

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, October 4, 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. Gray gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. Mr. Beatty requested to amend the agenda and table the Approval to Adopt Name for New Elementary School to be Located in Drayton, South Carolina. All in favor of Mr. Beatty's motion were Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gray and Dr. White. Opposed were: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, and Mr. Lee. Ms. Porter abstained from the vote. Mr. Beatty's motion failed. All in favor of Mr. Lee's motion to approve the agenda as presented were: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. Mahaffey, and Mr. Lee. Opposed were Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gray, and Dr. White. Ms. Porter abstained from the vote. The motion passed.
- III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no Citizens' Comments
- IV. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond recognized Kevin Brabham for receiving a USA Field Hockey Organization Grant for field hockey equipment for Jesse Boyd. Eight academically talented seniors from Spartanburg High School were honored for being named National Merit Commended and National Merit Semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Seniors Olivia Reichwald, Ellen Rieth, Adam Moore, and Perry Sykes received National Merit Commendation for

showing outstanding potential for academic success among the top 5% of the nation's seniors and Emma Kendrick, Luke Martin, Bradly Sanders and Margaret Tebbe were among 207 students from South Carolina – the top 1% - to be named National Merit Semifinalists. McCracken's Ellen Fields and Caroline Patrick received honors as distinguished artists for their artwork entries in Columbia's Peace In The Park arts festival. Students from Cleveland and Houston were recognized in the First Tee Team Challenge. From Cleveland under the direction of Margarett Miller, PE Teacher, student Makhia Williams received a 2nd Place for her essay and Shamiri Jenkins and Josue Chantres-Chevez both received a 1st place awards. The Houston First Tee Team of Zoey Cooper, Sam Crane, Ashley Manuel, and Malachi Watts under the direction Coach Scott Andrews received 2nd place overall in the golf challenge out of 54 participating schools.

IV. 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 to Adopt Name for New Elementary School to be Located in Drayton, South Carolina:** A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the proposed name, Drayton Elementary School, for new elementary school to be located in Drayton, South Carolina, and seconded by Mr. Lee. After the discussion and a recommendation to further explore name options, trustees voted 4 to 3 not to adopt the name Drayton Elementary. Mr. Hayes, Mr. Mahaffey, and Mr. Lee voted to go ahead with the name and Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gray, Ms. Porter, and Dr. White voted not to adopt the name Drayton Elementary. Mrs. Lonon suggested trustees continue discussions and possibly appoint a committee to come up with a name that would be unanimously supported and to be sure as a body they were being sensitive to all district residents.
- C. Approval of Delegate(s) for the SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve Mr. Beatty and Dr. White as Delegates, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of 6th – 8th Grade Comprehensive Health Curriculum:** Ms. Porter brought forth a recommendation from the Instructional Services Committee to approve the 6th – 8th Grade Comprehensive Health Curriculum. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

- V. CAPITAL UPDATE:** Ron Smith with McMillian Pazdan Smith presented a design overview of the new elementary school. He utilized a 3D viewing program in order to give board members an accurate depiction as if you were walking into the building. Mr. Smith noted making use of natural light in classrooms and collaborative spaces was a priority. He also noted the connection of indoor

environments to the outdoors by easy access doors so that outdoor areas could be used in the curriculum. Entry points for drop off had been designed to keep in mind the age of children and where their classrooms were located. One special feature of the new school will be the addition of two innovation labs. These labs are environments where students will have the opportunity to make, program, design, produce and build in spaces with cutting edge technologies, resources and materials designed to inspire creativity and collaboration.

VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Human Resources: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, provided the monthly staffing report. Dr. Redish shared information regarding the dates for the Free Flu Shots.

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, informed the board that teachers and district curriculum staff worked collaboratively this past summer to review and revise the District's reproductive health curriculum, a component of our total comprehensive health curriculum in grades 6 - 8. He shared those recommendations with the board.

Student Services: There was no report given.

Financial Report: There was no report given.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, informed the board that nearly 100,000 meals were served this summer during the Summer Meal Program.

Technology Report: There was no report given.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Ground Breaking Ceremony: Dr. Booker shared with the board that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new elementary school was scheduled Friday, October 28, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the school site off Carney Street.

20 Day Enrollment Counts: Dr. Booker shared that the enrollment for K5-12 grade on the 20th day was 7,089 students, representing an increase of 265 students from the previous year's enrollment of 6,824 students. He said total enrollment for the district (inclusive of PreK) was 7,433 students or an increase of 354 students over last year's 7,089 students.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: A copy of the draft Agenda for November 1, 2016 Board Meeting was provided.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session, no action taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED