

**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, May 1, 2018

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Sharon Porter, Chair  
Mr. Sanders Lee, Vice-Chair  
Mrs. Meg Clayton, Secretary  
Mr. Vernon Beatty  
Mr. Andy Hayes  
Mr. Jeff Mason  
Dr. Ernest White

**MEMBER (S) ABSENT:** Mr. Rick Gray  
Mr. Clay Mahaffey

**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 and Mr. Beatty gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond, Chief Communications Officer, recognized three individuals for their dedication to mentoring children in D7: Warren Evans, Med Student at VCOM; Natalie Patterson, Spartanburg Director for Mentor Upstate; and Kel'Sea Smith, Founder of Road to Royalty Mentoring. Cheryl Robinette was honored for being named the South Carolina Association of School Librarians' Library Paraprofessional of the Year. Science Fair winners from the Piedmont Region III Science Fair were honored Brice Krydinski, Cameron Brown, Dawkins, Kyra Kemp, Colin Winkler, Katalina Pierce, and Molly Bryant. WordMasters Challenge highest honors designees Ellie Kocisko, Zikeem Robertson, Sierra Shuford, Wynn Story, Drake Vaughn, Alexis Howlett, Daija Dowling, Jay Blanton, Chariya Moon, Nick Rhoden, Alan Ruff, Luke Duncan, Jessie Arrington, Katie Cole, Thomas Keller, Sahaan Lawrence, Wesley Shelton, and Cooper Stone were honored. National Placement Le Grand Concours medal winner were honored: Emmett Baymiller (Bronze medal), Maxwell Booker (Bronze medal), Annie Colbath (Bronze medal), Thomas Keller (Bronze medal), Zachary Moore (Bronze medal, Nicole Giesbertz (Silver medal), Isabelle Edwards (Gold medal) and Violette Franke (Gold medal). The SHS Teacher Cadets were recognized for their

work in classrooms this year - Carlisle Brice (Teaching Fellows Award), Anna Burnett, Ashton Coggins (Teaching Fellows Award), Micah, Grace Gist, Noah Goodwin (Teaching Fellows Award), Lanie Graves , Morgan Jackson , Sarah Marquis, Alex Rothschild , Logan Sandor , Isabel Washko , Kaelyn Wofford , Hannah Wood (Teaching Fellows Award), Margaret Young. Knox Eaton was honored for being named an Upstate Parent Magazine Student Who Makes a Difference.

**III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no Citizens' Comments

**IV. ACTION ITEMS:**

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

**B. Approval of Board Policy – ADF – Second and Final Reading:** Mr. Beatty brought forth a recommendation from the Board Policy Committee to approve Board Policy ADF – Second and Final Reading. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Approval of Board Policy BBBC – Second and Final Reading:** Mr. Beatty brought forth a recommendation from the Board Policy Committee to approve Board Policy BBBC – Second and Final Reading. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**D. Approval of Board Policy IKE – Second and Final Reading:** Mr. Beatty brought forth a recommendation from the Board Policy Committee to approve Board Policy IKE – Second and Final Reading. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**E. Approval of Contract to Award McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday and Company:** Mr. Lee brought forth a recommendation from the Business Services Committee to approve the audit services bid for the 2017-2018 fiscal year with the option of four annual renewals. 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, provided the monthly staffing report.

**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, gave an overview of the dual credit programs. He noted the sixth cohort for the Viking Early College had been chosen and 17 students selected out of 44 applicants. For the Spartanburg County

Early College High School (SCECHS), he said the fifth cohort had been chosen and there were six District 7 students selected out of 61 interviewed applicants from around the county. Currently he said in the Scholars Academy was one Seniors, three Juniors, a Sophomore, 2 Freshmen, and 10 incoming Freshmen representing Carver, EP Todd, and McCracken.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, shared with the Board that the Senate passed the State budget on April 12, 2018. She noted the House would review the Senate budget beginning the week of April 24, 2018 and would likely non-concur meaning that a conference committee made up of 3 House members and 3 Senate members would be appointed to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget. She said she did not have projections from the Senate version of the State budget (which is what The District would use to complete budget development). Ms. Campbell said in the interim her department had worked diligently on the local revenue side and all non-salary expenditures. She said based on the required salary schedule increases and other items normally included in the budget, coupled with our reduced local revenues, it was safe to say the budget would fall short. She said administration intends on bringing a budget for approval at the regular June meeting. She also enclosed the Financial Reports for March 2018. She noted comparing March 2017 year-to-date activity to March 2018, that revenue collections were down 2.6% as it related to the percent of budget collected. She noted the District might actually draw on our reserves to finish the year but it was still a bit early to know.

