

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Charles H. Humphries, Jr., Administration Building

Tuesday, May 4, 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. 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:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Mr. Lee.
- 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:** (Excluded)
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
  - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by M. Porter to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
  - B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MULTI-DISTRICT AGREEMENT AMONG THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND FUNDING OF THE MCCARTHY-TESZLER SCHOOL; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF FOUNDATION FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; APPROVING A PLAN FOR THE FINANCING OF NEW FACILITIES FOR THE MCCARTHY-TESZLER SCHOOL; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY AN OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND FOUNDATION**

**FOR SPARTANBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH OTHER AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:** A motion was made by Mr. Mason to adopt the proposed Resolution which provides for (i) the execution and delivery of a Multi-District Agreement among the Spartanburg County School Districts relating to McCarthy-Teszler School, (ii) the creation of Foundation for Spartanburg County Public School Districts, (iii) approval of a plan for the financing of new facilities for the McCarthy-Teszler School, and (iv) approval of an Operating Lease Agreement between the School District and the Foundation. Seconded by Mr. Mahaffey, the motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:**

**Academics:** No report.

**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 recapping D&I activities across the District.

**Finance:** Missy Campbell, Chief Finance Officer, provided the Finance report for the General Fund detailing year-to-date activity through March 31, 2021 and the current schedule of payments to independent contractors for the year.

**Human Resources:** No report.

**Operations & Technology:** No report.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Culturally Relevant Teaching:** Ms. Nicole Thompson and Mr. Michael Wilson of Carver Middle School provided a compelling presentation on Mr. Wilson's incorporation of Culturally Relevant Teaching strategies for his students. Mr. Thomas Webster, Ms. Sherrie Jefferies and Ms. Myrella Samuels next provided a presentation to the board on the progress and results for improving student achievement with the use of culturally relevant classroom literature.

**School Choice for 2021-22 School Year:** Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, provided a summary of the school choice applications received and approved for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Stevens shared a comprehensive update on the 4K registration efforts to increase participation for the 2021-22 school year. He shared brief information on the completed

2021-22 placements for staff transitioning from the Early Learning Center and EP Todd Middle School noting the process went very smoothly. Mr. Stevens shared a video presentation detailing a new Employee Assistance Program District 7 will offer all employees. He completed his updates providing brief comments on i) Substitute daily rates of pay, (ii) an expanded partnership with Regenesi Healthcare, (iii) preliminary information related to the Spartanburg High School 2021 commencement ceremony.

**VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** A draft copy of the June 1, 2021 Board agenda was provided. Mr. Porter thanked District teachers and nurses for the heroic work throughout the past school year.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 7:04 pm a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to a letter received by Chairman Lee from an employee. Seconded by Mr. Mason, the motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION:** At approximately 8:08 pm a motion was made by Mr. Myers to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:10 pm a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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