

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, February 2, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Sanders Lee, Chair
Ms. Sharon Porter, Secretary
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lee called the meeting to order. Mr. Myers and gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Myers. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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. Hayes. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION & USE AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$5.9M FOR TECHNOLOGY REFRESH:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the recommendation to authorize an Equipment Acquisition & Use Agreement not to exceed \$5.9M for the purpose of providing funds inclusive of technology equipment along with the costs of issuance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:**

Academics: no report

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. Ms. Edwinna Perrin, District Math Coordinator, provided a presentation to the board of trustees on Culturally Relevant Pedagogy for math instruction. Ms. Perrin will conduct two professional development sessions in February which will be offered to all District Seven teachers.

Finance: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for December 2020.

Operations & Technology: Dr. Eric Levitt, Chief Operations & Technology Officer, was joined by Mrs. Tammy Jordan, Principal of Mary H. Wright Elementary. Mrs. Jordan presented a comprehensive plan for the implementation of a garden instructional program, *This is How We Grow*, for students.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stevens' remarks covered the following areas: 1) Naming of the new intersection at Jesse Boyd Elementary School, 2) 90 day enrollment information for the current year along with eight previous years, 3) information on the current All for OneSpartanburg COVID-19 campaign, 4) details related to the dedication of the Carver History wall, and 5) a reminder of upcoming board meeting dates.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A draft copy of the March 2, 2021 Board agenda was provided. Mr. Lee reminded board members of the SC Statement of Economic Interests filing deadline which is March 30, 2021. Board members provided general comments related to school choice, optional professional development for teachers, community events and a suggestion the board of trustees select a date to and find a way to serve the community as a group in the near future.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 6:40 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to go into Executive Session for the discussion of both a contractual matter and personnel matters related to the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by Mr. Myers, all were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Myers to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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

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

Submitted by: Debbie Scharff