

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, September 8, 2020
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Clay Mahaffey, Chair
Ms. Sharon Porter, Secretary
Mr. Vernon Beatty
Mr. Rick Gray
Mr. Andy Hayes
Mr. Sanders Lee
Mr. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Mrs. Meg Clayton

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 6:03 pm by Mr. Mahaffey.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** (Excluded)
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no citizens comments.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion passed 6-1.
 - B. Approval of Delegate(s) for 2020 SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** Mr. Mahaffey stated Mr. Lee volunteered to be the District Seven delegate to attend the Delegate Assembly in December. With no objections, a vote of 7-0 approved Mr. Lee to be the District's Delegate. Mr. Mason will be the first alternate by a vote of 4-3 and Mr. Myers became the second alternate.

Mr. Lee joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

VI. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update detailing virtual school enrollment and openings on the Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee. In addition, Dr. Pruitt shared the extension requested by Spartanburg School District 7 for our accreditation review with Cognia (formerly AdvancED) was granted. The onsite engagement review will now take place during the 2021-2022 school year.

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 an update on recently completed training events, upcoming Profession Development opportunities, the District 7 Alliance inaugural book club, The Table, reading selection (*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria*). Dr. Redish completed her update highlighting events related to National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Finance: Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the General Fund Expenses/Budget.

Operations & Technology: Dr. Eric Levitt, Chief Operations & Technology Officer, provided the board with an update on free hotspots for students. In addition, he highlighted the efforts the technology department has taken to prepare over 7000 devices for the school year, support virtual students and teachers along with maintaining nearly 100 software programs across the district.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Stevens' presented updates to the board of trustees on 10-day enrollment numbers for District 7, the instructional model for September as we work towards shifting to a family model for our Elementary schools, COVID cases in the District, details for the fall football season. Mr. Stevens completed his update briefly mentioning facilities in the District, DISC, ZL Madden and the old McCracken Middle school, which will be discussed in the next business services meeting.

Dr. Carlotta Redish shared information on demographics of the D&I book club, The Table, and the D&I Alliance. Dr. Redish continued with details on the mandatory training throughout the District to include crucial conversation training for students. Her presentation finished highlighting Hispanic Heritage Month, the McKinney Vento program, and staffing of the D&I department.

Dr. Marc Zachary, Chief Human Resources Officer, joined Mr. Stevens to update the board on staffing throughout the District. His presentation detailed spring recruitment efforts, demographics of the current induction teacher group and areas of focus for developing diversity throughout the District.

Ms. Cheryl Revels, Director of Special Services, detailed how the Special Services department is accommodating and providing services for families and students during the COVID19 pandemic. Specifically, Ms. Revels highlighted services provided are appropriate to the model students/ families selected.

VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Mr. Mahaffey presented the draft agenda for the October 6th regular meeting. Board members were invited to provide general comments.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

X. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:12 pm a motion was made by Mr. Myers to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUBMITTED BY: _____