

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, November 11, 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
Ms. Sharon Porter
Dr. Ernest White

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

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. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Dr. Ernest White.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Bauknight. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no citizen comments.
- IV. REDISTRICTING REPORT:** Dr. Thomas White introduced Mr. Frank Rainwater, Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office for South Carolina. Mr. Rainwater introduced his team members, Mr. Will Roberts (State Political Cartographer for S.C.) and Mr. Bobby Bowers (Director of Mapping and Census). The team presented information regarding a required review of board member districts due to recent census data. The team provided a statistical analysis of each board member's district as it currently stands. The team also discussed a suggested revised district that meets the constitutional requirements for voting districts for each board member. The Board took the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office report for consideration.

V. **FY 2014 AUDIT REPORT:** Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided a copy of the monthly financial report. Mr. Eddie McAbee, partner with McAbee, Schwartz, and Halliday, gave an overview of the audit activities and referenced several highlights within the audit report. He noted, among other items, that the district received an unqualified opinion which is the best audit opinion available. He further stated there were no instances of non-compliance and no material weaknesses.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

B. **Approval of General Obligation Bond Resolution:** Mr. Beatty brought forth a recommendation from the Business Services Committee authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond in an amount not to exceed \$5.575 million. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. **Approval of Out of State Travel for Ernest White to attend the NABSE Conference in Kansas City, MO on November 19-23, 2014.** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the travel, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

D. **Approval of Out of State Travel for Ernest White and Rick Gray to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in Nashville, TN on March 21-23, 2014.** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the travel, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. **Instruction:** No report.

B. **Personnel & Student Services:** The monthly personnel staffing report was included in the packet.

C. **Communications:** No report.

D. **Planning & Operations:** No report.

E. **Financial Report:** The monthly finance report was included in the packet.

F. **Superintendent:** No Report.

G. January 6, 2014 Draft Agenda: A draft agenda for the January 6, 2015 was included in the board packet.

H. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Board Officers: It was decided the nominating committee would remain the same. The committee will be responsible for submitting a slate of officers to the board to act upon at its next regular scheduled meeting (January, 2015). The slate of officers will include the chair, vice-chair, and secretary.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 6:58 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Bauknight to go into Executive Session for the Superintendent Evaluation, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:00 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.

VIII. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Lee to award Dr. Booker a one-time performance bonus of 15% of his gross salary effective upon the next available payroll run. This performance bonus is based upon the Board's evaluation of the superintendent's performance and the performance of the school district as a whole and is in addition to all other compensation and benefits already in place for Dr. Booker, including without limitation any percentage adjustment made by the State of South Carolina for certified teacher salaries. The board will work with Dr. Booker to establish and refine goals and objectives for District Seven by which his future performance will be evaluated, seconded by Mrs. Lonon. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Beatty adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bauknight. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED