

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, May 2, 2017

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Julie Lonon
Mr. Sanders Lee
Ms. Sharon Porter
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mrs. Meg Clayton
Mr. Andy Hayes
Dr. Ernest White

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Clay Mahaffey

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, AND NAACP

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Lonon called the meeting to order. Mr. Lee gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes 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 Church of the Advent's members Joy Oates & Julie Swartz for their limitless passion to students and their dedication to Mary H Wright. Recently they helped the school put on their first school play. District Math Coach Dr. Bernard Frost was recognized for being named the State Leader for the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and also for receiving one of only 3 National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Iris Carl Travel Grant (\$1,200) to attend the Leadership in mathematics NCSM Annual Conference which was held recently (April 3-5) in San Antonio Texas. Dr. Gloria Close was honored for making a ministry of inspiring and equipping the growing number of families and students in our District who are homeless. On March 28, she was honored with the Spartanburg County Foundation's Mary L. Thomas Award for Civic Leadership for her work with homeless students and their families. As the founder of a program called C.A.S.T. (care, accept, share, teach) Gloria's aim is to help alleviate poverty by facilitating self-sufficiency for those families who are all too often forgotten. Chase Watson 5th grader from EP

Todd School was honored for being named one of 10 Kids in Upstate Parent's Magazine 10 Kids Who are Making a Difference. Thirteen students who represented the District in the South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir were honored: Andrew Walker, Addyson Crocker, Caroline Hutchins, Knox Eaton, Nikita Herczynski, Anna Beeson, Will Manello, Lauren Patterson, Eadie Noel Turner, Jillian Wright, Maxine Messer, Jemora Haywood, and Maite Lazarin. Spartanburg High School students in the Teacher Cadet Program were recognized for their work at their respective elementary school this semester: Taylor Blalock, Lundy Camp, Toneia Douglas, Kate Dunlavey, Connor Hogshead, Breigh Moore, Matt Teaster, Taylor Winns, Rebecca Wise, Bryson Coleman, Jaysen Leigh Crawley, and Lauren Dixon. Three teacher cadets – Bryson, Jaysen, and Lauren – also received prestigious South Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarships for their wish to pursue a degree in education and a career in South Carolina's public schools following graduation. Three students at McCracken - Cate Seegars, Claryn Greenway, Holden Sutton – were honored for being accepted into the Summer Academy at the Governor School for the Arts.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS:

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

B. Approval of Resolution in Honor of the late Dewey Tullis: A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. NORTHSIDE UPDATE: Mr. Bill Barnet and Tammy Hoy Hawkins with the Northside Development Group provided an update on the redevelopment to the Northside as well as some new initiatives underway. They shared that plans for construction of the new Early Learning Center in the Northside were currently underway. The project, they said, was being led by the Mary Black foundation along with NDG and other Northside Initiative partners and would be constructed near Cleveland Academy to serve children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. The center will offer full-day, full-year early learning for 160-200 children from diverse incomes. Ms. Hawkins shared information about a new housing development being planned with mixed income, mixed use housing and retail space developed by NDG in partnership with the Spartanburg Housing Authority and the Spartanburg Housing Partners development team. Ms. Hawkins said the development would include about 90 mixed income rental housing units in one development, in addition to a second mixed use mixed income housing and commercial space development project with market and affordable housing and a commercial component. She noted Oakview Apartments had been demolished and would be the future site for the new TK Gregg

Community Center. Ms. Hawking said all the families from Oakview had been assisted in finding alternate housing and shared some ways the families had been helped with college opportunities and jobs. She said the NDG had recently partnered with USC Upstate Business School to pilot an entrepreneurship accelerator program – Start:ME - based on a successful model in Atlanta. The Start:ME model helps to develop a small business environment in communities by identifying promising local entrepreneurs, providing them with 14 weeks of business training, connecting them with a robust business network, and financing those with the most promising businesses. She said the George Dean Johnson Jr. College of Business and Economics at USC Upstate was a key partner in this effort providing support for the 14 weeks of training sessions and pairing mentors with business owners. She announced Phase 2 Brawley Street Housing Development was complete and the NDG was now working on Phase 3. Ms. Hawkins said the new park and greenway around the creek was now under construction by the City of Spartanburg. The previously piped creek, named The Butterfly Creek by students from Cleveland Academy, she said, runs from College to Preston street behind Harvest Park and will be un-piped to run naturally again. She said the park would include walking and biking paths, as well as native plant life.

VII. 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, shared with the board that the fifth cohort of 14 students for the Viking Early College had been selected. He also noted that four cohorts (total of 23 girls) are enrolled in Spartanburg County Early College High School at SCC Main Campus (countywide program) and eleven students are in the Scholars Academy. He said the VEC would graduate their first cohort of 11 with an associate's degree and all had been accepted to a four-year institution.

Student Services: There was no report given.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for March 2017.

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 the elementary school site, grading is complete and the pad

for the school has been prepared. Representative from Harper said that in the next couple of weeks steel beams would start going up. Mr. Solesby noted a live cam had been installed at the site. On the high school site representatives from MB Khan said most of the tree removal and grading was complete except for a couple of large mounds of earth that would be moved to balance the site. Dr. White noted landscaping plans were being finalized at the high school site, and it was his hope to look for ways to include alumni in sponsoring some of the outside areas.

Technology Report: There was no report given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Booker and Missy Campbell provided a budget update. Ms. Campbell noted her department was still working through the budget process while legislators were in session. She said at this point the House and Senate had produced different budgets, so the budget had been sent to conference committee to work out the details. She said the proposed revenue budget had been estimated at \$69.6 million, which was an increase of 4% over last year's budget. Ms. Campbell noted the proposed budget included a required step increase for teachers and others on-step-based salary scales and 2% for all other employees, a 2% employer retirement increase, and a 1.7% employer health increase. She said the proposed budget did not include an operational or a debt service millage increase but would require a draw on the District's fund balance as has been customary over the last several years. She noted drawing on the fund balance was the most conservative manner in which to build the budget.

- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** A copy of the draft Agenda for June 6, 2017 Board Meeting was provided.
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lee to go into Executive Session for discussion of Personnel, and Contractual matters, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- X. OPEN SESSION:** At approximately 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to return to Open Session, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- XI. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no action taken.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Porter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED