

**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, August 5, 2014

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Rick Gray, Chair  
Mrs. Laura Bauknight, Vice Chair  
Mr. Andy Oberg, Secretary  
Mr. Vernon Beatty  
Mr. Andy Hayes  
Mr. Sanders Lee  
Mrs. Julie Lonon  
Dr. Ernest White

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Ms. Sharon Porter

**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:** Mr. Gray called the meeting to order.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Todd Staley, Athletic Director, was recognized on behalf of Spartanburg High School being awarded the prestigious General Excellence Award in Athletics, sponsored by the Spartanburg Herald Journal, for its team and individual accomplishments including state and region titles. Kiz Miller, District Custodial Supervisor, received a special departmental recognition for going above and beyond and finding innovative ways to meet the demands of the District's cleaning needs and schedules while saving the money.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no citizen comments
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
  - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Oberg to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

- B. Approval of SCAGO GO Bond Resolution:** A motion was made by Mr. Oberg to approve the SCAGO GO Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of not to exceed \$1,700,000 in SCAGO (South Carolina Association of Government Organizations) General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing funds to make the second acquisition payment on the digital conversion technology, seconded by Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of Membership of Comprehensive Health Advisory Committee (CHEAC) Member Recommendations:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lonon to approve the six nominations to the CHEAC committee as presented, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of Act 155 Diplomas:** A motion was made by Mrs. Bauknight to approve to transmit the diploma requests to the State Department of Education in accordance with Department procedures, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- E. Approval of Resolution:** A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the Resolution in honor of the late Charles A. Spann who served on the District Seven Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

## VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Instruction:** Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent, provided a review of the professional development opportunities that occurred over the summer. Dr. Pruitt reminded the board of the upcoming 7 Shares event on August 14, at SHS with the opening general session beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Travis Allen with iSchool, he noted, would be the keynote speaker. Travis is a nationally recognized speaker/presenter and his focus will be on technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom. Dr. Pruitt told the board that it had been a very productive summer of training and professional development. He mentioned that a team of 24 individuals recently returned from Mooresville, NC's Summer Connections Conference, where over 26 states were represented. He concluded his remarks with sharing the news that District Seven had recently submitted an application to Digital Promise and The League of Innovative Schools. The Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools is a unique national coalition of 46 school districts in 25 states passionately committed to accelerating innovation in education through technology and research. Dr. Booker noted Dr. Mark Edwards nominated the District.
- B. Personnel & Student Services:** Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services, provided a copy of the staffing report. Dr. Redish also noted the District was in great shape in terms of staffing for the 2014-15 school year. She also shared that Student Services and the Office of

Communications were working in concert with one another to make this information on Act 155 accessible to our public, and that at the present time 24 students had received diplomas.

**C. Communications:** Dr. Booker was pleased to welcome to the district Sally J. Hammond, Chief Communications Officer. Ms. Hammond officially begins her duties on August 11. Dr. Booker provided the board a list of important dates in the coming month and also the summer media report.

**D. Planning & Operations:** Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, provided a brief update on the capital projects throughout the district. Dr. White shared with the board the 2014-2015 Safety Commitment form that must be signed as part of the annual safety commitment for risk management. Karen Yarborough, Director of Technology, provided information on the technology preparation for distribution of MacBook Airs and iPads for the coming school year. Board members inquired on how many devices were damaged the previous year. Ms. Yarborough was pleased to report the percentage was small.

**E. Financial Report:** Mrs. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer presented the monthly financial report and submitted required communication from auditors. She also shared that the Finance Department would be holding their first Small, Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Vendor Fair in September. Ms. Campbell mentioned that the event would be hosted in conjunction with the annual bookkeeper/secretary training session to enable the school level staff to meet the MWBE vendors and hear about their products and services.

**F. Superintendent:** Dr. Russell Booker, Superintendent, informed the board that Cleveland Academy had a very smooth opening to the new year on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the trustees that the SCSBA Law Conference would take place in Charleston, SC on August 23 – 24. Dr. Booker provided the board with a schedule of the fall athletic events along with season tickets Spartanburg High School Viking football games. He concluded his report with noting that a work session/planning meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, August 26 at 5:30pm. He said the purpose of the session was to discuss priorities for the 2014-2015 school term as well provide an opportunity of the board to engage in planning for the upcoming year.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel and contractual matter, seconded by Mr. Oberg. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**OPEN SESSION:** At approximately 8:14 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Oberg to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Bauknight to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lonon. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed

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**SUPERINTENDENT**

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**

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**MINUTES APPROVED**