

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, April 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Sanders Lee, Chair
Ms. Sharon Porter, Secretary
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mrs. Meg Clayton
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

**MEMBER (S) VIA
REMOTE ACCESS:** Mr. Rick Gray

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Clay Mahaffey, Vice Chair

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 Spartanburg NAACP

Mr. Mason gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lee called the meeting to order.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** (Excluded)
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** none
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Ms. Porter to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Beatty. The motion passed 7-0.
 - B. Approval of the Plan for D7 Unoccupied Facilities:** A motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve proceeding with the recommendation for demolition of the District Instructional Support Center building (DISC), issuing of a request for proposal for real estate services at the Kirby House, to continue to hold the former McCracken Middle School building and continue operating under the existing Lease Agreement with Piedmont Community Action. Seconded by Mr. Myers, all were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Approval of D7 Virtual Program Waiver Requests (R 43-231 I, IIA, R43-232 I, IA, R43-234 IIb VI C 1) for the 2021-2022 school year: A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve necessary Virtual Learning waivers for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Grant a Perpetual Right-of-Way and Easement for the Installation of a Sewer Line: A motion was made by Mr. Myers to authorize the Superintendent to Grant a Perpetual Right-of-Way and Easement for the installation of a Sewer line, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, provided the PowerPoint presentation on the Academic Recovery planning shared at the Business Services committee meeting on March 23. He shared the assessment schedule for 2021 Spring Assessments and an update on the Early College applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

Communications: Ms. Beth Lancaster, Chief Communications Officer, provided a summary of the communications projects, media coverage and upcoming events across District 7.

Diversity & Inclusion: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, provided the monthly update from the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.

Finance: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for February 2021 and the current schedule of payments to independent contractors for the year.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stevens' report provided information to the board in the following areas: 1) the 135th day enrollment; 2) upcoming budget and committee meeting dates; 3) an update on COVID and quarantine cases through March 31; 4) update on progress with the alternate superintendent certification program; 5) requirements from South Carolina Department of Education for required State testing this school year; 6) teacher step increase 7) extension of the District's teacher salary schedule from 25 to 28 years; 8) Virtual Learning plans for District for the 2021-2022 school year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A draft copy of the May 4, 2021 Board agenda was provided.

Board members provided general comments related to the restructuring of the Curriculum and Instructional department and how this should greatly benefit our students along stating how well the District is positioned for moving forward following the pandemic.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Myers to go into Executive Session for the discussion of a contractual matter. Seconded by Ms. Porter, the motion passed 7-0.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Gray to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

IX. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: No action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:32 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Porter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Clayton. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Submitted by: Debbie Scharff