

Vision

Unlock the full potential of every student.

In pursuit of this vision, our schools are committed to inspiring life-long learners, progressing technologically, motivating students and staff, fostering a student-centered culture, providing a safe, equitable learning environment that includes high quality facilities for students and staff, welcoming parent and community involvement, teaching life skills necessary for success, cultivating responsible citizens, and improving continually.

Beliefs

All students can learn. Learning is a life-long process. Everyone is unique and has value. Individuals must be prepared for a global society. A safe and supportive environment nurtures growth. Decisions must be based on what is best for all students. Education is a joint school, family, and community venture.

Learner Expectations

We expect students to attain the world class knowledge, skills, life and career characteristics as outlined in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate

World Class Knowledge

Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness Science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), multiple languages, arts, and social sciences

World Class Skills

Creativity and innovation Critical thinking and problem solving
Communication, information, media and technology Collaboration
and teamwork Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

Integrity, Self-direction Global perspective, Interpersonal skills Per-



Welcome to our School Board Meeting



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The School Board

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School board members are elected officials who devote many hours setting policies and planning for public schools. In addition to making decisions during school board meetings, we try to keep lines of communication open with our community and represent the needs of the district before state and national groups affecting education.

We serve on the school board because we care about providing quality education for our students. You are here tonight because you care, too. We appreciate your interest and comments and ask your support

The Board Meeting

Our meetings are open to the public, and all discussions are held in the open, with the exception of executive sessions. If you have questions about procedure, please check with one of the board members or a district staff member before the start of the meeting.

Meeting agendas are available on the credenza in the hallway leading to the board room. Board members receive a full agenda several days prior to the meeting. The agenda may deal with curriculum, budget, hiring of personnel, facilities, school transportation, long-range planning, etc. Our agenda usually includes written supporting material that helps us with our decision-making. If it appears that we take quick action on an item, it may be because we have been studying the topic for several weeks or that we have had our questions answered in advance of the meeting.

Citizens who have concerns or who desire to address the board are asked to call ahead or sign up before the meeting to be included on the agenda. Oftentimes, concerns can be

Our hope is that you will leave this meeting with a better understanding of your public schools and the school board that you've elected to oversee them.