

**Clover School District Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Clover High School Cafeteria
May 24, 2021
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 5:00pm for executive session and open session at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Clover High School Cafeteria, 1625 Hwy 55 East, Clover, SC 29710. Board members in attendance were Chairman-Mack McCarter, Vice-Chairman-Ginger Marr, Secretary-Jessica Cody, members-Sherri Ciurlik, Tracy Stiff, and Rob Wallace. Member - Joe Gordon was excused.

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

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. McCarter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Ciurlik and seconded by Mrs. Marr. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session included discussions on legal matters and personnel.

A motion to adjourn executive session and go into open session was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Ciurlik at 5:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. McCarter called the public open session meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Mr. McCarter welcomed and greeted all in attendance and asked for special prayers for Mr. Gordon. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Mrs. Cody.

The May 24, 2021, agenda was approved as printed with no objections or concerns.

The board approved the printed minutes from the April 26, 2021, regular meeting, May 10, 2021 special meeting and May 12, 2021 emergency special called meeting as written with no objections or concerns.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Quinn and the board recognized the following:

Clover High School Choraliers

Congratulations to the following group of Clover High School Choraliers who showed outstanding skill at the Mid-Atlantic Region National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition. This competition is among students from the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. **Laila Dye-Sharpe** finished third in the region in Women's Classical section. **Jackson Haywood** finished 1st and qualified for National in the men's Classical section. Jackson also finished in 2nd in the men's high school spirituals and men's musical theater section. He also qualified for nationals in both sections. **Anderson Moore** won the "encouragement award in the Schmidt competition which is a national vocal competition. **Isaiah Morton** topped the men's high school spiritual sections and qualified for nationals. **Seneca Russell** finished first in the women's Music Theater. And **Briana Vinson** finished 2nd in women's music theater portion of the event and 3rd in the women's Classical section. We also learned this morning that **Isiah Morton** and **Jackson Haywood** are now National Quarterfinalists in each of the categories in which they qualified for nationals. Congratulations to each of our students.

Brian Lane – Clover High School Football

Congratulations to Clover High School's head football coach, **Brian Lane**, on being selected to join the coaching staff for the South Carolina Sandlappers this coming December in the South Carolina/North Carolina Shrine Bowl.

Clover High School Girls Soccer

Congratulation to **Coach Kelsey Black** and the **Clover High School Girls soccer** program for winning the region with a 7-1 record in region play and a 12-6 overall record. This year's senior class won three region championships in four years with the lone exception being last year when the spring season ended early. Congratulations to **Alondra Nieves** and **Sammi Wolf** for earning All-State honors. Additionally, Alondra was selected to participate in the Clash of the Carolina All-State game. She scored 14 goals this year and added 6 assists in her senior season. Sammi Wolf was selected to play in the North/South All-Star game. The senior midfielder tallied 2 assists this season and added 3 goals. Coach Black, please introduce the players here with you in honor of the region championship.

Clover High School Boys Soccer

Congratulations to **Coach Graham Stafford** and the **Clover High School Boys soccer** program for winning the region with a 6-2 record in region play and a 11-10-1 overall record. This year's senior class won two region championships in three possible seasons. **Andy Young** was named Co-Region Player of the Year after scoring 14 goals this season and helping lead the team to the region championship. **Coach Stafford** has been named as the Region Coach of the Year and has also been selected to coach in the North/South All-Star game.

Clover High School Boys Lacrosse

The boy's lacrosse team had a terrific season finishing the year 10-5 overall capped by earning a spot in the playoffs where they defeated Mauldin in the first round. Leading the team were five players receiving post-season recognitions. **Josh Marr** earned 2nd Team All-Upper state honors.

Ryan Nicely was selected to the 2nd Team All-State for Long Stick midfielders. **Austin Stroup** earned 2nd Team All-Upper state honors. **Aaron Vannavong** was named 1st Team All-State and the Upper state Goalie of the Year. **Baker Womack** earned 1st Team All-Upper state and 2nd Team All-State honors.

