The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 p.m. for open session. Board members in attendance were Chairman-Franklin Pendleton, Vice-Chairman-Mack McCarter, Secretary-Melanie Wilson, members-Sherri Ciurlik, Joe Gordon, Liz Johnson and Barbara Parrish.

Others in attendance included Superintendent Marc Sosne, Assistant Superintendents Sheila Huckabee and Ken Love, Human Resources Director Warren Barkley, Public Information Officer Mychal Frost, Facilities Director Chris Dalton and Board Attorney, Hank Owen. In addition to district staff, Project Managers, Jim Britton, Kelly Clayton and Brodie Scanlin with Cumming were in attendance.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, The Enquirer-Herald, the Herald, and The Lake Wylie Pilot were 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 Pendleton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session discussions included personnel recommendations and a brief review of the facilities study.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Pendleton called the public open session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pendleton extended a welcome and greetings to all in attendance. The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Mr. Pendleton.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as printed. Mrs. Ciurlik seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sosne and the board recognized the following:

- The **Clover High School Interact Club**, jointly sponsored by the Clover and Lake Wylie Rotary Clubs was recognized for receiving the Changemaker Award at the Rotary District Awards banquet. The Changemaker Award is the highest award an Interact Club could be nominated for and only two clubs in District 7750 met the requirements to receive the award in 2012. Clubs that accomplished at least 5 activity options qualified for the 2011-12 Changemaker Award. Clover Interact completed 8 activity options. The award was accepted by club president, Caitlin Childers.
- Gage Yukob, Ilana Gendelem and Catherine Smithson were recognized for their participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Program, which is a week-long residential camp sponsored by the clubs in Rotary District 7750. The program is tailored to high school rising seniors. Each summer, 90-100 young people with leadership potential from all over the state of S.C. experience the wisdom of several key presenters, share time with one another and find quality time to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns.

- Krista Kowalczyk, a CHS senior was recognized for being one of seven area high school students and one of among 16,000 nationwide in the running to be named a semifinalists in this year’s National Merit Scholarship competition. The competition could win a $2,500 scholarship or an award sponsored by a college or corporation, which varies in value.

- Public Information Officer, Mychal Frost, received national recognition from the National School Public Relations Association. He is one of four recipients of the 2012-13 NSPRA Front-Runner Award. NSPRA identifies individuals for this honor by considering members who are likely future association leaders, specifically people who are doing outstanding work in their districts, their chapters, and for NSPRA.

Public Forum – NONE

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2012 meeting as printed. Mrs. Parrish seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent’s Report

Alive at 25 – Mr. Mark Hopkins, CHS Principal, Capt. David Dover, CPD, Sgt. Lee Stoneburner, YC Sheriff’s Office
Mr. Hopkins and others presented Alive at 25, a student driving safety program developed by the National Safety Council for young drivers between the ages of 15-24. The program is designed to prevent the #1 killer of teens, automobile crashes and focuses on the behaviors, decision-making and risks facing young drivers every time they get behind the wheel. The program (which has a course fee of $35.00) will be unwritten in part through a $10,500 grant from Continental Tire making it possible for up to 300 students to complete the course at no cost this fall at the school. The 4 ½ course will be taught by certified law enforcement officers and is delivered through interactive media segments, workbook exercises, class discussions, and role playing. Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, any student who wants the privilege of driving and parking on campus must first complete Alive at 25. Mrs. Wilson made motion to approve the driving safety program as presented which allows students to get parking passes. Mrs. Parrish seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

