

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SEVEN**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Charles H. Humphries, Jr., Administration Building

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Larry Flynn  
Mr. Rick Gray, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Julie Lonon, Secretary  
Mr. Vernon Beatty  
Mr. Andy Oberg  
Ms. Sharon Porter  
Dr. Eddie Richardson  
Dr. Ernest White

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Mrs. Laura Bauknight

**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, SPARTANBURG COUNTY HOMETOWN NEWS, and SPARTANBURG JOURNAL

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Flynn called the meeting to order.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Oberg to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Griffin Fix from Pine Street was awarded the John Stinson Woodward Citizenship Award for demonstrating the possession of those rare qualities of commendable character and devotion to school. Students at Pine were recognized for receiving a perfect score on PASS. The students included: Anna Becknell, Florence Cope, Luke Henning, Davis Mobley, Aidan Pereyo', Wesley Shelton, and Elizabeth Skinner. Jason Thornton & Leron Rahynes teachers at Carver were honored for receiving a Junior League of Spartanburg Mini-Grant for their Project Making History Come Alive.
- IV. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT:** Dr. John Stockwell, Executive Director of the College Hub shared information as it relates to the future direction of the College Hub. Dr. Booker introduced the program.
- V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Christina Jeffrey, Becky Elliott, and Jim Spears spoke to the board regarding the Swim Center. The matter was referred to Business Services for further discussion.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Dr. Richardson to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Oberg. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- B. **Approval of Delegate (s) for the SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve Mr. Gray as the Delegate, and Dr. White as the Alternate, seconded by Mr. Oberg. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. **Instruction:** Dr. Russell Booker presented items for information for Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Booker noted Seven Reads, the district's reading initiative, had been a great success again this year. Authors visited all schools in the district and participated in several events open to the public. This was the eighth year of this very popular event. He shared that the district was fully implementing the Common Core State Standards this school year which is one year ahead of the state, and noted that as part of support for the teachers, administration was providing on-going professional development monthly.
- B. **Personnel & Student Services:** Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services, provided a copy of the staffing report. She also provided information pertaining to the TDAP Immunization requirement and District Seven's current status with the vaccination.
- C. **Planning & Operations:** Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, provided a technology update. Christine Horowitz, Instructional Technology Coordinate gave an overview of the MacBook Air distribution at SHS and the SHS Freshman Academy. She also shared plans for future distribution at the middle schools. She noted distribution of MacBook Airs at the Middle School had been accelerated to the following to the second week in October. Dr. White provided a student activities update. He noted use of our facilities and fields was at an all-time high.
- D. **Finance: Financial Report:** Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, noted that due to the fact that we are currently working to close out the books for the 2012-2013 school year and have not rolled the fund balances forward, an analysis of the financial statements would provide no relevant information at this time. There was not a copy of the monthly financial report. A copy of the annual minority vendor report was presented and discussed.
- E. **Superintendent:** Dr. Russell Booker, Superintendent, Dr. Russell Booker gave an update on the Transform SC program initiative. He noted a district team attended a two day session in Columbia, SC on September 24-25 which included a panel

discussion. He informed the board Dr. Nettie Vaughn, Director of Special Services, had accepted an Assistant Superintendent's position in Lee County, SC., and that Dr. Bob Hatchette had been hired to serve in an interim role. Dr. Booker shared enrollment figures for the first 15 days of school. The district's current total enrollment is 7,358 students. Enrollment less McCarthy-Teszler is 7,150 students. K5-12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment for 2013 is 6,747 students. In 2012 enrollment was 6,686 students. The district grew an additional 61 students as compared to last year. Factoring in K4 along with the 60 student expansion, we grew a total of 143 students for a total enrollment of 7,156 students. He reminded the board due to the November 5 Election that the November 5 board meeting had been rescheduled to November 12. This day has been set aside as a holiday for students and staff. He also noted that the November 12 board meeting would be the final meeting for Chairman Larry Flynn and Dr. Eddie Richardson. He concluded his report with reminding the board members of the board work session on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no Executive Session.
  
- IX. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no Executive Session.
  
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Richardson 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**