**Planning & Operations:** Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, introduced team members from MB Khan for update on the high school project. Currently at the high school site prep work had begun for the athletic fields and the wiring in mechanical and electrical for the education wing had started. In the next month a bid would go out for the stadium, landscaping and the athletic campus.

**Technology Report:** There was no report.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Graduation**

Dr. Booker noted that Spartanburg High School's graduation was scheduled for Friday, May 25 at 7:30pm at the Jerry Richardson Indoor Arena. He said he would send some additional information as it related to designated parking and gathering location once it is finalized.

### **City of Spartanburg Land Purchase**

Dr. Booker shared a map denoting a parcel of property sitting adjacent to the new Spartanburg High School. He said the City of Spartanburg who owns the 12-acre parcel is considering deeding the property over to the district. He said it is not known

at this time whether the property could be developed, but it could provide access to a potential trail that may run to the back of our property.

### **Partners for Active Living**

Dr. Booker updated the Board on Partners for Active Living's (PAL) work to create a well connected, easily navigated, and safe trail throughout our community. He said the District has been a partner in these efforts through our partnership with the Cottonwood Trail that runs behind the current Spartanburg High School. He said District Seven and PAL were both interested in seeking avenues to connect the community to the new Spartanburg High School in a safe manner. Dr. Booker said initial conversations had taken place, and both organizations hoped to create a plan to make this a reality prior to the opening of the new school.

### **Diagnostic Reviews**

Dr. Booker shared that Cleveland Academy of Leadership and Mary H. Wright Elementary School had recently undergone an AdvancED Progress Monitoring Review as a follow-up to the Diagnostic Reviews held during the 2015-2016 school year. He said that while the visiting teams were unable to provide feedback prior to their departure, he was very optimistic about their findings and looked forward to sharing their report.

### **League of Innovative Schools Meeting**

Dr. Booker said the League of Innovative Schools hosted its Bi-annual meeting in the Carolinas April 25-27 in Charlotte, NC and noted it was the first time the League had hosted a meeting in this area. He said District Seven continued to enjoy its partnership with Digital Promise and reminded the Board that the South Carolina school districts include Spartanburg Seven, Richland 2, Lexington 1, and Rock Hill.

### **Spartanburg High School Ceremonial Beam Raising**

Dr. Booker said that MB Khan was preparing for the laying of the final beam at the new Spartanburg High School. He said the current plan was to deliver the beam to SHS prior to the close of school so students and staff would have an opportunity to sign it. He said a date had not been set at this point for a ceremony, but we anticipated doing this prior to the close of school. As we detail the plans, he said he would send additional information your way.

### **Children's Museum Grand Opening – May 19**

Dr. Booker said the Children's Museum of the Upstate is scheduled to open on May 19, 2018 and that Spartanburg School District Seven was a partner in this effort.

### **Houston and Chapman Open Houses**

Dr. Booker shared information about celebrations for the closing of Houston and Chapman. He said as the year comes to a close, we are excited about the new year and the opening of Drayton Mills Elementary School but at the same time are saddened by the closure of these two schools that have meant so much to our district and their communities. He said on Sunday, June 3 the District would host open

houses on the campuses of both schools. He said former principals and staff members from Chapman and Houston would be incited back along with the community and brief ceremonies would be held at each location.

**Board Retreat**

Dr. Booker thanked Board Members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the retreat on April 20 and April 21, which from all accounts, appeared to be meaningful and productive. He said he looked forward to receiving the report from Mr. Weathers and next steps in the process.

**Last Day of School – June 4, 2018**

- IX. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** A draft copy of the June 5, 2018 Board agenda was provided.
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no Executive Session
- XI. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no action taken.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lee to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**

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**MINUTES APPROVED**