

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
District Seven Fine Arts Center., Spartanburg High School
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Sanders Lee, Chair
Mr. Clay Mahaffey, Vice-Chair
Ms. Sharon Porter, Secretary
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mrs. Meg Clayton
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

MEMBER (S) VIA

REMOTE ACCESS: Mr. Rick Gray

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Lee.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Mr. Stevens presented Boardmanship Institute certificates to Mr. Mason (Level 2) and Mr. Myers (Level 1) recognizing their participation in board member training focusing on leadership.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Ms. Tania McDuffie addressed the board to voice her concerns on the District's Return to Learn Plan.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Clayton. Mr. Myers then made a motion to move item 4 of the Consent Agenda (Personnel Actions) out of the Consent Agenda to Executive Session for discussion. With a second by Mr. Beatty, the motion passed 5-4. Mr. Lee then asked for a vote on the motion made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the Consent Agenda, as seconded by Ms. Clayton. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

B. Approval of SCAGO GO Bond Resolution: A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the SCAGO GO Bond Resolution in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of SCAGO GO Bond Resolution: A motion was made by Ms. Clayton to approve the SCAGO Tax Anticipation Note Resolution, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, provided an instructional update detailing the completion of developing the Essential Learning Targets (ELT) from the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for each grade level grades PreK – 9th grade. In addition, information was provided on Professional Development opportunities for all teachers, Guidance Counselor training and planning for the District 7 Virtual School.

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 an update on recently completed training events, upcoming Profession Development opportunities, the District 7 Alliance inaugural book club, The Table, reading selection (*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria*) and the 2020-2021 special observances and events calendar.

Finance: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the General Fund Expenses/Budget, the number of meals served throughout the District during the Summer Feeding Program and the 2020-2021 Meal Prices.

Operations & Technology: Dr. Eric Levitt, Chief Operations & Technology Officer, provided the board with a list of safety equipment which will be provided to schools, students and teachers. In addition, board members were asked to sign the annual safety commitment letter which each employee is then asked to sign.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Stevens’ presented updates to the board of trustees on enrollment numbers for District 7 Virtual School, details on the Carver Field Dedication, summer graduation from Spartanburg High School, and upcoming events throughout the District. Mr. Donnie Love, with McMillan Pazdan Smith, presented a capital update on the conversion of the old Spartanburg High school to McCracken Middle School and the final phase of the Pine Street School HVAC upgrade. Mr. Todd Staley, Athletic Director of Spartanburg High School, shared an update on the status of the Return to Play plan which the South Carolina High School League oversees. Finally, Ms. Joylyn Robinson, District 7 Director of Health Services, shared detailed information on the COVID protocols and guidelines for schools.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Lee reiterated the change of the September board meeting date to September 8th as presented on the draft agenda for this meeting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 7:58 pm a motion was made by Ms. Porter to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel actions, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:35 pm a motion was made by Mr. Mason to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the Personnel Actions, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:40 pm a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUBMITTED BY: _____