

**SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Administration Building, Board Room  
Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Tuesday, May 7, 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. 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:** Beth Lancaster, Chief Communications Office, presented the Good News celebrating the accomplishments of both teachers and students.
- 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. Hayes. 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 9 certified teachers for the 2019-2020 school term.

**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, Deputy Superintendent, informed the board that three students had applied for the Scholars Academy, all from McCracken Middle School, and one student was accepted. Dr. Pruitt shared that currently the district had 12 students in the Citizen Scholars “legacy” model. The model is now the College and Career Ready model – districts are allowed to have more students participate and there is no guaranteed scholarship. He noted, however, because students are so well prepared for college, they are eligible for multiple scholarships. Dr. Pruitt said in collaboration with Converse College the District was organizing the Valkyrie Middle College for female students wishing to become teachers. He said students would be identified during their 10th grade year, would begin cohort classes their junior year, and take courses in the education major courses at Converse their junior and senior years. Dr. Pruitt shared information on the Responsive Classroom Expansion. Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach to education that focuses on the strong relationship between academic success and social-emotional learning (SEL). He said the Responsive Classroom approach empowers educators to create safe, joyful, and engaging learning communities where all students have a sense of belonging and feel significant. Dr. Pruitt said currently, Cleveland and Meeting Street Academy were fully implemented and that this summer the Drayton Mills faculty and staff would be trained. The model is considered best practice and uses techniques that foster improved classroom management and teaching practices.

**Administration:** No report.

**Business & Finance:** Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Financial Reports for March 2019. She said comparing March 2018 year-to-date activity to March 2019, that the District’s revenue collections were down slightly at 0.3% as it related to percent of budget collected. She noted ad valorem collections had increased significantly during April. Ms. Campbell noted expenditures are within target ranges and consistent with percentages from prior year.

**Planning & Innovation:** Dr. Eric Levitt, Assistant Superintendent of Planning and Innovation, provided an update on technology at the new SHS. He said the focus was on ordering the equipment to make all the systems run smoothly including telephones, security cameras, switches, wireless access points, time clocks, intercom system, and needed classroom and office technologies. He said once the equipment arrives plans would be underway to install and train the appropriate faculty and staff. Dr. Levitt told the board instructional technology staff members were now offering PD in a Flash - 15 minutes or less videos for teachers. He said the videos have had more than 350 views in the last 60 days. These short, live-streamed videos give teachers “just in-time” training on a variety of technology integration topics. He noted his department was also revamping our professional development model to closely integrate technology with curriculum and instructional training through a video library of tutorials, blended-learning opportunities, continued on-the-job coaching and face-to-face sessions.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

**Year-End Events:** Dr. Booker shared with the board a list of annual end of year celebrations/recognitions and also shared information on commencement. He reminded the board the last day of school is May 31, 2019.

**VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** A draft copy of the June 4, 2019 Board agenda was provided.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Beatty to move to executive session to discuss personnel related matters, seconded by Dr. White. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**OPEN SESSION:** At approximately 7:28 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:29 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Beatty. 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**