

H. B. SWOFFORD CAREER CENTER

LIAISON BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular Liaison Board Meeting was held in the multi-purpose room at H. B. Swofford Career Center on March 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Wanda McDowell after the 6:00pm dinner was served.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wanda McDowell, Chairperson
Barbara Hopper
Steve Skinner
Dr. Connie Banks
Dr. Sarah Simmons
David Garner

Dr. Mark Smith, Superintendent, Ex-Officio
Mr. Greg Lovelace, Director, Ex-Officio
Ms. Erin Curran, Assistant Director, Ex-Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Tim Newman, Superintendent, Ex-Officio

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Wanda McDowell asked the two new board members to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Barbara Hopper from Spartanburg District One joins the Swofford Liaison Board, and is serving in her 3rd year as a District One Trustee.

Mr. David Garner from Spartanburg District Two joins the Swofford Liaison Board, and is serving in his 10th year as a District Two Trustee.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Dr. Sarah Simmons made the motion to approve the previous meetings minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Connie Banks, and passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

Mr. Lovelace updated board members on staff changes for the 2026-2027 school year which include; Mr. Scott Crain will be leaving at the end of this school year and will be replaced by Mr. Matthew Cooke. Mr. Waylan Spake is retiring at the end of this school year and will be replaced by Mr. Jeremy Greenway.

After reviewing the proposed personnel contract list, Dr. Sarah Simmons made a motion to approve all contracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hopper, and passed with a unanimous vote.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Lovelace updated board members on the success of the 2026 Swofford Car Show and provided board members with dates for upcoming campus events.

Mr. Lovelace gave a report on the number of students that attended the Open House in February, and stated that the classes that will be open up to 9th grade next school year had a high attendance rates. Mr. Lovelace provided all board members with a spread sheet listing the number of seats per Swofford program, and how many student requests each program already had for the 26-27 school year. Discussion was had on how to better recruit for Swofford classes and updates needed, which included suggestions of updating video links on the website, videoing lessons/instructional time in shops, looking for programs of need in our area, and showing off outstanding students and graduates. He also updated the board on a new intercom system throughout the school, which will be installed next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Wanda McDowell asked if there were any more questions, and when there were none, she announced meeting was adjourned.