

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, September 5, 2017
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Julie Lonon
Ms. Sharon Porter
Mr. Sanders Lee
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mrs. Meg Clayton
Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Clay Mahaffey
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, AND NAACP

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Lonon called the meeting to order. Dr. White gave the invocation. Dr. Booker shared a video of a student at ELC who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond recognized Myles Wilson as the recipient of the 2017 NFHS Citation. Myles is the district's athletic administrator for athletic facilities and operations. He was recognized by NFHS for spearheading a three-year effort requiring all District 7 coaches to earn the Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC) certification. This prestigious award will be presented at the National Athletic Directors Conference in Phoenix in December. Only 2 South Carolinians have ever received this award. Each year, every school honors the best of the best by naming a teacher of the year. In addition to be great teachers and inspiring a love of learning in all their students, each of them has a strong long-range potential for leadership and the ability to motivate and inspire their fellow educators. The teachers of the year are: The Early Learning Center, Sarah Poole; Jesse Boyd Elementary, Kimberly Alverson; Chapman Elementary, Abbie Briggs; Cleveland Academy of Leadership,

LaGinia Dove; Houston Elementary School, Shanita Wallace; Mary H. Wright, Kristy Turner; Pine Street, April Volk; E.P. Todd School, Ashley Freeman; Carver Middle School, Stephanie Barrett; Spartanburg High School, Carmilla Williams; Whitlock Flexible Learning Center, Dr. Oley Lewis; McCarthy Teszler School, Martha McNeely, and McCracken Middle School and D7, Dr. Vern Weygandt. Pine Street's Emie Cate Green was honored for being named the National Beta Club Special Talent CHAMPION in Division 1 during the 21st Annual National Junior Beta Club Convention at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort this summer in Orlando. Students from over 1,050 Beta clubs attended the 4-day event, which showcased academic challenges, visual arts, and talent extravaganzas. Emie competed in the talent category and captured the title with her captivating rendition of "Naughty" from the musical Matilda. Thirteen students in our District in grades 3-8 recently "aced" a rigorous annual assessment test and were honored. Nine students received the maximum score on the SC Ready Math test and 4 students received the maximum score on the SCPASS Score in Science. The students are Emma Kate Pittman, Sara Catharine Evans, Sebastian Cartwright, Samuel Markley, Sierra Hufford, Ethan Hunt, Arabella Knox, John Mullen, Jacob Price, Paul Whisnant, Tally Vaneman, Emmett Baymiller, and Thomas Keller.

- IV. PRESENTATION FOR NAMING THE NEW DRAYTON MILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Dr. Booker provided a presentation outlining the rationale around the naming of the new elementary school. He shared that school board policy stated the naming of new schools was part of the school board responsibility. Dr. Booker shared that historically schools in District 7 had been named after people, after streets, or after places. He said the three names that had been presented to the board for consideration in naming were Drayton Mills Elementary for the community surrounding the school, Skylyn Elementary for the street it's located on, and Lawson Fork Elementary for the creek that runs near the property.

- V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** The following people spoke to the board regarding the New Elementary School Name: Cathy Rogers, Don Bramlet, Monique Watson, James Jones, William Ross, Mike Brown, Hope Blackley and Michelle Weathers.

- VI. 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 Membership of Comprehensive Health Advisory Committee (CHEAC) Member Recommendations:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the nominations for CHEAC Committee as presented, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. Consideration to rescind the name Drayton Mills Elementary School: Mr. Beatty made a motion to rescind the name Drayton Mills Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Gray. After discussion, all in favor of the motion were: Meg Clayton, Andy Hayes, Sanders Lee, Julie Lonon, and Clay Mahaffey. Opposed were: Vernon Beatty, Rick Gray, Sharon Porter, and Ernest White. The motion failed.

IX. 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: No Report Given.

Student Services: Dr. Sonia Leverette, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, provided an update on her departments current activities and programs.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for July, 2017.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, shared with the board that a ribbon cutting for the new playground space at McCarthy Teszler was planned for September 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Technology Report: No Report Given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

5-Day Enrollment Counts: Dr. Booker shared that the enrollment for K5-12 grade on the 5th day was 7,219 students, representing an increase of 253 students from the previous year's enrollment of 6,966 students. He said the total enrollment for the District (inclusive of PreK) was 7,480 students, or an increase of 184 students over last year's 7,296. Dr. Booker also noted Spartanburg High School had surpassed the 2,000 student mark with an enrollment of 2,042 students (up 110 students).

X. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A draft copy of the October 3, 2017 Board agenda was provided.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

XII. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no action taken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lee to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED