

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 3, 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. Mr. Lee gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Beatty requested to amend the agenda and add Board Retreat Discussion under Discussion items VIII. A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS: Sally Hammond recognized Carver Principal** Ms. Thompson and Cheer Coach Salmon and the Wildcat Cheerleaders for being chosen to cheer on the field during the pre-game performance at the ACC Championship Game at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC on December 2. They will be the FIRST squad from Spartanburg to ever be spotlighted. This summer during a Middle School Cheer Camp hosted by the Universal Cheerleaders Association – Lillyana Hensley, Armani Jones, and Cekwanay Lyles – were also named UCA All-American Cheerleaders Cekwanay have received a special invitation to participate in a performance at Walt Disney World this summer.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** James Jones spoke to the board regarding the New Elementary School Name. He requested that the Board consider another option for the name.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consent Agenda:** Mr. Beatty stated, in the future, he would like to see more detail added to the minutes. 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 Delegate(s) for the 2017 SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to appoint Mr. Gray as the Delegate and Sanders Lee and Ernest White at the Alternates, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of Second Step (Erin's Law/Child Protection Unit):** Ms. Porter made a motion to approve the Second Step (Erin's Law/Child Protection Unit as presented. The motion does not require a second coming from the committee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of Standards Based Report Card K5-1st Grades:** A motion was made by Ms. Porter to approve the Standards Base Report Card K-5-1st Grades. The motion does not require a second coming from the committee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Human Resources: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, provided the monthly staffing report and shared information regarding the flu and pneumonia vaccines administered throughout the district.

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, said his department was recommending the adoption of a new child safety curriculum, secondSTEP, for K5 through 5th grades. The curriculum will meet the requirements of Erin's Law for delivering instruction on child sexual abuse. He said, guidance counselors in the elementary schools would teach the units and would receive specific training prior to implementation. Dr. Pruitt said the Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee (CHEAC) reviewed and endorsed the curriculum and the recommendation for approval comes from the Instructional Services Committee. Dr. Pruitt presented the new report card for K5 and 1st grades. He said a committee of teachers representing all elementary schools and district instructional staff worked for over a year on developing the new report cards. He said all elementary principals and teachers were given the opportunity for input as well. The report cards are aligned to the new SC College and Career Ready Standards and the Profile of the

South Carolina Graduate. The adoption of the new report cards comes as a recommendation from the Instructional Services Committee.

Student Services: Dr. Sonia Leverette, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, provided an update on the Gallup Student Poll. This year approximately 3,200 students in 5th through 12th grade would participate in the Gallup poll and answer a short list of questions to voice their thoughts about the quality of their educational experience, their sense of belonging at school and their expectations for the future.

Financial Report: No Report given.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, presented a breakdown of the number of meals served during the Summer Meal Program. He said over 100,000 meals were served this summer. Dr. White also provided an update on the most recent phase of work at Pine Street. He said more windows were replaced and many places on the outside of the building were repaired, and noted more phases of work would be completed over the next two summers. Dr. White also provided an update on the SHS track repairs, new activity busses, athletic equipment upgrades, and band uniforms and equipment. Dr. Levitt provided an update on the ActivPanels in use in all District 7 schools. Representative from Harper Corporation and M B Kahn Construction provided updates on the progress for the new elementary and new high school projects. On the elementary school all structural steel work and roofing was complete. The next phase would be installing the brick veneer. It was shared that that in October teachers from Chapman and Houston would have the opportunity to tour the school and visit a finished classroom. On the high school project concrete work had begun on portions of the school and grading and balancing of the site around the athletic complex portion of the campus was almost complete. Both projects are on schedule.

Technology Report: No Report Given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Franklin School Groundbreaking: Dr. Booker said a groundbreaking event had been planned for the Franklin School on October 19, 2017. The ceremony, he said, would take place at 10:00am. The project is expected to get underway in mid-October.

November 7 Elections: Dr. Booker reminded Board Members that Tuesday, November 7 was Election Day and that school board elections would take place countywide. He also shared that a referendum measure was on the ballot for a penny sales tax that if approved would go towards the construction of a new joint Spartanburg County Courthouse and Spartanburg City Hall complex. In addition, the City of Spartanburg has three individuals on the ballot for the mayoral race

Pine Street Elementary National Registry Celebration: Dr. Booker said Pine Street Elementary School had been added to the National Historical Registry and an official celebration of this recognition would be held on Thursday, November 9 at 5:00PM.

November Board Meeting Date Change: Dr. Booker reminded the Board that the next regularly scheduled board meeting had been moved to November 14. The meeting was originally scheduled for November 7, but has been moved due to the November elections. He also said school will not be in session and offices would be closed on November 7.

VII. BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION: Ms. Lonon stated Mr. Beatty requested a Board Retreat Discussion Item. Mr. Beatty shared that in light of all the recent discussion over the naming of the new elementary school and the decision not being unanimous it would be a good idea for the board to come together, and stated, “We are Spartanburg.” He said, he wants the board to have a face-to-face discussion and be respectful of each other. He also stated he does not want to let this issue destroy the district or the board. Ms. Lonon stated she would like everyone to be clear about the purpose of the Board Retreat. She noted that the board had voted twice on the school naming and while she looks forward to healthy discussion on coming together, the purpose should not be about voting again. Mr. Beatty then stated he asked for the naming of the school to be put back on the agenda for October to vote again, and that the board needs to sit down and keep an open mind.

VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: A draft copy of the November 14, 2017 Board agenda was provided.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED