

MINUTES

DILLON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1738 Highway 301 North
Dillon, South Carolina

January 16, 2024

- I. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman, Earl Gleason, Jr.
- II. The agenda was approved by Burt Rogers with a second from Kenny Bethea. All approved.
- III. Visitors and the media were welcomed at this time.
- IV. The roll was called as follows:

Earl Gleason, Jr., Burt Rogers, Mike McRae, Kenny Bethea, Mandy Faircloth, Famon Whitfield and Alex Lewis.

ABSENT:

N/A

STAFF:

Ray Rogers, Superintendent
Jackie Hayes, Director of Operations
Bryan Rivenbark, Chief Financial Officer
Lynn Liebenrood, Chief Human Resource Officer
Mandy Hayes, Director of Student Services
Kathryn Thompson, Secretary

VISITORS:

Betsy Finklea, The Dillon Herald

- V. Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2023 – Motion to approve minutes was made by Kenny Bethea with a second from Famon Whitfield. All approved.

VI. NOTICE TO THE MEDIA:

In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws of 1976(e) amended, the following has been notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting. Betsy Finklea, The Dillon Herald.

VII. There being no corrections to the December 11, 2023 minutes and current agenda, Chairman, Earl Gleason, Jr. ruled that they stand approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Recognitions Recipients – Superintendent Rogers recognized Mike McRae and Alex Lewis for being on the Board of Trustee for fifteen years each. Each recipient received a certificate and a pen for their fifteen years of service to Dillon School District Four. This was for information only.

2. Budget Update – Bryan Rivenbark, Chief Financial Officer, gave board members an update of the General Fund Financial report. The report was for December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

3. Modified School Calendar – Lynn Liebenrood, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented a DRAFT copy of the Modified School Calendar to board members for their approval. A motion was approved by Mandy Faircloth with a second from Mike McRae. All members approved.

4. Student Services – Cognia – Mandy Hayes, Director of Student Services, reminded board members that interviews will be held on February 19, 2024. Mrs. Hayes told board members of under performing schools-Dillon High School, Lake View Elementary and Gordon Elementary. Information only.

District Strategic Plan and School Renewal Plans – Mandy Hayes reviewed the process for the District Strategic Plan and the school renewal plans. Each school and the district are in the process of the needs assessment and review plans. New plans will be presented at the April board meeting. The underperforming schools will be presenting information on progress at the February board meeting. Information only.

5. **J. V. Martin Junior High School Property Ordinance** – Superintendent Rogers informed board members that a proposed Rezoning of Property located at 406 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. was presented to the city for a hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Information only.
6. **Closing of East and Stewart Heights Elementary Schools** – Superintendent Rogers informed board members that East Elementary and Stewart Heights Elementary will be vacant for the next school years. Dillon School District Four will have a new elementary school for K5 through third grade located at 1663 Bunker Hill Road, Dillon, South Carolina. Approximately 1200 students will attend the new school. Information only.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Personnel – Recommendations, Resignations and Terminations –

Dillon School District Four had three resignations and one retirement. Motion was made by Alex Lewis with a second from Mandy Faircloth. All members approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion made by Alex Lewis with a second from Famon Whitfield. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Gleason, Jr., Chairman

Mike McRae, Secretary

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