

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, June 23, 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
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:** Mr. Mark Cleveland led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

- b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 19, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Chairman Boland introduced Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, for the special recognition portion of the meeting. Mrs. Robinette introduced Dr. Russ Howard, who presented certificates to members of the Boys Golf Team who qualified for state, and those who were selected for the North/South All Star team. He also recognized the Lady Rebels Softball Team for winning the state championship, as well

as individual players who were selected for numerous All Region, All State, North/South Team and various individual awards.

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

5. Action Items:

- a) Consider Approval of the District Five Schools 2025-2026 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets:** Ms. Penny Dininny, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed General Fund and Debt Service budgets for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Dininny reviewed the executive summary of budget changes, noting several key highlights. Ms. Dininny indicated that the budget presented includes a step increase for all eligible employees, an additional teacher salary increase of \$1,500, and an additional two percent increase to all other salary schedules. The 25-26 proposed General Fund Budget reflects a proposed budget of \$157,792,098, which is an increase of \$11,616,557 over the current budget, and requires no millage increase.

Ms. Dininny's presentation also included details on the Debt Service Fund budget of \$27,804,914, which is a decrease of \$1,701,382 over the current year.

Following the presentation, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the District Five Schools 2025-2026 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets, as presented by the administration. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 8-0.

- b) Consider Approval of the Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** Ms. Dininny presented the proposed 2025-2026 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget that was presented to the board on June 9. Ms. Dininny reported that it was the recommendation of the administration to approve the \$7,300,000 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved unanimously 8-0.

- c) Consider Approval of the McCarthy-Teszler School Budget:** Ms. Dininny presented the proposed 2025-2026 McCarthy-Teszler School budget. Ms. Dininny highlighted several key points of the \$27,350,000 budget and recommended approval of the McCarthy-Teszler School budget as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 McCarthy-Teszler School budget as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Perez and approved unanimously 8-0.

- d) **Consider Approval of the R.D. Anderson Technology Center Budget:** Ms. Dininny then presented the proposed 2025-2026 R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center budget of \$8,978,121, as well as the Master Skills Center budget of \$1,323,437. Ms. Dininny reported that it was the recommendation of the administration to approve the budget as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center budget as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

6. Reports:

- a) **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, provided the monthly update on the construction progress at Byrnes High School, the Byrnes High School Stadium, and several smaller ongoing projects taking place throughout the district. Mr. Cloonan reported that both Phase 3 and the stadium are still on schedule.

Board members inquired about student's safely accessing areas of the building during Phase 3 once school starts back in August; which sports will have permanent markings on the new stadium field; and the possibility of lighting for the field at Duncan Elementary for parking during football games.

7. **Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 8-0.

8. Return to Public Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to end Executive Session and return to Public Session at 7:59 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement 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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley then made a motion to adjourn the June board meeting at 8:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel

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