

**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 5, 2019  
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 Spartanburg NAACP

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Porter called the meeting to order. Mr. Mahaffey gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Dr. Booker recognized Malachi Shuler the D7 Spelling Bee Winner from Drayton Mills Elementary School. Malachi, along with other school first place school winners recently competed against other county students at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 16 at USC Upstate's Campus Life Center. Dr. Booker honored senior athletes Malik Shuler and Sean Jenkins on their tremendous seasons – Malik competed in the SCHSL 5A State Wrestling championship where he finished as runner up battling in a thrilling overtime finals match, earned all-state honors and a spot on the SCWCA Best Western North South All Star Event recently held in North Myrtle Beach. Sean was selected as a member of the 5A All-State Boys Basketball Team and was selected to play in the North/South All-Star Basketball Game this month in Lexington. Dr. Booker honored the six SHS students who competed as one of eleven high school teams from all across the state in the inaugural S.C. High School Ethics Bowl held at Wofford College. The Spartanburg High School received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state and an outstanding performance – the team members include Grant Booker, Isabella Goodchild-Michelman, Amy Rieth, Brian Sanders, Pramita Suresh, and

Sophia Whisnant. Erin Hubbell is the team adviser. Dr. Booker noted throughout the District last month, African American role models and mentors shared stories to underscore the importance of Black History Month. He said young people in our District were also able to take part and test their knowledge during the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Black History Bowl which was sponsored by the Center for African-American Studies at USC Upstate. Teams included churches, schools and community groups and nineteen team competed. He honored the McCracken Team who earned 2nd place in the junior championship and the I Am My Ancestors' Wildest Dream team from Mt Moriah made up of Spartanburg High School students who claimed the senior championship title. SHS Track Coach and Administrative Executive Assistant Audril Jones and Director of Federal Programs Brandi Gist worked with the team of Spartanburg High School students and I believe members of both teams are with us tonight. The championship team members from the high school are Courtney McClain, Cameran Gist, Joseph Broadus III, Mikiya Fowler, and Enicci Gist, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place McCracken Team is Dalia Garcia, Esmeraldo Rodriguez, Nyia Girdner, and Nathan Fernandez. Dr. Booker recognized two D7 students who were honored with prestigious merit awards during the county-wide Junior Scholars ceremony. Abigail Brown earned the highest score in the county on the PSAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing section (710), and Sierra Hufford earned the highest score in Spartanburg County on the PSAT Math section (700). Sierra and Abigail are both 8th graders at McCracken Middle. The Cyber Vikings and Cyber Eagles under the leadership of Adam Babcock, Dennis Roberts, and Lesa Garity were recognized for competing in countywide competition involving cyber security and both teams earned 1<sup>st</sup> place. The Cyber Viking honorees are: Jack Foster, Mathias Gentry, Michael Hall, Skylar Hawkins, Matthew Parker, Logan Patterson, Brian Sanders, Jonathan Tate, and Caleb Thompson; and Sean Foote, James Howlett, Kaelyn Hufford, Sierra Hufford, Dexter Lehman and Spencer Waugh make up the Cyber Eagles. During the awards dinner all competitors were encouraged by guest speaker Diane Janosek, Commandant for the National Cryptologic School at NSA in Washington.

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no Citizen's Comments.

**V. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gray. 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. Lee to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg School of Choice Designation, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. 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. Lee to approve the Meeting Street Academy Spartanburg Waiver Request, seconded by Dr. White. 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. Lee to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Waiver Request – Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads, seconded by Dr. White. 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. Gray to approve the Meeting Street Academy – Spartanburg Calendar Waiver, seconded by Dr. White. 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. Lee to approve the Cleveland Academy of Leadership Calendar Waiver, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- G. Approval of Cleveland Academy of Leadership Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2019-2020:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the Cleveland Academy of Leadership Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2019-2020, seconded by Mr. Hayes. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- H. Approval of Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2019-2020:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the Professional Staff Re-Employment for 2019-2020, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- I. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Rick Gray to attend the NSBA 2019 Conference in Philadelphia, PA, March 28 – April 2, 2019:** A motion was made by Mr. Beatty to approve the Out-of-State travel for Rick Gray to attend the NSBA 2019 Conference in Philadelphia, PA, March 28 – April 2, 2019, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:**

**Human Resources:** Dr. Carlotta Redish, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the monthly staffing report. She noted the Human Resources Department had successfully processed a total of 111 certified teachers for the 2018-2019 school term and 76 classified employees.

**Communications:** A copy of the communication's media report along with a list of pertinent dates for the month was provided.

**Curriculum & Instruction:** No report

**Administration:** No report.

**Business & Finance:** Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for January 2019. She said comparing January 2018 year-to-date activity to January 2019, that the District's revenue collections were up slightly at 0.7% as it related to percent of budget collected. She said her department continues to monitor revenue closely each month since regular ad valorem collections began in December. Ms. Campbell noted expenditures are within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year.

**Planning & Innovation:** No report

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**South Carolina Education Reform Bill:** Dr. Booker presented information on the education bill in SC General Assembly. He touched on the major points of the SC Education Reform Bill and noted any potential impact on the District.

**Budget Process for 2019-2020:** Dr. Booker noted he had completed budget meetings with all principals and departments. He proposed to the board a series of budget work sessions.

**State of the District:** Dr. Booker told the board he was planning his annual State of the District presentation for the community. He asked members to save the date, Thursday, April 18 at the Chapman Cultural Center.

**VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** A draft copy of the April 9, 2019 Board agenda was provided. Ms. Porter reminded board members to submit to their South Carolina Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interests by March 30, 2019. Ms. Porter thanked the six board members who were in attendance for the SCSBA Annual Convention, which centered around School Safety. Ms. Porter reminded the board that Spring Break was scheduled for the week of April 1-5, and with that the regularly scheduled board meeting would move to Tuesday, April 9th. She noted because there was a large number of students who would be recognized during the Good News portion, that the meeting would take place in the media center at Spartanburg High School.

- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 7:31 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to move to executive session, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Dr. White to accept the addendum to the Superintendent's Professional Employment Agreement, seconded by Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Mason to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Clayton. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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**SUPERINTENDENT**

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**

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**MINUTES APPROVED**