

## LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

### Minutes

October 13, 2026

(Minutes submitted are unofficial until approved at the next month's regular monthly meeting.)

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E). *The Dillon Herald* was notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting. The agenda is also posted in the District Office and on the district website.

Trustees present were Kyle Berry, Ray George, JoAnn Williamson, Shawn Myers, & Eleanor Powers. Vanessa Harrison was absent.

Chair Kyle Berry welcomed all present and called the meeting to order. Stephanie Ard opened with prayer.

Chair Kyle Berry recognized the special guest in attendance. First the Teachers of the Year and the Support Staff Members of the Year were recognized by their principals: Kate Britt (TOY) & Kelly Smith (SSMOY) from LES, Susan Bryson (TOY) from LHS, & Alexander Mays (SSMOY) & Cheryl Selby (TOY) from LMS. Mrs. Selby was also recognized as Dillon District 3 Teacher of the Year. Second the students receiving highest maximum scores on one or more of the SCReady tests were recognized by Sandy Jones: Caisen Bullard (math & science), Reece Hayes (math), Hamilton McIntyre (math), Deacon Snipes (ELA) & Landon Gasque (math).

There being no corrections or additions to the September 8, 2026 minutes and the current agenda, Shawn Myers made a motion that they stand approved. Eleanor Powers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

### OLD BUSINESS

Stephanie Ard reminded the Board on the SCSBA Delegate Assembly being held in December.

Stephanie Ard discussed the changes made in policies JKE, JHE, JH, & JH-R for the second reading. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve the second reading of policies JKE, JHE, JH, & JH-R. Ray George made a motion and Shawn Myers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (Policies attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Stephanie Ard discussed the changes made in tabled policy IHAL. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve first reading and waive second reading of policy IHAL. JoAnn Williamson made a motion and Eleanor Powers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Stephanie Ard reintroduced policies IMBC & IMBC-E. Discussion was had and no action was taken on policies IMBC & IMBC-E. (Policies attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Stephanie Ard discussed the change made in policy IJ. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve first reading and waive second reading of policy IJ. Shawn Myers made a motion and JoAnn Williamson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

#### DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

Donna Taylor presented the status report for August 2026 on the General Fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Sandy Jones gave an update on Career Readiness and IB results. (Handouts attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Stephanie Ard gave an operational report on the transportation department.

Stephanie Ard provided information about an AI Boot Camp attended in October. She also gave an update on the RUS Grant Latta was awarded. She also provided information about the COPS grant that the district hopes to receive. She asked the board to vote to approve the match that is required of both grants. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve the match. JoAnn Williamson made a motion and Shawn Myers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Stephanie Ard requested that the board meeting in November be moved from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve this change. JoAnn Williamson made a motion and Shawn Myers seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Ard informed the board of Donna Taylor and Larry Legette retiring at the end of this year. She made the recommendation of two new hires and asked them to approve the contracts. Taylor Brown as Director of Finance and Greg Gasque as Director of Operations. Discussion was had. Chair Kyle Berry called for a motion to approve the contracts. Eleanor Powers made a motion and JoAnn Williamson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

#### CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO SCHOOLS

None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

FORMAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

There being no further business, Ray George made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. JoAnn Williamson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

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Kyle Berry, Chair  
SJA:sw

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Vanessa Harrison, Secretary