Clover High School Girls Lacrosse

The girls' lacrosse team also had a good year. They finished the year 7-6 overall and also defeated Mauldin in the first round of the playoffs. The girls team had five players receive post-season credentials. **Summer Davis** was selected 1st Team All-Upper state and 2nd Team All-State. **Autumn Huskey** was selected 1st team All-Upper state and All-State and named the Upper state Defender of the Year. **Deven King** was selected 2nd Team All-Upper state. **Amelia McCauley** was selected 1st Team all-Upper state and 2nd team All-State. **Kaia Morey** selected 2nd team all-Upper state.

Clover High School Clay Shooting Team

One of the newest programs at Clover High School is an exciting opportunity for our students that enjoy the outdoors, a Clay Shooting Team. The purpose of the South Carolina State High School Clay Target League is to attract students to participate in shooting sports while creating friendly competition among high schools throughout South Carolina! **Patricia McKinney** led the Clover High School team this year and finished the year as the overall champion for young women in the South Carolina State High School Clay Target League. **AJ Dover** of Clover Middle School recently shot a perfect round hitting 25 out of 25 targets.

ArtFields Junior Competition

Each year Clover School district students have the opportunity to enter the ArtFields Competition. This year we are proud to share that two Clover High School student earned top honors in the competition. **Jordan Robinson** finished in 2nd place and **Megan DelRe** won the entire statewide competition.

Atrium Health Interns

The following students will have the opportunity to work as interns with Atrium Health Care through a program that Senator Tim Scott has helped connect students of the Clover School District with. These internships will allow students the opportunity to get experiences with the jobs and operations in the health care field and gain valuable opportunities to learn and network.

Good luck to these students as they set out on this great opportunity.

Abbie Boling, Dallas Brown, Caleb Cancel, Parker Canty, Kristina Dulin, Lacy Emma Gibson, Kathryn Guess, Ty'asia King, Margart Stepko, Hunter Taylor, Taylor Thomas, and La'Destiny Worhty.

Clover School District expresses its sincere gratitude to Senator Scott for helping create opportunities for student in South Carolina.

Suzanne Barber Educational Staffing Services (ESS) – Substitute Award

Congratulations to **Ms. Suzanne Barber** of Educational Staffing Services (ESS), our partner in assigning substitute teachers. In a year unlike any other, Ms. Barber was named the ESS Substitute of the Year. With varying protocols from district to district, finding substitutes became difficult at times and Ms. Barber was one of the very best in the entire area.

Clover Middle School Archery Team

Congratulations to the Clover Middle School Archery team. This new program has been an excellent opportunity for students to try new things and test the concentration and accuracy. The **CMS archery** team finished in 3rd place in the South Carolina State Championship Tournament. The team shot a combined score of 3,178. Coach Kelly Grant coaches the Archery Team. Congratulations to the CMS Archery Team.

Ella Cooley – Kinard Elementary

We welcome back **Ella Cooley** from Kinard Elementary. Recently, Ella was honored for earning a perfect score in the Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge where she earned a perfect score of 20. Ella is back this month as she recently earned the highest individual honors in the overall competition by receiving a score of 57 out of a possible 60 points. She ranks among the top 10 nationally in a competition with over 125,000 participating. The **WordMasters Challenge™** is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level), and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve the analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Although most vocabulary enrichment and analogy-solving programs are designed for use by high school students, **WordMasters Challenge™** materials have been specifically created for younger students in grades three through eight. They are particularly well suited for children who are motivated by the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies.

Early Learning Partnership of York County's Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

Three of Clover's seven elementary schools participated in the Early Learning Partnership of York County's Read-A-Thon fundraiser. **Bethany, Crowders Creek, and Griggs Road Elementary Schools** contributed a combined \$17,990. The Early Learning Partnership mobilizes people, leverages resources, and empowers social, emotional, and early literacy programs to help prepare children, birth to age 5, for school success.

This evening, we have principals, **Ms. Margaret Guerin, Dr. Kershena Dickey, and Mrs. Nicole Thompson** as well as **Ms. Teresa Creech and Ms. Rachael Hui-Hubbard** of the Early Learning Partnership. The Early Learning Partnership has donated a portion of the funds raised back to the district. However, the Clover School District wishes to honor this important literacy initiative by returning these funds to the Early Learning Partnership. To celebrate the work of our schools, the district is donating \$1000 to each school for their literacy/personalized learning initiatives. We are grateful to our schools who participated in this fundraiser. We also thank Dr. Amy Bowles, our district early childhood instructional specialist, who coordinated the efforts for our district.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. McCarter read the guidelines for Public Forum speakers. The following representatives addressed the board:

- **Mrs. Nicole Seay**, concerned OES parent spoke to the board regarding the mask mandate and its effect on students. She also expressed concerns on the COVID vaccine clinic held at the high

school. She requested that the board do their due diligence when it comes to the education of children in Clover School District.

- **Mrs. Brittany Farr**, 2004 CHS graduate and now concerned parent addressed the board on the mask mandate, plexiglass in classrooms, vaccinations, the education system, racism, and transgender agendas.
- **Mr. Kevin Johnson**, Lake Wylie resident and concerned parent addressed the board and commented on the success of the opt out of face coverings in South Carolina. He again asked for removal of plexiglass in the classrooms.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Love's report included the following information:

1. The printout of the general fund revenues and expenditures for the period ending April 16, 2021 was provided. Revenue stream will be very similar to what was budgeted.
2. A list of unused items, mainly from Kinard will be surplus. Mr. Love requested approval to declare the unused items at Kinard as surplus. **The board unanimously approved the sale of surplus items as presented by Mr. Love.**
3. Mr. Love recommended the approval Chartwells Food Services contract for 2021-2022. The five year contract is renewable annually every spring. **The board approved the renewal of Chartwells Food Services contract as presented with no objections or concerns.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN / BOND FOCUS GROUP FEEDBACK – DR. QUINN AND MR. BRYAN DILLON – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Dr. Quinn gave an overview of the district's growth and opportunities dealing with student capacity. The board has looked at growth and have proposed a capital improvement plan that will go to the community for a bond referendum in the next 4-6 months. The proposed capital improvement projects in the bond referendum include a new high school (#2) and an elementary school (#8) that will be built on the Daimler property; conversion of 9GC to a middle school; 21st century learning spaces at Clover High and Bethany Elementary; and an Innovation and Technology Community Center (multi-use). The projected cost of the proposed projects is \$231 million. The district will make a \$35 million down-payment from the building fund towards the proposed projects. The board will be asked to consider a \$197 million bond referendum.

Mr. Dillon provided feedback from the stakeholder focus group meeting held at the ATC on May 4, 2021. Stakeholders shared areas of common concerns and common interests for the projected projects. These areas included growth, equity, cost, school quality and community support.

BOND RESOLUTION - MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Love presented the proposed bond resolution question ordering a bond referendum for Clover School District for approval. He reiterated the fact that district staff **can only share facts** with the public about the bond referendum while on district time once the resolution is adopted. Mr. Love recommended September

18, 2021 as the date for a special election for a bond referendum for the purpose of getting permission from the public to borrow up to \$197 million. Information on the process of the general obligations bonds was also shared. **The board unanimously approved the request for a special election to be held on September 18, 2021 for \$197million in general obligation bonds as presented by Mr. Love.**

HUMAN RESOURCES ANNUAL REPORT- DR. TONY HEMINGWAY, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES & STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICER

Dr. Hemingway provided the annual HR update. He shared information on how the HR department aligns with the CD Strategic Plan, statistics that impact the work in the HR department, and key accomplishments of the department for the past two years. He also provided highlights of the other district departments he manages in addition to the HR department.

Dr. Quinn noted that the Stakeholder Committee for school reopening is still working on the process. A recommendation for the 2021-2022 school reopening plan will be presented at the June meeting. The district will finish the 2020-2021 school year with current health and safety protocols that are in place.

Mr. McCarter thanked all in attendance and asked for a motion to adjourn. **The motion to adjourn Open Session at 7:35pm was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Ciurlik. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Mack McCarter, Chairman

Sherri Ciurlik

Ginger Marr, Vice Chairman

Joe Gordon

Jessica Cody, Secretary

Tracy Stiff

Rob Wallace

**Board minutes recorded by:
Marlene Spencer, Board Clerk**