

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, June 2, 2015

6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mrs. Laura Bauknight
Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Andy Oberg

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:** Dr. Ernest White called the meeting to order. Due to the absence of Rick Gray, Chair; Laura Bauknight, Vice Chair; and Andy Oberg, Secretary; Dr. Ernest White made a motion to appoint Sanders Lee (chair of Business Services) as the chair pro tem, seconded by Mrs. Lonon. All were in favor of the motion, the motion passed. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Mr. Beatty.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Chief Communications Officer Sally Hammond recognized Todd Seagle and the Varsity Boys Tennis Team were honored for their second State 4A Championship in school history! They beat out South Aiken, 5-1, to make it two in a row; they finished off an undefeated season of 21-0, and ran their winning streak to 41 consecutive matches. Chambers Easterling won the 4A/3A individual tennis state championship. This victory came three days after Chambers led the Vikings to their state title. Chambers and teammates Noah Nawabi and Omar Williams earned spots on the 4A all-state team, and Noah finished third in the individual tournament. Tavien Feaster was honored for winning State Titles at the 4A South Carolina High School League state track and field meet at Spring Valley High School. Tavien swept the 100- and 200-meter titles for the second straight year. Tavien finished with a time of 10.42 in the 100 and broke a state record by crossing the finish line in

21.11 in the 200. His time in the 100 was the second fastest nationally this year. Lauren Ellis was honored for being named a National Braille Challenge Qualifier. She will be attending the competition in June in Los Angeles. The Braille Challenge is a national program of the Braille Institute hosted by regional schools and agencies that serve blind and visually impaired children. Lauren's teacher is Emily Tallon. Awards were presented to students receiving Silver Pins in the International Math Olympiads Competition. The Silver Pin winners at the Elementary level were: Jessie Arrington, Maxwell Booker, Thomas Keller, Kirsti McEnroe, Wesley Shelton, Katie Williams; and at the middle school level are Nathan Jones and Jack Thorp. WordMasters Challenge Highest Honors winners were recognized: Claire Mahaffey, Anna Wallace Cheek, Nicole Giesbertz, Noah McPhail, Will Byars, and Amy Rieth. Seven students won highest honors for year-long individual achievement as well: Luke Duncan, Sean Foote, Thomas Leong, Maxwell Booker, Anna Wallace Cheek, Will Kendrick, and Amy Rieth. This elite group is in the top 10 to 20 students at their grade level in the entire nation and was awarded the highest honors medallion from WordMasters. One team of third graders was honored for earning the WordMasters First Place in the Nation for the Year out of a total of 148 teams. The following students comprised this first place team, which is coached by Susan Holcombe: Maddox Allen, Theo Atance, Marnie Baxter, Anna Beeson, Aidan Brown, Caroline Colbath, Luke Duncan, Caroline Feather, Sean Foote, Kennedy Gordon, Sean Griffin, Mary Mac Hurst, Rachel Jones, Anne Hamilton Karn, Hugh Lemonds, Will Manello, Layla Mitchell, Foster Neely, Liam Nettles, Dorothy Salley, Cassidy Scherer, Ben Skinner, and Corban Vander Ploeg.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lonon to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- B. Approval of Authorization to Request Title I Funds:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lonon to authorize the district's administration to request fiscal 2016 Title I funds currently estimated at a\$3,469,000 and \$35,700 for neglected children at the Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of 2015-2016 District Seven Budget:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lonon to approve the District Seven 2015-2016 budget as presented, including the capital and debt services components, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

- D. Approval of McCarthy/Teszler School Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the 2015-2016 McCarthy/Teszler budget as presented, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed
- E. Approval of Daniel Morgan Technology Center Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the 2015-2016 Daniel Morgan Technology School budget as presented, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lonon to approve the 2015-106 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy ADC:** A motion was made by Mrs. Porter to approve the 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy ADC, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- H. Approval of 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GBED:** A motion was made by Dr. Ernest White, to approve the 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy GBED, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- I. Approval of 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy JICG:** A motion was made by Ms. Porter to approve the 2nd and Final Reading of Revised Policy JICG, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- J. Approval of Resolution of Remembrance in Honor of Edward Patterson (Pat) Perrin:** A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the Resolution of Remembrance in Honor of Edward Patterson (Pat) Perrin, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- K. Approval of Four Early Release Days for the 2015-2016 School Year, one per quarter:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the four early release days for the 2015-2016 school year, one per quarter, seconded by Mrs. Lonon. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Reports from Administration:

Instruction: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent, shared with the board the Early Learning Center at Park Hills had been visited by a NAEYC external review team for its accreditation evaluation on Tuesday, May 19, and that the team was very complimentary. He said the district would receive feedback regarding accreditation

within 90 days. Dr. Pruitt informed the board that 7Shares would be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the gym at Spartanburg High School and that the keynote speaker would be Brandon Busted, the CEO of Gallup. Additionally, 7Reads will be held on October 6 and the three visiting authors are Brendan Reighs, Kwami Alexander and Chad Crews.

Personnel & Student Services: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services, 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.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, provided an update on the capital project throughout the district. Dr. White shared that work had begun on Pine Street School's fire access road and on site improvements for their playground. Dr. White said he had also met with Duke Power representatives who had approved a landscaping plan. He noted Jesse Boyd's Playground Phase II would begin as soon as school ends. Dr. White concluded his report by sharing with the board the summer feeding schedules at the district's schools. The district and Chartwells will be serving meals to children over the summer vacation. These meals will vary by location but can consist of breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks. Meals are free to any child under 18 years of age and must be consumed on site. The program will run from June 8 through Aug 14.

Financial Report: Mrs. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer enclosed the financial report for April 2015. When comparing April 2014 year-to-date activity to March 2015, Mrs. Campbell stated revenue was up slightly (1%) due to local tax collections. Some of the percentage increase over prior year is due to timing of collections. Our expenditures are within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year.

VII. Superintendent's Report:

Redistricting Update: Dr. Booker provided the board with an update on status of redistricting. He shared the redistricting proposal bill passed by the House and Senate in Spartanburg Seven and Spartanburg Five had been signed off by the Governor. He noted that this was the same redistricting plan presented to board members by the Fiscal Affairs Department in the fall.

Summer Schedule: Dr. Booker shared beginning on Monday, June 8, 2015 and ending on Friday, July 31 the district would be on a 4-day week (Monday through Thursday) summer schedule. The switchboard at the district office, he noted, would operate from 7:00AM to 5:00PM – Monday through Thursday.

Retiree Reception: Dr. Booker noted the wonderful retirement reception held on May 21. He said collectively over 1,340 years of service was represented amongst the group.

Support Staff of the Year: Dr. Booker shared that on May 7, the district recognized Support Staff Members of the Year from each school and various locations throughout the district. He publically congratulated the group of individuals on being selected by their schools and peers to represent them in this capacity.

VIII. Chairman’s Report: Board meeting schedule. There will not be a board meeting in July.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was not action taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 6:58 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Porter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lonon. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED