

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 6, 2018
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Porter, Chair
Mr. Sanders Lee, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Meg Clayton, Secretary
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mrs. Mr. Clay Mahaffey
Mr. Jeff Mason
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:** Ms. Porter called the meeting to order. Mr. Gray gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE 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 three educators who had been honored as one of 10 Upstate Parent Magazine educators from the Upstate who are making a difference in their student's lives. This year –of the 10 – D7 had 3 who were honored - McCracken Middle School's John Courtney, the Early Learning Center's Angela Truett and Houston Elementary's Shanita Wallace. Sherrie Jeffries educator from Houston was honored as WYFF's Golden Apple Winner. Two notable Spartanburg High School standouts Elle Johnson and Maggie Cubitt were recognized for being named Herald Journal/GoUpstate Athletes of the Year in their respective sports and for also being named the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports Class 5A players of the year. Maggie has committed to Louisiana State and Elle to Florida State University, where they'll both be playing in two years. The eight students who received awards in the City of Spartanburg's Martin Luther King, Jr Poster Contest were recognized: Olivia Palmer, Ana Cardenas-Robinson, Dai'Shon Watkins-Hymes, Jada Landrum, Miracle Twitty, Candace Evans, Alicia Gentry, and top prize winner Sarah Mellon. Sarah's artwork was the featured design on this

year's Unity Week t-shirts and event banners. Six District 7 wordsmiths were honored for showing their skills in the WordMasters Challenge, a national competition for students in grades 3-8 that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. For the “first” WordMasters Challenge each earned perfect scores in the Gold Division – highly impressive when you consider that nationwide - only 95 fourth grade students in the nation, out of more than 2200 students that participated, did the same. The students are Sarah Grace Fluckiger, Miles Keller, Brice Krydynski, Will Love, Samuel Markley, and Sam Mitchell.

IV. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS: There were no Citizen’s Comments.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

B. Approval of the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg School of Choice Designation (SC Code Ann. 919-350): A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg School of Choice Designation, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Waiver Request – Defined Minimum Program (R-43-231): A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Meeting Street Academy Spartanburg Waiver Request, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Waiver Request – Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads (R-43-205 Section II-A (1): A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Waiver Request – Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

E. Approval of Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver: A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

F. Approval of Cleveland Academy of Leadership Calendar Waiver: A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Cleveland Academy of Leadership Calendar Waiver, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

XI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Human Resources: Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the monthly staffing report. She also noted the Human Resources Department had been busy conducting New Teacher Induction Meetings, AP Leadership Training and beginning the contract process for the 2018-2019 school year.

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, provided information on the recruitment process for all of the District's early college programs. The screening and identification process will be completed by the middle of April. He also provided information about middle and high school registration, which will begin in March. All registration will be done electronically in PowerSchool.

Student Services: Dr. Sonia Leverette, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, shared with the board the number of reported flu cases in the District's schools as of the end of January. A total of 74 cases, she said, had been reported.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for December 2017. She noted comparing December 2016 year-to-date activity to December 2017 that revenue collections were down slightly - 0.8% - as it related to percent of budget collected. She said her department continues to monitor revenue closely each month now that regular ad valorem collections began in December. She said expenditures were within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year. Ms. Campbell noted it was time to solicit proposals for Audit Services with a new contract to commence with the audit of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. She said the proposal would not only cover the Financial Statement Audit, but would also cover the Procurement Audit as well.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, introduced MB Kahn's Bill Ramsay and Margaret Rush, who updated the board on Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) efforts as it related to the Spartanburg High School project. Ms. Rush shared the process MB Kahn uses to identify contractors. She stated MB Kahn prides itself on using and identifying certified contractors. She said her office had been working with the Housing Authority, The City of Spartanburg, and The Chamber to communicate contractor meetings and information about the project. Mr. Ramsay notified the board that the project is currently at 59% local participation.

Technology Report: There was no report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

2018-2019 Calendar (Traditional): Dr. Booker provided a copy of the 2018-2019 school calendar. He noted students would be scheduled to return to school on August 20, 2018.

90 Day Enrollment: Dr. Booker provided the 90-day enrollment figures along with a six-year trend chart. He said enrollment was up approximately 100 students.

Inclement Weather Make-up Day: Dr. Booker said due to the inclement weather that was experienced on September 11, January 8, January 17, January 18 and January 19, students would be scheduled to make the days up on February 19, March 30, and June 4 as highlighted on the calendar. He said two additional days would need to be made up on June 5 and June 6. He noted the school board had been granted the authority to forgive up to 3 days after the designated days had all been made up. He said it has not been determined if the Spartanburg County school districts would look to seek forgiveness for the remaining days at this point.

XI. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: A draft copy of the March 6, 2018 Board agenda was provided.

State of Economic Interests: Ms. Porter reminded the board that they are to submit to the South Carolina Ethics Commission their Statement of Economic Interest. These must be filed electronically, and the due date is March 30, 2018.

Board Committee Assignments: Ms. Porter shared a copy of the list of Board Committees for 2018. She asked each committee chair to assume the responsibility of surveying the members of their committee to determine a preferred meeting time for their committee.

Possible Board Retreat: Ms. Porter discussed the possibility of having a follow-up retreat the Weather’s Group. She said her hope for doing this is to begin the 2018 calendar year on a positive note and create common ground among board members. After discussion, Dr. Booker stated he would send the board several possible dates to choose from for the retreat.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

XIII. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was Executive Session and no action taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:15 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