

**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, October 2, 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  
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:** Mr. Lee called the meeting to order and Dr. White 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:** Mrs. Sally Gregg, Chief Communications Officer, recognized Ashley Brailsford, teacher at the ELC, who was chosen to sing the National Anthem for the Bulls vs. Los Angeles Clippers game in Chicago on January 25th at 7PM. Mrs. Gregg saluted 8 academically talented seniors from Spartanburg High School who were named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Competition - Josh Braun, Conrad Glenn, Isabella Goodchild-Michelman, Nathan Jones, Will Kendrick, Christopher Latham, Nolan Sykes, and Layton Ward. These 8 students represent more than half of the 14 semifinalists in all 7 school districts in Spartanburg County. Congratulations went out to students Science test. The students are Zoe Gordon, Chariya Moon, Paul Whisnant, Jessica Arrington, Emmett Baymiller, John Bolinger, Nicole Giesbertz, Wesley Shelton, and Julia Brantley.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no Citizens' Comments.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Dr. White to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Mahaffey. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- B. Approval of Delegate(s) for the 2018 SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** A motion was made by Dr. White to appoint Mr. Gray as the Delegate, seconded by Mr. Sanders. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed. A motion was made by Mr. Gray to appoint Mr. Mahaffey as the Alternate, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Approval of Membership of Comprehensive Health Advisory Committee (CHEAC) Member Recommendations:** A motion was made by Mr. Gray to approve the nominations for CHEAC Committee as presented, seconded by Dr. White. 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 noted the Human Resources Department had successfully processed a total of 105 certified teachers for the 2018-2019 school term and 50 classified employees. She said ReGenesis Health Care administered the Flu Vaccine to approximately 300 district employees.

**Communications:** Mrs. Sally Gregg, 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 asked the board to mark their calendars for the October 25 dedication of Drayton Mills Elementary School.

**Curriculum & Instruction:** Dr. Terry Pruitt, Deputy Superintendent, provided the 2018-2019 Professional Learning plan for teachers and staff. He said as a best practice professional development and training was ongoing in the District.

**Administration:** Dr. Thomas White, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, introduced Bill Ramsay from MB Khan who provided a comprehensive update regarding progress being made on the new Spartanburg High School. He noted the recent topping out ceremony on September 26, 2018. Mr. Ramsay said the next phase would be the stadium foundation, finishing mechanical and electrical work, and the irrigation system. The project is on schedule.

**Business & Finance:** Ms. Missy Campbell, Chief Financial Officer, said that due to the fact that the District was currently working to close out the books for the 17-18 school year and had not rolled the fund balances forward, an analysis of the financial statements would provide no relevant information at this time. She said information would be forthcoming.

**Planning & Innovation:** No report

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

**Spartanburg High School Plaza Sculpture:** Dr. Booker said great progress had been made on the artwork sculpture that would be erected in the plaza of the new District Seven Performing Arts Center. He shared information on the meetings that had taken place to date along with potential fund-raising efforts. Dr. Booker told the board that an \$150,000 gift had already been made by an anonymous donor.

**Outdoor Classroom – New Spartanburg High School:** Dr. Booker provided information as it related to a space at the front of the campus that would serve as an outdoor classroom. The hardscape landscaping being used in the area will be privately funded and he noted fundraising efforts would be underway soon. He shared that a generous gift had been made by the Balmer Foundation of \$150,000.

**New Spartanburg High School – Donor Process:** Dr. Booker invited the board to discuss avenues to allow for donations to be given at the new Spartanburg High School. The discussion surrounded naming, dedicating, and honoring individuals. Dr. Booker noted a publication had been created to help illustrate the various naming opportunities that would be available to individuals, alumni classes or businesses. The booklet, he said, had been developed as a result of the growing number of requests from prospective donors and SHS graduates about naming or commemorating spaces and places at the high school to honor or commemorate individuals, groups or organizations.

**History Wall at New Spartanburg High School:** Dr. Booker shared with the board a vision for a history wall to be placed at the new Spartanburg High School. He noted the wall would capture the history of the many schools (Lincoln, Carlisle, Dean Street, Magnolia Street, Evans/Spartanburg, Cumming Street and Carver) that over the years fed into Spartanburg High School. It was his hope the wall would look much like the wall at the at the downtown campus of Spartanburg Community College.

**November Board Meeting Date Change (November 13):** Dr. Booker reminded the board that the next regularly scheduled board meeting had been moved to November 13, due to the November elections on November 6. He also noted school would not be in session on November 6.

**VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** A draft copy of the November 13, 2018 Board agenda was provided.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No executive session was held.

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:21 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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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**

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**MINUTES APPROVED**