

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, March 2, 2021
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:** Mr. Lee called the meeting to order. Mr. Hayes 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. Hayes. The motion passed 9-0.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Mr. Stevens shared Meeting Street Academy-Spartanburg has been nominated as a Blue-Ribbon School by State Superintendent Molly Spearman.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** none
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Porter. The motion passed 9-0.
 - B. Approval of the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg School of Choice Designation (SC Code Ann. 59-19-350):** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg School of Choice Designation, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.
 - C. Approval of the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Waiver Request – Defined Minimum Program (R-43-231):** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to

approve the Meeting Street Academy Spartanburg Waiver Request, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

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. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

E. Approval of Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver: A motion was made by Mr. Mahaffey to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

F. Approval of Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2021-2022: A motion was made by Ms. Porter to approve the Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2021-2022, seconded by Ms. Clayton. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

G. Approval of Local Courses: A motion was made by Mr. Mason to approve the local courses, seconded by Ms. Clayton. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, shared an update on the Academic Recovery planning, Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee (CHEAC) and the proposed Cognia accreditation dates for 2022.

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 January 2021.

Student Services: Dr. Marc Zachary, Chief Administrative Officer, provided information on 2020-2021 Alternative School recommendations, expulsions, school choice, out of district tuition, proviso students, affidavits, and McKinney Vento referrals.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kyndran Hilton, Principal of Meeting Street Academy- Spartanburg joined Mr. Stevens to give an overview of Meeting Street Academy-Spartanburg. Mr. Stevens' remarks covered the following areas: 1) an update on the proposed Middle School Restructuring and transition of the K4 program from the Early Learning Center to elementary schools; 2) a capital update for proposed renovations at McCarthy Teszler; 3) 2021-2022 budget planning update; 4) an invitation to board members to the South Carolina Foundation for Educational Leadership Annual Gala on April 23, 2021; and 4) details for board member training scheduled for March 18, 2021.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A draft copy of the April 13, 2021 Board agenda was provided. Mr. Lee reminded board members of the SC Statement of Economic Interests filing deadline which is March 30, 2021.

Ms. Porter presented findings of the committee created to recommend an evaluation tool for Superintendent Stevens. After reviewing more than five evaluation tools from across the state, the recommendation from the committee members (Ms. Porter and Ms. Clayton) is to use the superintendent evaluation tool used by the board in 2015 for former Superintendent Russell Booker's evaluation. Next steps are to schedule an executive session

Board members provided general comments related to the Meeting Street Academy presentation, SROs in schools, student success in District 7 schools and the importance of customer service excellence in our front offices.

Mr. Gray left the virtual session at approximately 7:25 p.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to go into Executive Session for the discussion of both a contractual matter and a personnel recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Mason, the motion passed 8-0.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 7:44 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 8-0.

IX. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 7:44 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Beatty authorizing Mr. Stevens to move forward with the hiring of Dr. Kira Reaves as the next Chief Human Resource Officer, pending the successful negotiation of an employment contract. Seconded by Ms. Porter, the motion passed 8-0.

X. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:45 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 8-0.