



ANDERSON DISTRICT 3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, April 13, 2026

Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

Anderson 3 Administrative Offices

The Anderson School District Three Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Offices located in Iva, South Carolina. Those present were Mr. Watt (Chairman), Mrs. Arnold (Secretary), Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Bouknight, and Mr. Burdette.

Mr. Watt called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led virtually by Mrs. Gibson's 4th Grade Students from Flat Rock Elementary. An invocation was provided.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Mr. Holbrook made a motion to approve the April board agenda as written. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bouknight made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commendations and Recognitions

Academic Recognition

Superintendent Hipp recognized Amira Hjiri for earning a perfect score on the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Exam. Amira was not in attendance; however, Dr. Tiffany Estes, Director of the Anderson Institute of Technology, accepted the commendation on her behalf.

Crescent High School Wrestling

Students were recognized for their accomplishments in the AAA State Wrestling Championships and All-State selections:

James Gray – State Runner-Up; All-State Selection, Luke Gray – State Runner-Up; All-State Selection, Jace Devlin – State Runner-Up; All-State Selection, JB Tripp – State Runner-Up; All-State Selection; North-South All-Star, Selena Haygood – Middle School State Champion, Ellie Busby – All-State Selection

The board recognized the district's first varsity girls wrestling team for their historic season and contributions to the program. Wrestlers Keira Arthur, Elli Busby, Darra Fulwood, Shana Gentle, Natalie Hagood, Chloe Hart, Danielle Hoskins, Emileigh Joyner, Makensie Powers, and Shamaria Wardlaw were recognized.

Bus Driver of the Month

Superintendent Hipp recognized Kim Evans and Brittany Whitten as Transportation Staff Members of the Month. They were commended for their dedication to transporting medically fragile students and for the care and attention they provide daily.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no Citizens' Comments this evening.

REPORTS

Financial Reports

Mr. Matthew Moore presented the general fund financial report through the end of March, noting that revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$2.66 million, reflecting a stable financial position for the district.

Mr. Moore reviewed local option sales tax collections and reported that revenues remain strong, with the February 2026 collection being the second-largest to date.

Mr. Moore also provided an update on the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget. He reported a proposed general fund budget of \$33,261,550, representing a 3.33% increase over the current year. The proposed budget includes step increases and a 2% cost-of-living increase for all employees, with no millage increase requested.

Mr. Moore discussed adjustments related to state funding formulas, federal funding considerations, and staffing allocations, including the addition of a special education teaching

position at Starr Elementary. He also reviewed legislative items that could impact the district, including potential changes to parental leave and school safety requirements.

Board members discussed the proposed budget, including compensation structures, staffing needs, and the potential impact of extended parental leave on classroom instruction.

Referendum Action Items

Action Item 1 - Declaring Results of Bond Referendum

Mr. Bouknight made a motion to adopt the resolution declaring the results of the bond referendum conducted in Anderson School District 3 on March 10, 2026. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Action Item 2 - Issuance of Bonds

Mr. Holbrook made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$60,000,000, as outlined in the voter-approved referendum. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Holbrook made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bouknight motioned, and Mr. Holbrook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to come out of executive session.

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Burdette made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve Administrative Candidate A. Mr. Holbrook seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Arnold made a motion that the board accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve Certified Candidates A, B, and C for employment for the 2026–2027 school year, as presented. Mr. Holbrook seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Arnold motioned, and Mr. Holbrook seconded, and the motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Secretary