College Goal Kickoff - Mr. Mark Hopkins, CHS Principal
Mr. Hopkins provided an overview of the September 8, 2012 event designed to help parents and students in grades 8-12 to explore colleges and learn more about how to properly plan and prepare for education and career options after high school. Military branches joined 35 colleges at this unique event.
G/T 5 Year Renewal Plan - Margaret Boyd, G/T, Title 1 Coordinator
An update and review of the district’s G/T 5 Year Renewal Plan and goals was presented to board members at the September work session. The approved renewal plan is due to the state department by September 30, 2012. Mr. Gordon made motion to approve the G/T 5 Year Renewal Plan as previously presented. Mrs. Parrish seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Standards-Based Instruction and Reporting - Pam Cato, Director of Instruction
Mrs. Cato’s report included an overview of the recent changes in the district to instruction and reporting achievement in first and second grade science and social studies classes. Based on current board policy, students receive letter grades (E, S, or N), with no numerical value, for first and second grade science and social studies. Students will still receive these grades following board policy. The grades will be given for each indicator under each content standard providing parents with a better idea of what the child has mastered in these content areas. Parents and students will receive more complete information; rather than receiving one grade in science and social studies, parents now receive several points of reference on the progress of their child which can be useful for supporting instructional goals at home.

Friends of Rachel Community Walk - Dr. Sheila Huckabee, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Huckabee shared information about the upcoming Friends of Rachel Community Walk, which promotes Clover as a community of kindness. Building on the Rachel’s Challenge assemblies and “Friends of Rachel” clubs at Blue Eagle Academy, Clover Middle, Oakridge Middle, and Clover High Schools, the Friends of Rachel Community Walk will be held October 19, 2012.

Certification of Delegates for the 2012 Delegate Assembly
SCSBA’s annual business meeting will take place on December 1. 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 two (2) votes. A motion to approve Mrs. Melanie Wilson and Mrs. Sherri Ciurlik as the board’s voting delegates with Mr. Joe Gordon serving as an alternate was made by Mr. McCarter. Mrs. Parrish seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Study Update - Jim Britton, Cumming/SMG
Mr. Britton presented a 10-year comprehensive facilities study and long range building plan for Clover School District. Taking into consideration current and projected enrollment, area population growth, building capacities, and a thorough assessment and evaluation of existing facilities and land holdings, Mr. Britton’s presentation provided the school board with an overview of options that it may consider when planning to build facilities. Using a two percent growth rate, (the average increase in student enrollment over the past five years), his presentation included several scenarios that could impact building decisions for future elementary, middle, and high school construction. Additionally, the study presented alternatives to address enrollment and existing facility concerns. The plan includes an evaluation of and recommended enhancements to current facilities; cyclical maintenance and enhancements to current facilities; construction timelines for possible new school construction and renovations at existing facilities; recommended uses of district’s land holdings; relocation of existing services to alternate locations; enhancements to Memorial Stadium and possible construction of an aquatics facility. The school board will review the plan and its implications at the October 1 work session.
Policy Manual Updates - Dr. Sheila Huckabee, Asst. Superintendent, Administrative Services

The Clover School District is working with the South Carolina School Boards Association on a major revision to the existing policy manual. Dr. Huckabee presented for first reading updates to policy changes for Section A, Foundations and Basic Commitments, Policies AA-ADF; Section B, School Board Governance and Operations, Policies BA-BK; and Section C, General School Administration, Policies CA-CM.

Mrs. Wilson made motion to approve Sections A, B, and C, Policies AA-CM as presented for first reading. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Finance Report – Mr. Ken Love, Asst. Superintendent Business Services

Mr. Love reported that there are no issues that will cause a severe impact on the district’s current budget. He informed the board that the district’s annual audit is scheduled to start in early November.

Facilities Report - Chris Dalton, Director of Facilities

Mr. Dalton gave the monthly Facilities Report. He provided updates on current construction projects and updated the board on the completed projects. The irrigation and landscaping project by Carolina Lawn and Landscaping at the high school is expected to be completed by the end of September. Peterson Associates is working to develop the construction documents for the office consolidation and renovation at Crowders Creek Elementary. Designs were submitted to the Office of School Facilities on August 31, 2012. Construction is scheduled to start in March 2013.

A motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented in executive session by the administration was made by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Parrish. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Mrs. Ciurlik made motion to adjourn Open Session and return to Executive Session at 8:40pm. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session resumed at 8:50pm for discussions.

A motion to adjourn executive session at 9:50 pm was made by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mrs. Ciurlik. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.
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