

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 7, 2016

6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mrs. Meg Clayton

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. Mr. Lee gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond, Chief Communications Officer recognized Carver Middle School in November as a Beta School of distinction for their commitment to preparing students for college and career readiness. During the presentation this evening Jesse Boyd Elementary School was honored as a 2016 National Beta School of Merit. This honor is an indication of the school's dedication to academic excellence and commitment to celebrating its students' achievements. Jesse Boyd was also honored for receiving a Hall of Fame Award on behalf of the Greenville Drive and Michelin who are involved with the Reading All-Stars Program. Carver Middle School was recognized for earning Learning School Designation from Learning Forward and celebrating them further as they are the first school ever to win this award for their professional learning communities. The Boys Tennis team and Coach Todd Seagle were honored for dominating the regular season and clinching the state championship title for the 3rd year in a row. Chambers Easterling was recognized for leading the team to the to their third straight 4A state title at the No. 1 singles position and for winning for the second time in a row the 4A/3A

individual state singles championship. Chambers was also named the All-American by the National High School Tennis All-American Foundation out of Newport Beach, California named Chambers a 2016 All-American, an honor is only bestowed upon the top 50 high school tennis players in the USA. This year approximately 35,000 fifth graders around the world participated in the International Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools this year. All 50 states and approximately 30 other countries were represented. Awards are presented to students whose total scores are in the top echelons of the contest. A Silver Pin is awarded to the top 10% of Math Olympiads participants internationally and was presented to this fifth grade student at the Odyssey Awards Celebration. The Silver Pin winner was Sierra Hufford. The prestigious Gold Pin is awarded to the top 2% of Math Olympiads participants internationally and was presented to this middle school student at the McCracken awards ceremony. The Gold Pin winner was Will Lawton. Six students won highest honors in this year's third WordMasters Challenge for grades 3-8. Each of the following students earned perfect scores (20/20) in the Gold Division WordMasters Challenge #3 where nationwide only 25 third graders, 57 fourth graders, 46 fifth graders, 9 seventh graders, and 30 eighth graders did the same. There were approximately 16,000 students competing in this contest. The perfect scorers were: Gabrielle Tanner, Corban Vander Ploeg, Nathan Fernanders, Tally Vaneman, Jackson Van Hyning, and Hank Butehorn. Three students were honored for winning highest honors for yearlong individual achievement. This puts this elite group in the top 10-15 students at their grade level in the entire nation. The following students are awarded a highest honors medallion from WordMasters for their impressive accomplishment: Isak Jackson, Sam Van Hyning, and Maxwell Booker.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS:

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

B. Approval of Board Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems – Second Reading: A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve Board Policy IKA Grading/Assessment Systems – First Reading, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of Authorization to Request Title I Funds: A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the authorization the district's administration to request fiscal 2017 Title I Funds currently estimated at \$3,240,137.97 and \$32,240.18 for neglected children at the Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

- D. Approval of 2016-2017 District Seven Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as presented, including capital and debt service components, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All in favor of the motion were, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, Mr. Ms. Porter, and Dr. White. Opposed was Mr. Gray. The motion passed.
- E. Approval of the 2016-2017 McCarthy/Teszler School Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the 2016-2017 McCarthy/Teszler Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All in favor of the motion were: Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, Ms. Porter, and Dr. White. Opposed was Mr. Gray. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of the 2016-2017 Daniel Morgan Technology Center Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the 2016-2017 Daniel Morgan Technology Center Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All in favor of the motion were: Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, Ms. Porter and Dr. White. Opposed was Mr. Gray. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of the 2016-2017 Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the 2016-2017 Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget as presented, seconded by Dr. White. All in favor of the motion were: Mr. Beatty, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, Ms. Porter, and Dr. White. Opposed was Mr. Gray. The motion passed.

VI. 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: There was no report.

Student Services: There was no report.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Reports for April, 2016. She said comparing April 2015 year-to-date activity to March 2016; the District revenue was up slightly (2.7%) due to local tax collections. She stated some of the percentage increase over prior year is due to timing of collections. The District's expenditures are within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, introduced Ron Smith from McMillain Pazdan Smith who provided a full update on progress and plans for the new Spartanburg High School and elementary school. Mr. Smith said they are entering the schematic design phase of the high school project and would begin design development this summer. They were also working on plans to address the various ponds on the property. He stated at least two ponds would remain. Work, he said, on obtaining a “quiet zone” for the railroad crossing has begun and likely some clearing of the property would begin this summer or early fall. Mr. Smith said the site plan for the new elementary school had been developed and was ready for SC DOT and OSF approval. The plan is to be ready for site work by December. Dr. White said that he, Dr. Booker, Donnie Love, and Gay Sprague had met with SC Department of Transportation representatives Eric Dillon, Stephanie Jackson-Amell, Craig Nelson, and Mark Faulk; and that Gay Sprague, our traffic consultant, had presented the final results of the new Spartanburg High School Traffic Impact Study. He said DOT officials stated they would be approving the site with the ingress/egress components presented, and that the next step was to get SC Office of School Facilities approval. Dr. White said he and Donnie Love continue to meet with SHS administration and faculty/staff to obtain their input for the new high school. Dr. White said the first of three “Contractor Meet & Greet” sessions were held on Monday, May 23 and that more than 60 vendors participated. He said both Harper Corporation and MB Kahn sponsored the event, and both were present to talk with contractors. Dr. White said Phase I of the Pine Street Elementary School building envelope and HVAC project was progressing. The school would be without air-conditioning for most of the summer so all activities have been moved to other locations. The project is scheduled for completion by early August 2016. Dr. White informed the board Chartwells and Spartanburg District Seven were again participating in the Summer Feeding Program and that 30 different sites were being utilized at various dates and times this summer. He also noted for the first time the District has been permitted to request a waiver on increasing meal prices, which should increase by 5 cents according to the Federal formula. He said, the District plans to submit a request to waive the increase resulting in no increase in meal prices for 2016-2017.

VII. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Summer Schedule/Superintendent Schedule:

Dr. Booker informed the Board that beginning Monday, June 6, 2016 and ending Friday, July 29 the district would operate on a 4-day week, Monday – Thursday, summer schedule. We will be off on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The switchboard at the district office will operate from 7:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Thursday.

Retiree Reception:

Dr. Booker shared that a wonderful retirement reception was held on May 19. Collectively, over 932 years of service was represented among the group of 28 retirees. He thanked our staff for the work they did pulling this gathering together.

Support Staff of the Year:

Dr. Booker shared that on May 4, the District recognized our Support Staff of the Year from our schools and various departments throughout the district. Congratulations to these individuals on being selected by their schools and peers to represent them in this capacity. We are pleased to present the 2016 Support Staff Members of the Year. They include: Sara Eyler, Helene Moore-Haywood, Dianne Black, Gerene Dawkins, Felicia Linder, Holly Sanders, Keenan Mullen, Mary Dillard, Kenneth Tillerson, Gwendolyn Butler, Z’Corrian Jeter, Ricky Houser, Debra Rowe, Marie Sanders, Angela Horton, Cynthia Dawkins, W. Christopher Goins, Elly Smith, Patrick Cook, Rosetta Mallory and Addie Wray.

End of the Year Recap:

Dr. Booker showed a video highlighting the year’s accomplishments and milestones.

VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: There was no Chairman’s Report.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 7:46 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel and contractual matters, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Porter to return to Open Session, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the amendments to the superintendent’s agreement as discussed in executive session, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED