AGENDA

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Mission Statement

The mission of Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three is to provide a quality education through shared responsibility in a safe and supportive environment for all students to meet the challenges of a global society.
The Board of Trustees of Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three met on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The following individuals were present: Board Chair Vernell Goodwin, Parliamentarian Kenneth Hilliard, Board Member Betty Pelzer, Board Member Alice Pickney, Secretary Catherine Shuler, Vice-Chair Dennis White, Superintendent Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, Associate Superintendent, Principal Kelvin Lemon, Athletic Director Michael Sneed, Coach William Davis, Board Recording Secretary Gloria Middleton, District Attorney Imani Newborn, representatives from Holly Hill Observer/The Striper and The Times and Democrat newspapers, teachers, parents, students and other community members.

In accordance with the SC Code of Law, 1976, Sections 90-4-9 (d) as amended, notices were given to the Times & Democrat and Holly Hill Observer/The Striper newspapers of the time, date and place of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/PRAYER FOR BOARD TRUSTEES
The meeting was called to order by Chair Vernell Goodwin, and Catherine Shuler led the prayer for Board Trustees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Catherine Shuler made a motion to approve the agenda. Dennis White seconded the motion and the vote was in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Ten individuals signed up to make public comments.

1. A grandmother of a track player at LMHS, spoke in support of Coach A. She said the track coach displays great sportsmanship, works hard for the kids and deserves better.

2. A parent informed the Board that she has a daughter on the track team who has been embarrassed by Coach B. She was pulled out of two (2) track meets, and the Principal and AD told her that Coach B would no longer be her coach.

3. A parent said that her child is on the football team and she is considering moving him to another District because she is concerned about the football team missing spring training. She supports Coach B.

4. A parent who has three (3) children at LMHS (2 on track) said track means everything to her. She has witnessed bullying and unprofessionalism. Coach A is more than a coach and he has made a great impact on the team. She also stated that the track season is not over and she supports Coach A.

5. A. T. said the boys have set track records this year. She also stated that Title IX specifically states that you cannot allow one person to coach and deny another because that would be discrimination. The District should have a Title IX Compliance Officer in place, and she is willing to assist the District with getting one in place.
6. Coach A said that he appreciated the kind words in reference to his performance and gave a rundown on the success of the track athletes. Students have shown cultural and character growth. He may not agree with everything, but he can see the change coming. He asked the Board to allow him to finish what he has started, and that he would like to continue in the District to see things through.

7. Student A said he was speaking on behalf of Coach A, who was the best coach they have ever had. Injured athletes are usually pushed aside, but not under Coach A.

8. Student B said Coach B does not teach any techniques and he does not make them grow as a team.

9. D.B. said that he has learned a lot from Coach A and they need to focus on his statistics and not hearsay. He is a good coach and they need to keep him.

10. J. said that we do not need to hurt the kids. When we get good people, we should not let them go so quickly. Look at the years before and look at where we are now. We have someone that kids respect.

Mrs. Goodwin reminded them that they need to go through the chain of command, and she also said that they would investigate the situation and seek advice from the District’s legal team.

Dennis White made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Personnel – Athletics and Employment Contracts. Catherine Shuler seconded the motion and the vote was in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Catherine Shuler made a motion to reconvene in Open Session. Kenneth Hilliard seconded the motion and the vote was in favor.

**OPEN SESSION**

Actions taken as required by Executive Session

1. No actions were taken.

Dennis White motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Catherine Shuler seconded the motion and the vote was in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Middleton, Recording Secretary

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Catherine Shuler, Secretary