

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 3, 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. Rick Gray
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

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 Spartanburg NAACP

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lee called the meeting to order. Mr. Beatty 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. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Ms. Beth Lancaster, Chief Communication Officer, recognized community leader Luther Norman, whose dedication to preserving the history of the Negro Baseball League here in Spartanburg significantly contributed to our headlining event at Spartanburg High School. She honored the District 7 students who placed during the 4th annual Black History Bowl, which was sponsored by the Center for African-American Studies at USC Upstate. A team from McCracken earned 1st and 3rd places in the junior division and a team from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church – which was made up of Spartanburg High School students - claimed the senior championship title. Audril Jones and Brandi Gist, who both work here in our District Office, advised the Spartanburg High School students and Ava Long, Kasey Talley, and George Stevens advised the teams from McCracken. Third Place Team from McCracken: Corin Caldwell, Kaylene Gonzalez, Kenneth Jackson, Dori Johnson, Junior Championship Team from McCracken: Bianca Basurto-Perez, Myles Klosterman, Jamaria Tinsley, Senior Championship Team, Joseph Broadus, Katie Dogan, Mikiya Fowler, Cameran Gist. Spartanburg High School educator, Mr. Dennis

Roberts, was recognized for being named the South Carolina Business Educators Association Teacher of the Year. Mr. Roberts teaches Business & Technology Education and has been a shining star in District 7 for more than 16 years. He is the Department Chair for Business & Technology and serves as a Cyber-Vikings Coach. The SHS Cyber Vikings earned First Place in the High School Open Division by the Spartanburg County High School League during their Cyber Patriot Banquet at Spartanburg Community College. The team is Emmett Baymiller, Matthew Beyer, Lily Boucher, Jack Foster, Jonah Grinder, Skylar Hawkins, Mason Kellam, Mack Kimbrell, Daniel Lo, Jonathan Lun, Takeira Miller, Earth Patel, Witou Prak, Jonathan Tate and Caleb Thompson. The Daniel Morgan Team Legions I Team came in Second Place in the High School Open Division with two D7 students on that team - Javon Spruill and Hunter Warren. Pine Street Elementary 4th grader Everett Stone was honored for winning the District 7 Spelling Bee and for placing third place at the Regional Bee. SHS students who competed in the S.C. High School Ethics Bowl and advisors Susan Plonski & Erin Hubbell were honored for making it to the final round. Team A consists of Feng Chen, Emily Daniel, Theo Goodchild-Michelman, Janvi Patel, Julie Rodrick and Jamey Whisnant.

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. Mahaffey. 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. 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.

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.

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. Hayes 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.

- E. Approval of Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver, seconded by Mr. Myers. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2020-2021:** A motion was made by Ms. Porter to approve the Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2020-2021, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Ms. Sharon Porter, Mr. Vernon Beatty, Mr. Rick Gray and Mr. Kenneth Myers to attend the NSBA 2020 Conference in Chicago IL, April 4-6, 2020:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the Out-of-State travel for Sharon Porter, Vernon Beatty, Rick Gray and Kenneth Myers to attend the NSBA 2020 Conference in Chicago, IL April 4-6th 2020, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- H. Approval of Local Courses:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the local courses, seconded by Ms. Porter. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, presented a list of local courses for board approval.

Communications: Ms. Beth Lancaster, Chief Communication Officer provided a copy of the communication’s media report along with a list of pertinent dates for the month.

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 2020. She said comparing January 2019 year-to-date activity to January 2020, that the District’s revenue collections were up significantly at 4.8% as it relates to percent of budget collected. Ms. Campbell noted expenditures for the year were 1.3% ahead of prior year and could be attributed to a much tighter budget with more aggressive assumptions.

Human Resources: Dr. Marc Zachary, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided the monthly staffing report.

Operations: Mr. Jeff Steven, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief update on the McCracken Middle School Renovation project.

Technology & Innovation: No report.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Student Achievement Overview: Dr. Booker invited Principals from Mary H. Wright Elementary School and the Cleveland Academy of Leadership to provide an update on the progress taking place at their schools. Also provided was an overview of significant partners who are working collaboratively with each school. Dr. Booker also provided an update as it related to students at Spartanburg High School and their post-secondary pursuits and progress.

Student Athlete Participation/Eligibility: Dr. Booker proved the board the section of the 2019 Spartanburg Student Handbook along with Board Policy JJI Interscholastic Athletics for discussion.

2020-2021 Budget Planning Update: Dr. Booker noted he had completed budget meetings with all principals and departments. He proposed to the board a series of budget work sessions.

SHS Memorial Dedications: Dr. Booker told the board that the District was in the process of planning the unveiling of two significant memorial pieces at the new Spartanburg High School. On April 24 (time to be determined), he noted a dedicatory program for the memorial sculpture project would be held. Following that program, he said the unveiling of the history walls of the former Carver High School and Evans High School would take place.

International African American Museum (IAAM): Dr. Booker noted in bringing a month long celebration of Black History Month to a close, he was pleased to announce that District 7 would be the first school district in South Carolina to support the International African American Museum in Charleston, SC. He noted, as a charter member, D7 looked forward to being a part of and supporting what is expected to be one of the country’s most significant museums and memorials.

Upcoming Racial Equity Institute Invitation: Dr. Booker said District Seven was pleased to be in partnership with a number of local organizations and agencies including the City of Spartanburg, Mary Black Foundation, Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg Medical Center, The Spartanburg County Foundation, United Way of the Piedmont, and USC Upstate to again host the Racial Equity Institute. He said there would be two workshops held at no cost to invited

participants on April 29-30 and May 7-8 at a yet to be determined location. He invited board members to attend.

VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: A draft copy of the April 7, 2020 Board agenda was provided. Mr. Lee reminded board members to submit to their South Carolina Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interests by March 30, 2020. Mr. Lee thanked the five board members who were in attendance for the SCSBA Annual Convention, which centered around Vision. Mr. Lee reminded the board that Spring Break was scheduled for the week of March 30 – April 3, and with that the regularly scheduled board meeting would move to Tuesday, April 7th. He noted because there were many students who would be recognized during the Good News portion, that the meeting would take place in the Fine Arts Center at Spartanburg High School.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no action taken

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Submitted by: _____