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The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 28, 2025 at Duncan Elementary School at 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Jeff Boland
Mr. Scott Clement
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Kevin Goode
Dr. Millie Malone
Mr. Alex Perez
Mrs. Sherri Taunton
Mr. Derek Watchorn

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Jeff Boland, Chairman, called the meeting to order and read the Notice to Media:

Spartanburg County School District Five has complied with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act in notification of the media and other interested parties and organizations and posting of the agenda.
2. **Open Meeting with Prayer:** Dr. Millie Malone led the opening prayer.
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
 - b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 24, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Chairman Jeff Boland introduced Mr. Matt Wofford, Director of Fine Arts. Mr. Wofford presented awards to students who received state-wide honors in Orchestra, Music, Musical Theatre, Art, Middle and High School Band, as well as Elementary and Middle School Honor Choir. Mr. Wofford also recognized Alicia Crutchlow for being named the President of SCBDA and Millie Shiflet for being named the President of the SCMEA Choral Division.

Following the recognition, Chairman Boland congratulated the students and teachers on their achievements. He called for a brief recess, following which he called the meeting back to order.

5. Action Items:

- a) Consideration of Board Policy Revisions:** Mrs. Meredith Gergley, Chairman of the Policy Committee, presented policy revisions that were previously discussed at the policy committee meeting held on April 14. Mrs. Gergley reviewed changes to the following policies:
 - i. GCD: Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays
 - ii. GDD: Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
 - iii. GBGAA: Service Animals (Staff)
 - iv. JLCDD and AR JLCDD-R: Service Animals (Students)
 - v. IHBEA and AR IHBEA-R: Instructional Services for Multilingual Learners
 - vi. IHCA: Summer School
 - vii. IJNDB: Use of Technology Resources
 - viii. IJOA and AR IJOA-R: Field Trips
 - ix. IKE and AR IKE-R: Promotion and Retention of Students
 - x. KF, AR KF-R, KF-E(1), KF-E(2), and KF-E(3): Community Use of School Facilities
 - xi. ACB Educational Opportunities

Following review of the changes, Mrs. Gergley, on behalf of the policy committee, made a motion to approve the following board policy revisions as presented by the policy committee: GCD, GDD, GBGAA, JLCDD, JLCDD-R, IHBEA, IHBEA-R, IHCA, IJNDB, IJOA, IJOA-R, IKE, IKE-R, KF, KF-R, KF-E(1), KF-E(2), KF-E(3), and ACB.

The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

- b) Strategic Plan Renewal:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability and Assessment, presented the Strategic Plan Renewal Update. Dr. Smith reviewed Performance Goals and Highlights of Student Achievement, iReady Proficiency in Reading and Math, Gifted and Talented, Teacher Quality, and School Climate.

Following the presentation, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan Renewal, as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Watchorn. After questions and discussion, the motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

6. Reports:

- a) Construction Management at Risk Process:** Mrs. Kacey Austin, Director of Procurement, provided details about the Construction Management at Risk process district administration used in selecting the construction firm to build the new

elementary school and possible middle school. She reviewed the timeline used by the selection committee, the list of firms who submitted proposals, and the two firms who were interviewed.

Mrs. Austin reported that the committee chose Harper General Contractors to build the new elementary school, and possible middle school. The administration is ready to move into contract negotiations with Harper. Harper will work with Craig, Gauden, Davis Architects to bring forth a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the project.

- b) Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, provided the monthly construction and facilities update for the ongoing projects at Byrnes High School Phase 3 and the Byrnes Athletic Stadium.

Mr. Cloonan reported that both projects were currently still on schedule.

Mr. Cloonan also briefed the board about several safety fencing projects taking place at some of the schools.

Board members inquired about the completion date for Phase 3, if all buildings at the stadium require OSF inspections, and whether or not the buildings would also be completed on time.

- c) Quarterly Financial Report:** Ms. Penny Dininny, Chief Financial Officer, provided the general fund financial report through March 31, 2025. Ms. Dininny reported that revenue is starting to show the impact of the tax funds that have been received. Ms. Dininny provided details on expenditures and revenue, stating that revenue currently exceeds expenditures by \$19,975,553 and is projected to exceed by \$2.6 million at end of year.

Following Ms. Dininny's report, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion at 8:07 pm to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and passed unanimously 9-0.

7. Executive Session

- a) Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations**

8. Return to Public Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to leave Executive Session and return to Public Session at 8:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

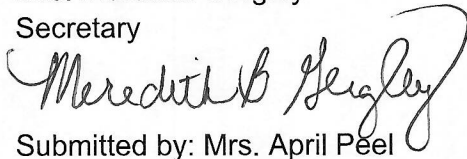
- a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the new hires, promotions, and resignations as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

Mrs. Gergley also made a motion to approve Employee A and B for extended leave. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley made a motion to adjourn from the April board meeting at 8:51 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved unanimously 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Meredith B. Gergley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel