

Board of Trustees Meeting
Date/Time: March 20, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ware Shoals Community Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ware Shoals School District 51 was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at the Ware Shoals Community Library Conference Room.

The Ware Shoals Observer was notified of the time and place of the meeting.

Present at the meeting were trustees Bruce Holland, Joey Ward, Debbie Lake, Scott Horne, and Shanon Calvert. Also present were Dr. Fay Sprouse, Superintendent; Brenda Mattison, Secretary to the Superintendent; Faye Branyon, The Observer representative; Ariel Gilreath, Index Journal representative; Dr. Daniel Crockett, Director of CCR; Nancy Brown, WSMS Principal; Paula Taylor, WSPS Principal; Eric Cox, WSSD 51 Safety Coordinator; B.J. Smith, Ackerson-Stevens CFO; Rep. John R. McCravy; S.C. State Representative; John Hanson, Town of Ware Shoals Mayor; Campbell Lake, L & L Environmental representative; Heather Simmons Jones, CEO Greenwood Partnership; Dale Gilbert, WSHS Wrestling Coach; Kristin Gilbert, WSPS Teacher; Frank Childress, Pat Childress, Kimberly Pruitt, Preston Vermillion, Vickie Crain, Marshall Vermillion, Savanna Logan, Isaiah O'Neal, Auston Edmonds, Gina Steward, Brad Childress, Janius Jefferson, Danielle Jefferson-Turman, Hunter Wood, Will Peeler, Seth Childress, Amy Peeler, Lynn Walker, Julia Burdette, Tara Childress, family and friends of wrestling team; and James Freeman, Community Member.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Holland.

Chairman Holland lead in the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence.

Motion was made by Joey Ward to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Scott Horne and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Scott Horne to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Shanon Calvert and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Standing Ovation: Dr. Sprouse and the Board of Trustees recognized the WSHS Wrestling Team and State Champion Seth Childress. Representative John McCravy presented Seth with a certificate from the State of South Carolina for his State Champion title.

Heather Simmons Jones, CEO Greenwood Partnership, presented an update on the progress being made in Greenwood County.

Campbell Lake, L & L Environmental, presented information on their ongoing projects and possible future projects.

Eric Cox, Safety Coordinator, presented a recap of recent threats and how the district is working to ensure the safety of all students.

Dr. Sprouse presented budget information for the 2017-2018 school year. She presented anticipated revenues and asked the board for guidance on what steps to take.

Motion was made by Debbie Lake to request Greenwood County Council to increase operations millage by the amount that debt service millage is decreasing, if that amount does not exceed the millage cap. The motion was seconded by Shanon Calvert and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Joey Ward to approve the field trip request from Paula Taylor for the fourth graders to attend Camp Leopold (April 13 – April 14). The motion was seconded by Debbie Lake and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Scott Horne to approve 2017-2018 teacher contract recommendations as follows: Continuing: 60 Annual: 4 Induction: 2. The motion was seconded by Shanon Calvert and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Joey Ward to approve the 2017-2018 calendar (Plan D1) as presented. (copy attached). The motion was seconded by Shanon Calvert and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Shanon Calvert to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Debbie Lake and approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Joey Ward, Secretary
(*Minutes prepared by Brenda Mattison*)