

**Clover School District Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 28, 2023**  
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The Clover School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 28, 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, Matt Burris, and Tracy Stiff. Member, Keron Meeks attended the meeting virtually.

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 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.

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 5:10pm and asked for a motion to convene executive session. ***The motion for executive session was made by Mrs. Stiff and seconded by Mrs. Cody. 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 6:05 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 Mr. Wallace.

***The August 28, 2023, agenda was approved with no objection or concerns.***

***The board approved the printed minutes from the June 26, 2023, regular meeting and the July 31, 2023, special called meeting as written with no objections or additional concerns.***

***The board approved the staff personnel recommendations as presented by the administration in executive session with no objections or concerns. Mrs. Marr made a motion to approve the superintendent's evaluation and contract renewal as presented in executive session. Mrs. Stiff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND APPRECIATIONS:**

Dr. Quinn and the board recognized the following:

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**CSD STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH – AUGUST**

As Clover School District continues to strive to be the destination district in South Carolina for education, along with that comes a commitment to recognizing the staff members that stand out amongst their peers on a monthly basis.

Our main partner in recognizing these staff members is United Bank of Clover. We extend our gratitude to Mrs. Kate Manley and the staff at United Bank for their support of the Clover School District staff members of the month and their gifts of \$25 to each staff member. The following staff members are being recognized for August:

<b>Bethany – Gene McCarter</b>	<b>Bethel – Paul Miller</b>	<b>Clover Middle - Tachina Williams</b>
<b>Crowders Creek- Kendall Cagle</b>	<b>Griggs Road - Whitney Hinson</b>	<b>Kinard - Magalia Bonachea</b>
<b>Larne - Erin Flanagan</b>	<b>Oakridge Elem. - Jessica Smith</b>	<b>Oakridge Middle - Greg Gasparino</b>
<b>Clover High School - Jason Baucom</b>	<b>Ninth Grade Campus - Will Dyer</b>	<b>ATC - Christy Wilson</b>
<b>CVA - Jessica Faulkner</b>	<b>District Office - Rebecca Goforth</b>	

**SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Recognition**

Board member and leadership team training is a priority for the South Carolina School Boards Association. Established in 1982, SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute offers a year-round training curriculum focused on leadership skills for board members on state and national educational issues. We are always please to honor those individuals who have reached one of six levels in SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute. Congratulations to the following board members who have reached a new level in Fiscal Year 2022-23:

- **Rob Wallace, Level 1**
- **Tracy Stiff and Jessica Cody, Level 2**
- **Ginger Marr, Level 3**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

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

- **Mrs. Nataly Burgio**, parent, expressed concerns on security. She asked that the board review and update Policy IJK-E, as she feels it is unclear. She also had safety concerns about bus transportation.
- **Mrs. Elise Capasso**, parent, made formal request of the board to create a parent book review council. The purpose of the all-volunteer parent group would be to give parents the opportunity to review books currently available for all grade levels and to approve books.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- **2023 CSD BACK TO SCHOOL BASH VIDEO – MR. BRYAN DILLON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**  
As is annual tradition, Mr. Dillon shared a [video](#) that encapsulated the opening of the 2023-24 school year from the Back-to-School Bash through the first three weeks. The video included footage from the 2023 Convocation and the first day of school.

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- **GAVIN'S LAW -MR. ROD RUTH, CHIEF STUDENT SERVICES AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER**

Mr. Ruth introduced Gavin's Law and Mr. Brandon Guffey, who explained how Gavin's Law came into existence. On Friday, August 18th, the work of Brandon Guffey and the Less than Three Foundation culminated in the signing of a new law by Governor Henry McMaster. H. 3583, also known as Gavin's Law, makes sexual extortion a felony offense and an aggravated felony if the victim is a minor, vulnerable adult, or if the victim suffers bodily injury or death directly related to the crime. Gavin's Law also requires school districts to provide education around the law to their students and community. Clover School District along with board members, Jessica Cody and Tracy Stiff met with Mr. Guffey this summer to develop action steps in order to maximize their implementation. Please view the entire presentation at this [link](#).

- **KEEPING IT R.E.A.L. – SUMMER 2023 - MR. ROD RUTH, CHIEF STUDENT SERVICES AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICER**

Mr. Ruth presented a [video](#) of summer camp enrichment opportunities which included summer camp experiences. Rigorous, Empowering, Authentic Learning does not take a summer break in Clover School District. Engagement opportunities abound in Blue Eagle Nation and they can be found spanning all age groups. Work done in the areas of Computer Science, Fine Arts and Brain-Based Enrichment were encapsulated in three different camps during the summer. These camps are a small representation of the impactful work being done across the district during the summer months. Though the camps represent three distinct areas of focus, an overarching theme of Rigor, Empowerment and Authenticity can be found in all three.

- **2023 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – MR. ROSS HUNTER, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hunter provided an overview of the district's transportation. He reported that the department is fully staffed with 50 drivers. The CSD buses travel 5076 miles daily. A ridership data snapshot and a bus capacity at Oakridge Middle was shared. In his three-year plan, he proposed a 1.5 mile walk zone. Driver needs, buses for SPED, and administration staff needs were also shared.

### **MONTHLY FACULTIES REPORT – DR. MARK HOPKINS, CHIEF OPERATIONS AND STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER**

Dr. Hopkins updated the board on the current capital and maintenance projects across CSD. Included in the update were the bond projects, and capital fund projects at Bethany and CHS.

The following requests for approvals were made by Dr. Hopkins:

- Approval of expenditures not to exceed \$41,000.00 for new furniture for the district office in the Staff Development and Seminar/Board room. ***The board unanimously approved the request for expenditures not to exceed \$41,000.00 for new furniture for the district office in the Staff Development and Seminar/Board rooms.***
- Change order at Bethany in the amount of \$390, 321.25.00 for bad soil that needed to be removed and new soil imported. ***The board unanimously approved the change order request in the amount of \$390, 321.25.00 for bad soil removal and new soil import as requested.***

**FINANCE REPORT – MR. KEN LOVE, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND MRS. FRANNIE HEIZER, BOND ATTORNEY**

- Mr. Love reported that the 8% bonds will be sold as part of the SCAGO bond sale on August 31st. The first BAN is scheduled to be issued on September 19th. Both of these will be offered at a public sale and will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest interest rate.
- Moody's investors Service assigned a MIG 1 rating to the district's BAN, Series 2023. MIG 1 is assigned to the most credit worthy customers.
- Information on the Emergency Procurement, Sole Source report and Minority Business reports were shared. These reports are required to be presented by various procurement rules.
- Mr. Love requested approval to declare additional IT items as surplus. ***The board unanimously approved the request to declare additional IT items for surplus as requested.***

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 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Marr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.***

**RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session reconvened at 7:45p.m. for additional discussions on personnel.

***A motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:45pm was made by Mrs. Cody and seconded by Mrs. Stiff. Motion was unanimously approved.***

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Rob Wallace, Chairperson

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Mike Ballard

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Ginger Marr, Vice Chairperson

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Matt Burris

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Jessica Cody, Secretary

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Keron Meeks

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Tracy Stiff

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEETING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:**

[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/live/vX9Q1zu4Dz8?feature=share>

**Board minutes recorded by:**

**Marlene Spencer, Board Clerk**