

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, November 10, 2020
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. Jeff Mason
Mr. Kenneth Myers

MEMBER (S) ABSENT: Mr. Andy Hayes

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 6:01 pm by Mr. Lee.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mason. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- III. GOOD NEWS:** (Excluded)
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were no citizens comments.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Mr. Myers to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion passed 8-0.
- VI. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:**

Academics: Dr. Terry Pruitt, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the school choice and early college application process for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Pruitt's update included information on the Cognia Accreditation visit set for 2022, School Renewal & District strategic plans, as well as Curriculum revisions related to Social Studies.

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 Voter Registration Initiatives and curriculum provided related to Civic Education.

Human Resources: Dr. Marc Zachary, Chief Administrative Officer – HR provided a detailed presentation of the District’s hiring process.

Operations & Technology: Dr. Eric Levitt, Chief Operations & Technology Officer, provided the board with an update on recently completed Student Flu Shot Clinics.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Stevens’ advised the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has extended the deadline to present the audit report and transmit date from December 1 to January 15. Our goal is to include the audit report with our January 2021 board meeting. Mr. Stevens shared several handouts with information on attendance, virtual progression, and enrollment data for the district. The organizational chart for the District Office was shared and briefly discussed. Mr. Stevens provided handouts on Student Achievement and Assessment Data which will be discussed in detail at the next Instructional Services Committee Meeting.

Teacher and parent survey responses were presented by Mr. Stevens to assist determining the best course of action to return middle and high school students to 5 days per week face-to-face instruction. Discussion followed on instructional model changes for middle and high school with the transition to 5 days per week for face-to-face instruction, along with a plan to phase in having all hybrid students on campuses.

Mr. Stevens completed his report with a brief update on capital projects and a reminder the next scheduled board meeting is in January 2021 as the board of trustees does not meet in December.

VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Mr. Lee presented the draft agenda for the January 5, 2021 regular meeting. Board members were invited to provide general comments.

IX. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD OFFICERS: Mr. Lee appointed Meg Clayton as chair, Andy Hayes, and Kenneth Myers. The committee will be responsible for submitting a slate of officers to the board to act upon at its next regular scheduled meeting, which will be January 5, 2021.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At approximately 8:40 pm Mr. Beatty made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter related to the Director of Finance, seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion passed 5-3.

OPEN SESSION: At approximately 8:44 pm Mr. Mahaffey made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion passed 8-0.

XI. ACTIONS ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no action taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:45 pm a motion was made by Ms. Clayton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Beatty. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Debbie Scharff