

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Spartanburg High School, Library
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Tuesday, April 9, 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. Mason 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:** Dr. Russell Booker, Superintendent, presented the Good News celebrating the accomplishments of both teachers and students. Jesse Boyd's Corinna Gibbs received a Reflex Grant designed to enhance the math curriculum for her 2nd graders. Mary H Wright's Joseph Pavon received 1st Place in South Carolina Association of School Librarians Bookmark Contest. Five D7 students won awards in the Piedmont Region III Science Fair - Layla Mitchell, Katalina Peirce, Eva Jolly, Brandon Geter, and Nicholas Battocchio. A group of 15 students from EP Todd were honored for their awards earned on the Science Olympiad team. Members recognized included Andrew Kongkeo, Joseph Collins, DJ Norman Roy Smoot, Chris Gist, Dustin Thongkhanvilay, Ayden Adams-Scott, Nate Foster, Selena Mok, Aaliyah Boyce, Charles Mitchell, Christina Mok, Chyna Baynard, Isabelle Smith, and Devini Tousley. Nine students in D7 were honored for their participation in the SC Elementary Honor Choir - Gray Howlett, Karis Kuykendall, Chloe Monosso, Henry Phillips, Jasmin Stevens, Hayden Brewington, Annaka Lyda, Natali Servando, and Javian Smith. The many students who had earned placement in Region or All State or Chorus, Band and Orchestra were honored. All State Chorus - Hadley Carmichael, Carson Hardigree, Macy Petty, Aly Hogue, Alex Becknell, Leila Tajana, Cameron Mitchell, Sophie Kannee, Liza Chapman, Samantha Ensley, Evelyn Stephens, Shakya Cohen, Claire Ellis,, Ella Hardigree, Sarah Kate Hogshead, Claire Groover, Claire Stevens, Reagan Collins, Bryson Rose, Mitt Souththivong, Jacob Price, Jalen Byrd,

Dante Stewart, Seth Smith. Region Band - Layla Mitchell, Julia Graham, Sarah Gray, Jackson Hall, Nathaniel Hamms, Chase Martin, Matthew Price, Dylan Prus, Grayson Sandrock Sam VanHyning, Shelby Arnold, Anna Becknell, Andrew Bogan, Genevieve Boucher, Jason Button, James Corbin, MunTaiya Dillard, Jack Graham, Nathan Jones, Daniel Jones, Drew Joyce, Eli Manke, Dalton Markley, Cameron Maybin, Caroline Shaw, Evelyn Stephens, John Henry Tennant, Avery Transiskus, Jackson VanHyning, Ellie Vensel, Mequil Waller, Alex Weygandt, Tristan Willcox, and Avery Transiskus. All State Band - Tristen Godfrey, Andrew Lawton, Luke Duncan, and Talley Vaneman. Region Orchestra - Allana Farmer, Natalie Acevedo, Jalen Byrd, Justin Barron, Sharon George, Sarah Cribb, Alexandria Steinbach, Ballenger Cooksey, Trevor Reininger, Nadia Ferguson, Hayden Green, Ilan Falcon, Peyton, Haleigh Millwood, Emily Daniel, Sahaan Lawrence, Adianna Steinbach, Caroline Manke, Carson Baker, John Bolinger, Ezra Anderson, Madison Cooksey, Nick Tipton, John Kuntz, Ruben Falcon, Emie Cate Green, Daniel Lin, Cely Voyles, Brady Johnson, and Jayden Band. All-State Orchestra - Ezra Anderson, Jalen Byrd, Ilan Falcon, Hayden Green and Trevor Reininger.

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

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Mason. 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 5 certified teachers for the 2019-2020 school term and 2 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: Dr. Terry Pruitt updated the board on the District's Reading Recovery strategies and training. He noted the department was on track to train all K5, 1st and 2nd grade teachers in Literacy Lessons – the research-based best practices which are the “meat” of the program. Dr. Pruitt said Cohort VII for the Viking Early College had been finalized. Dr. Pruitt shared that the districtwide convocation would be held on August 14, 2019 at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium due to the move to the new high school and the renovations at the current high school site. He said the guest speaker would be Mr. Michel Bonner, the young, inspirational teacher who appeared on the Ellen show.

Administration: No report.

Business & Finance: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for February 2019. She said comparing February 2018 year-to-date

activity to February 2019, that the District's revenue collections were down slightly at 0.6% 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:

SC Department of Education Financial Risk Assessment: Dr. Booker noted that because the District was the recipient of numerous federal awards and grants that the South Carolina Department of Education was required, as a pass-through entity for specific federal programs to award, administer, and monitor each sub-award to districts. As such, the SCDE conducted their annual risk assessments of school districts based on overall financial and programmatic performance as demonstrated through 10 criteria: required reporting, experience of key personnel, programmatic compliance, fiscal compliance, performance, frequency and need of technical assistance, financial stability, quality of internal financial controls, timeliness of annual financial audit submission and other miscellaneous criteria. Dr. Booker was pleased to announce the district received an overall risk score of "10" which is considered very low risk. The lowest risk score available is a "9". These scores are now important as federal awarding agencies such as Title I, IDEA, etc., will review district's risk score prior to federal awards.

135 Day Enrollment: Dr. Booker shared the 135-day enrollment figures. He highlighted K5-12 135th day enrollment figures for the district (2000-2019). He said enrollment in D7 over the previous year had grown by 49 students to 7,129 and total enrollment in K3-12 was 7,455 students. The District continues to see positive growth in student enrollment.

Excellence in Financial Reporting Awards: Dr. Booker shared that the District recently received two awards that honor the "gold standard" in financial reporting - Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and Association of School Business Official's International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. He said both awards are the highest honor the district can receive in financial reporting.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: A draft copy of the May 7, 2019 Board agenda was provided.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 6:39 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to move to executive session, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

X. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the organizational pattern as presented by the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Six were in favor of the motion, and two opposed the motion (VB & RG). The motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED