

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Charles H. Humphries, Jr., Administration Building

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Julie Lonon
Ms. Sharon Porter
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mrs. Meg Clayton
Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Clay Mahaffey

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Mr. Andy Hayes
Ms. Sharon Porter
Dr. Ernest White

NOTICE TO MEDIA: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80, as amended, the following were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: THE SPARTANBURG HERALD/JOURNAL, WSPA, WYFF

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Julie Lonon called the meeting to order. Mrs. Clayton gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond, Chief Communication Officer, recognized the staff at EP Todd and Jesse Boyd Elementary Schools for earning Common Sense Media Education Digital Citizenship Designation. The Common Sense Media Education initiative was started in both schools last school year and focuses on Spartanburg High School seniors Luke Martin and Margaret Tebbe were recognized for being named 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates. They are one of 4,000 candidates chosen from a pool of over 3.5 million high school seniors nationwide, and this is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a graduating high school senior. Ultimately, one male and one female from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will be selected. In 2009, Spartanburg High had unprecedented success when both of the Presidential Scholars for the state of South Carolina were SHS students: Bonnie Antosh and Drew Henderson. From Pine Street School District 7's newest spelling bee champion Liam Nettles was honored along with Junior Beta State Convention Winners Ann Chambers Harrill, Arianna Perrin, Sophie Clayton,

Kennedy Gordon, Lily Ruth Hyde, And for her performance of the song “ Naughty” from the Broadway musical Matilda, and Emie Cate Green. MLK Unity Celebration Poster Art Contest winners McCulloh Collins (Pine), Mary Jordan Janeski (McCracken), Braedan Griffin (McCracken), Keith Means (Carver), Fantasia Smith (Carver) and Corrine Bowden (McCracken) was recognized. District 7 wordsmiths were honored for showing their skills in the WordMasters Challenge a national competition for students in grades 3-8 that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. For the first WordMasters Challenge of the year three District 7 students won highest honors and earned perfect scores (20/20) in the Gold Division: Steven Egge, Anna Wang, and Lydia Lawrence, and a group of 3rd grade students really shined earning nearly a perfect score and landing them in first place among thousands of other students from across the country. The team is coached by Susan Holcombe and includes: Sebastian Cartwright, Reese Cooper, Virginia Delaney, Sophie Groover, Thomas Hyde, Gabe Malarney, Sam Mitchell, Wade Cooper Neely, Davis Norton, Addie Ursy, and Charlotte Ward

IV. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS: There were no Citizens’ Comments

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Human Resources: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, provided the monthly staffing report.

Communications: Ms. Sally Hammond, Chief Communications Officer, provided a copy of the communication’s overview and media report along with a list of pertinent dates for the month.

Instruction: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent, noted that Summer School and Summer Reading Camp would be held in two sessions; Session 1 will be held from June 12, 2017 – June 29, 2017; Session 11 will be held from July 10 – July 27, 2017.

Student Services: Dr. Sonia Leverette, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, said applications were now being accepted for school choice for the 2017-2018 school year through March 30th. She noted applications were available at each school, at the administrative office and online; and that families would receive notifications via mail by the end of April. Dr. Leverette reiterated that choice slots are subject to space availability, and families within our district are given first priority. She also shared that Fall registration would officially open on March 20th

and remain open through April 21st. This includes 4K programs at the Early Learning Center and Cleveland Academy of Leadership, 5K at our elementary schools and 3K Programs at Meeting Street Academy. She said parents may register Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 2:30.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for December 2016. She noted comparing December 2015 year-to-date activity to December 2016 revenue was down slightly (1.7%) based primarily on the timing of local revenue receipts from one year to the next. She said expenditures were within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, introduced representatives from Harper Corporation and M B Kahn Construction who provided updates on the progress for the new elementary and new high school projects. For both sites, tree removal and grading had begun and would continue the next couple of weeks. On the elementary site the concrete for the building pad would be laid at the beginning of April. Harper also provided a 30-second video inside the new school. Dr. White noted the GMPs for both projects had also been submitted and both were trending below budget.

Technology Report: There was no report given.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

2017-2018 Calendar: Dr. Booker presented the board with two versions of the 2017-2018 school calendar - one with a start date of Aug 21 and one with the start date Aug 17 adjusting for the solar eclipse on Aug 21. He said it was his belief that the joint resolution moving forward in the General Assembly that the early start date version of the 2017-2018 calendar would likely pass.

90-Day Enrollment: Dr. Booker provided an update on enrollment. He said our numbers across the board continue to climb and currently we have 7372 students.

X. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A copy of the draft Agenda for March 7, 2017 Board Meeting was provided.

State of Economics Interests: Mrs. Lonon reminded the board to submit to the South Carolina Ethics Commission their Statement of Economic Interest. She said they must be filed electronically, and the due date was March 30, 2017.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

XII. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session. No action taken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED