Clover High School Marching Band, under the direction of Band Director Rick Langdale, completed their marching season with a 3rd place finish in the 5A state band competition. This marked the first time that the CHS band medaled at the 5A level. Joining Mr. Langdale tonight are senior members of the Pride of Clover Marching Band.

CHS Employees of the Month

Finally, we'd like to recognize the Employees of the Month for November. We thank our business partners at United Bank for sponsoring a cash prize for each of these recipients.

Bethany Elementary–Patrick Hawkins
Crowders Creek Elementary–Natalie Randolph
Kinard Elementary–Jessica Loggins
Oakridge Elementary–Claire Ostenbridge
Oakridge Middle School–Cory Dover
Ninth Grade Campus–Paul Moore
Clover Virtual Academy–Dr. Andrew Cather

Bethel Elementary–Tabitha Douglas
Griggs Road Elementary–Angie Gregory
Larne Elementary–Karen Benn
Clover Middle School–Susie Leatherwood
Clover High School–Meredith Kincaid
Applied Technology Campus–Martha Jordan
District–Courtney Jones

PUBLIC FORUM - NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: BRIGHT BEGINNINGS – MRS. CAROLYN GREEN, COORDINATOR**
Bright Beginnings is Clover School District's birth-age five program, providing families with early literacy support. Mrs. Green's [presentation](#) included the program's specific offerings and an overview of recent progress and achievements.
- **CHS STUDENT AMBASSADORS – MR. NATALIE RIMMER, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AND STUDENT AMBASSADORS**
Clover High School is on a mission to Engage, Explore and Empower. These elements of their mission statement can be seen played out in the impactful work being done by CHS Student Ambassadors. This organization has a short history but a lengthy portfolio of accomplishments. Student Ambassadors can be seen "Keeping It Real" all across our district. Students and staff gave and [overview](#) of the group's origins and how they Engage, Explore, and Empower Blue Eagle Nation.
- **2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR – MR. BRYAN DILLON, Public Information Officer**
Mr. Dillon requested approval of the 2024-2025 [Calendar Draft A](#). *The board unanimously approved DRAFT A as requested by Mr. Dillon with no objections or concerns.*
- **POLICY UPDATES - DR. TONY HEMINGWAY, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICER**
Dr. Hemingway presented the following [policies](#) for second reading:
 - 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 second reading.
 - Policies GBEBE-Gavin's Law (Sexual Extortion) Staff and JICFB-Gavin's Law (Sexual Extortion) Students were presented for first reading.

The policies were unanimously approved for the first and second readings with no additional concerns or objections.

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

Dr. Hopkins provided an update on all [Bond and capital projects](#) in progress across the district. He also noted that rock had been found at the high school construction site and that there would be some late-night blasting to hopefully eliminate the problem.

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.
- Mr. Ken Meadows with Greene, Finney, Cauley gave the district's [year-end financial audit](#) report results through June 30, 2023. He reported that the district maintains effective internal controls and regular risk management. The district was issued an unmodified opinion by the auditors, which is the best opinion that can be received. CSD has a healthy fund balance. Both the GFOA and the ASBO Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting were received for FY 2023. The district is in healthy financial condition as of June 30, 2023.

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

Mrs. Cody made a motion to adjourn the Open Session at 7:35 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

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https://www.youtube.com/live/9Th8D_7Ky6M?feature=shared

Board minutes recorded by:
Marlene Spencer, Board Clerk