

**Clover School District Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 27, 2023**  
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 4:00 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, members Mike Ballard, Matt Burris, Jessica Cody, Keron Meeks, and Tracy Stiff.

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

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. Wallace called the meeting to order at 4:03pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mr. Ballard. Motion carried unanimously.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session included discussions on personnel and legal matters.

***A motion to suspend executive session and go into open session was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff at 5:59pm. Motion carried unanimously.***

**OPEN SESSION-LIVE-STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE**

Mr. Wallace called the public open session meeting to order at 6:01 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 Mrs. Stiff.

***The March 27, 2023, agenda was approved with no objections.***

***The board approved the printed minutes from the February 27, 2023, regular meeting as written with no objections or additional concerns.***

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

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Quinn and the board recognized the following:

**[Peyton Goldenstein - CMS – Regional Spelling Bee winner and National Spelling Bee qualifier](#)**

Peyton won first place at the regional spelling bee at Bank of America Stadium. The win qualifies her to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, in May. Peyton is the first student to represent CSD on this national stage.

**CMS Rugby Team - 2nd Place at Carolina Ruggerfest Tournament**

Clover Middle School hosted the state's first school rugby team during the 2022-2023 season. The Blue Eagles competed in the Charlotte Metro Rugby League under the sanctioning of the North Carolina Youth Rugby Union. The team finished the season with a record of 7-9 and in the top half of the league in their inaugural season. The team also took part in the 20th annual Carolina Ruggerfest, where they finished in second place. The team is coached by Jason Reynolds, Steve Keen and Rich Myrick.

**CMS Jazz Band – Superior Rating recipient at Jazz festival**

The CMS Jazz Ensemble earned a Superior rating on March 1 at the SC Jazz Performance Assessment at Newbury College. The Jazz Band is directed by Nicholas Gibson.

**Christina Poetzl, 9GC – Boy Scouts of America Outstanding Educator Award**

Dr. Poetzl was named the recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Outstanding Educator Award. Maggie McMahon and Taylor Thomas from the Boy Scouts of America presented the award.

**Ryan Williams and Owen Holby - CHS CTE – 1st and 3rd place winners at South Carolina Skills USA Automotive Service Competition**

Ryan and Owen participated in the South Carolina SkillsUSA competition March 16-17. From a field of 54 contestants, Ryan finished first and Owen finished third in the overall competition. The SkillsUSA competition requires students to demonstrate their mastery of eight Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) areas, including on-vehicle diagnostics, bench and component testing and a written test. As the first place-winner, Ryan will advance to the national competition in Atlanta in June.

**Lacy Emma Gibson, CHS CTE – 1ST Place in Nursing Assistant Competition-HOSA Leadership Conference and recipient of scholarship from SC Health Science Educators**

Lacy Emma attended the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Leadership Conference and won first place in the Nursing Assistant competition. The event included both a written test and skills demonstration.

**Dustin Sampers, CHS CTE – 1ST Place Automotive Services - Marketing Series - South Carolina DECA**

Dustin attended the state Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Conference. He won first place in the Automotive Services Marketing Series.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

- **LaDonna Wilson** spoke about the re-zoning under consideration at Bethany Elementary. She urged a review of pre-K assignment for affected families to prevent them from driving to multiple schools.

**FACILITIES REPORT – DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER**

Dr. Hopkins provided an update on work at Clover High School. They are working on the guaranteed maximum price agreement for the field house, have submitted the parking expansion plan to York County a second time for approval, have submitted the tennis court plan and are in the design phase for the commons area renovation. Construction on the new high school entrance is expected to begin this summer, and commons area construction will get underway during the summer of 2024.

At Bethany Elementary, final DHEC approval has been received, and a preconstruction meeting was held earlier in the day with York County stormwater and erosion control staff.

Dr. Hopkins reviewed the Bethany enrollment and attendance lines proposal. Bethany currently has a capacity of 408 but an enrollment of 430. New classroom additions will not be available until January 2024. Thirty-two students have enrolled at Bethany since the end of the last school year. Administration looked at Larne Elementary and Kinard Elementary for relief because both zones are contiguous to that of Bethany Elementary. Administration recommended rezoning to Larne because it has 123 available seats, while Kinard has only 55. Dr. Hopkins reviewed the timeline for the final decision on the assignment plan.

**FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

Mr. Love described the current time period as the lull between two fiscal years. The district has spent \$62 million and taken in \$89 million. He indicated that it is too early to predict the district's financial picture at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Love said he was collecting principal requests for the upcoming year and monitoring activities in the legislature that include a \$2,500 per cell salary increase for teachers. A \$7 million interest payment on bonds was made in the last month. This payment was on previous bonds. New bonds have not yet been sold.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**CVA/BEA SCHOOL UPDATE–DR. NORRIS WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL**

Dr. Williams was joined by Dr. Andrew Cather in exploring longitudinal enrollment and staffing at BEA/CVA. They reviewed how students come to be at BEA/CVA and highlighted improvements in student grades and discipline during this school year.

**DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY REPORT–MR. MATT HOFFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY**

Mr. Hoffman illustrated his department's involvement in both physical and digital security and introduced the members of his team through a PowerPoint presentation.

**SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: LOCAL BOARD-APPROVED COURSES–DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER**

Dr. Hopkins shared proposals for three new courses–Broadcast Journalism III, Sport and Society and Unified Sports II. ***The courses were unanimously approved by the board.***

**POLICY UPDATES–DR. TONY HEMINGWAY, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICER**

Dr. Tony Hemingway presented a model policy on unencumbered time on first reading. He discussed the need to utilize substitute staff to function as lunch and recess monitors in order for some schools to be in compliance with the legislation that requires the policy. The policy was approved unanimously.

Dr. Quinn and Mr. Wallace thanked the audience for attending. ***Mrs. Stiff made a motion to adjourn the Open Session and reconvene Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

**RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session reconvened at 7:20p.m. for additional discussions on personnel and legal matters.

***A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:50pm was made by Mrs. Marr and seconded by Mrs. Stiff. Motion was unanimously approved.***

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Ginger Marr, Vice Chairperson

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[www.boarddocs.com/sc/clover/Board.nsf/Public](http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/clover/Board.nsf/Public)

**The live-stream of this meeting is available at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYv05MOdxO8>

**Board minutes recorded by:**

**Stephanie Knott, Director of Marketing**