

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 19, 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  
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:** Mr. Kevin Goode led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- b. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Chairman Jeff Boland introduced Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, for the Special Recognition portion of the meeting. Mrs. Robinette recognized Superintendent's Citizenship Award winners from each school.

Mrs. Robinette then invited Dr. Russ Howard, Athletic Director, to present certificates to student athletes and coaches in the following sports: girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys soccer, baseball, and track and field.

Mr. Jeff Boland, Chairman of the Board, recognized Dr. Randall Gary, Superintendent, for being named a finalist for Superintendent of the Year in South Carolina.

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

## 5. Action Items:

- a. **Consideration of Security Upgrades, Playcourts, and Accessibility Improvements Guaranteed Maximum Price:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, introduced Mr. Trevin Thompson, with Thompson Turner Construction, to present the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Security Upgrades, Playcourts, and Accessibility Improvements.

Mr. Cloonan presented details about security upgrades to Abner Creek Academy, Lyman Elementary and Reidville to accommodate the metal detectors at each site. The second project is to install play courts at Abner Creek Academy, Lyman Elementary, and Reidville Elementary to accommodate a place for older students to play. The last project is to provide accessibility improvements to Byrnes Freshman Academy. Renderings of each project were presented, as well as details of the scope of each project.

Mr. Thompson then presented the following Security Upgrades, Playcourts, and Accessibility Improvements costs as: Security Upgrades as \$67,583, Playcourts \$116,203, Accessibility \$173,392, Site Utility & Access Control Allowance \$40,000, Construction Contingency \$18,365 for a total of \$415,542.

Following the presentation, Ryan Cloonan made the recommendation that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Security Upgrades, Playcourts, and Accessibility Improvements, as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Security Upgrades, Playcourts, and Accessibility Improvements, not to exceed \$415,542 as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode.

Board members inquired about further specifics of the accessibility project and about the contingency. After questions were answered, the motion was approved unanimously 8-0.

## 6. Reports:

- a. **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan also 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.

Board members asked about the progress of fencing at the schools. Mr. Cloonan provided updates for Lyman, River Ridge, and Duncan.

Following Mr. Cloonan's report, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion at 7:23 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 Dr. Millie Malone and passed unanimously 8-0.

**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 8:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

- 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 8-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to adjourn from the May board meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone and approved unanimously 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley  
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel