

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, June 5, 2018

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
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Clay Mahaffey

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Dr. Ernest White

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. Gray 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 Mr. Gray. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** Sally Hammond, Chief Communications Officer, introduced April Kelly Drummond, senior director of diversity, inclusion and multicultural engagement at Denny's restaurants, who presented Alexia Simone Bogier with a scholarship award. Adam Babcock was honored for being asked to join the South Carolina 2018-2019 Emerging Leader Class, a group of educators who desire to become more involved in our state's educational community. Four students were honored as International Math Olympiads - Carson Bishop, Teagan McEnroe, Colin Mills-Winkler, and Paul Whisnant. And our District Wordsmiths were at it once again in the 3rd and final WordMasters Challenge for grades 3-8. D7 had 22 students win highest honors in this year's third WordMasters Challenge. Each of the following students earned perfect scores (20/20) in the Gold Division Challenge #3 where nationwide only 46 third graders, 111 fourth graders, and 65 fifth graders did the same. Cynthia Edge, Susan Holcombe, Alexis Howlett, Anne Martin, Anne McChesney, and Kathryn Reichwald coach the Elementary ODYSSEY students. Students with perfect scores on WordMasters Challenge Three were: James Pryor, Zachary Wade, Nicholas Bankhead, Jaeda Johnson, Wyatt Joyce, Romeo Miller, Yukin Zhang, Brendan Foote, Lillian Hanna, Maggie Akridge, Camryn Bennett, Jay

Blanton, Merrin Cetto, Isak Jackson, K.J. Jackson, Teagan McEnroe, Gabrielle Tanner, Carson Bishop, Katie Dogan, Ashleigh Faulkner, Nick Rhoden, Tyler Strickland. For the team competition a team of 5th graders, coached by Cynthia Edge, Anne Martin, Anne McChesney, and Kathryn Reichwald, earned first place in the nation in WordMasters Challenge #3 among 351 school teams participating at this level. Students that earned a place on this championship team are: Maggie Akridge, Camryn Bennett, Jay Blanton, Merrin Cetto, Isak Jackson, K.J. Jackson, Teagan McEnroe, Gabrielle Tanner, James Burton, Autumn Clifton, Steven Egge, Colin Mills-Winkler, Danielle Tanner, and Norah Webb, In overall yearlong standing - three students won highest honors for yearlong individual achievement. This puts this elite group in the top 10-15 students at their grade level in the entire nation! The following students are awarded a highest honors medallion from WordMasters for their impressive accomplishment: Drake Vaughn, Jay Blanton and Nick Rhoden.

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were no Citizens' Comments

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- B. Approval of Authorization to Request Title I Funds:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the Authorization to Request Title I Funds, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of 2018-2019 District Seven Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the 2018-2019 District Seven Budget as presented, including the capital and debt service components, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- D. Approval of 2018-2019 McCarthy/Teszler Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the 2018-2019 McCarthy/Teszler budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- E. Approval of 2018-2019 Daniel Morgan Technology Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the 2018-2019 Daniel Morgan Technology Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- F. Approval of 2018-2019 Spartanburg Alternative School Budget:** A motion was made by Mr. Lee to approve the 2018-2019 Spartanburg Alternative School budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

G. Approval of 2018-2019 Adult Education Budget: A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the 2018-2019 Adult Education Budget as presented, 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, provided the monthly staffing report. Dr. Redish also noted the Human Resources Department had been busy conducting New Teacher Induction Meetings, AP Leadership Training, recruiting and completing the contract season for the 2018-19 school year.

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. She noted this had been a year dedicated to the development of a new website and that the soft launch was a month away.

Instruction: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of summer reading camps and summer learning opportunities happening over the break. He shared with the Board that the District's 9th annual 7Shares Conference would be held Tuesday, August 14, 2018. He told the board the District 7 Early Learning Center, Cleveland Academy of Leadership and Meeting Street Academy would be implementing a new 4K curriculum aligned to the new South Carolina 4K Early Learning Standards for the upcoming school year. The title of the new curriculum is "Creative Curriculum" which is a research-based and student centered curriculum specifically designed for early learners. Dr. Pruitt shared the District was in year three of its Reading Recovery (RR) implementation. He noted RR is one of the most effective and research-based reading intervention programs available

Student Services: Dr. Sonia Leverette, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, shared with the board that as of May 29, nearly 1500 students had registered using InfoSnap for the 2018-2019 school year. InfoSnap is the online registration system the district implemented in 2016-2017. Dr. Leverette said the District 7 had entered an agreement with Spartanburg Regional Health System and the Medical University of South Carolina to implement telehealth services at Cleveland Academy of Leadership. She said the telehealth cart would be unveiled during the Back to School event on July 19th, and the system will be ready for use when the students return on that following day, Friday, July 20th. Dr. Leverette said the District had partnered with the Homeless Period Project, an organization co-founded by Greenville Native Sharron Phillips and Stephanie Arnold to provide sanitary products to women and girls. She noted while it may be difficult to believe, period poverty is an unfortunate issue that too many of our students and community members face. Clerk of Court Hope Blackley introduced this project to Spartanburg, and as a result, Nurse Joylyn Robinson and a student from Spartanburg High School were featured in a documentary series that is featured on YouTube and on the organization's national website: homelessperiodproject.org. She said Girlz United, a sisterhood of young ladies at SHS dedicated to community service, collected

products for this mission and a number of young ladies in our district has been served by this project, and they will even receive feminine products for the summer.

Financial Report: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for April 2018. Comparing April 2017 year-to-date activity to April 2018, revenue was down (1.7%). This difference was based primarily on the timing of local revenue receipts from one year to the next. She presented the annual required communication from the District's External Auditors. The communication letter notifies the Board that the District has engaged McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday and Co. to audit the financial statements of our school district for the year ended June 30, 2018. Ms. Campell stated that even though there was not a State budget at this time, she presented budgets for approval. She said no budget presented would require a millage increase. The proposed revenue budget she said was estimated at \$71.4 million, which was an increase of 2.7% over last year's budget. The proposed budget includes a mandatory step increase for teachers and an adjustment up to 3% for all other employees. The budget also includes a 1% employer retirement increase and a 8.1% employer health increase as these are required adjustments to our budget.

Planning & Operations: Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Operations, said Chartwells and District Seven were again participating in the Summer Feeding Program and some 30 different sites were being utilized at various dates and times over the summer. Dr. White reminded board members to sign their annual Safety Commitment Form and as part of the requirement of all employees to recommit each year as part of the District's Risk Management Program. Dr. White and Dr. Booker proved an update on the progress at the new elementary school and high school. Dr. Booker began with the The Franklin School, one component of the sweeping project to bring new life to Spartanburg's Northside. He reminded the Board the new early learning school will serve 160-200 children from ages 6 weeks to 5 years old as part of an initiative spearheaded by the Northside Development Group and the Mary Black Foundation, and D7. He noted the building would be completed and would be serving students by Jan of 2019. Dr. White said many changes were taking place at Duncan Park. He said new locker rooms and dugouts would be completed soon. Dr. White said the last phases of Pine Street School's HVAC install would finish up over the summer. Dr. Booker shared that Drayton Mills Elementary was on schedule to open and that teachers had gotten into to building to see their classrooms. He suggested to the Board setting up another tour before school opened on August 20. Dr. Booker shared with the Board that the Spartanburg High School athletic package had gone out to bid and that that part of the project would begin in the fall. Dr. White said brickwork on the academic building would begin over the summer. It was noted that due to the weather some aspects of the SHS project was behind schedule but it was too early to tell what overall effect if any it would have on the timing of the entire project.

Technology Report: There was no report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: (Dr. Booker presented as part of the Capital Overview in Planning & Operations)

- VII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** No report given.
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At approximately 7:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Gray to go into Executive Session for discussion of Personnel and Staffing items, seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- IX. OPEN SESSION:** At approximately 8:29 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hayes 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:** There was no action taken.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lee to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT

CHAIR

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED