The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, August 24, 2026 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. Amy Faulkner
Dr. Caroline Ford
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Kevin Goode
Dr. Millie Malone
Mr. Derek Watchorn

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Dr. Millie Malone, Board Chair, 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. Scott Clement led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
   b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 15, June 29, July 13, and August 3 2026 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Action Items:**
   a) **Consideration of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Rule JFAB, JFAB-R: Admission on Non-Resident Students (Interdistrict Transfers):** Mrs. Meredith Gergley, Policy Committee Chair, reviewed board policy and administrative rule JFAB and JFAB-R that were reviewed and discussed at the August 3 Policy Committee Meeting.

      Following review of the policy and rule, Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to approve

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board policy and administrative rule JFAB and JFAB-R: Admission of Non-Resident Students, as presented by the Chair of the Policy Committee. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

b) **Consideration of Structure and Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Guaranteed Maximum Price #2 for Sharon Grove Middle School:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, accompanied by architect Scott Powell, from Craig, Gaulden, Davis PBK and Kyle Farley, with Contract Construction, presented the concrete and structural Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Sharon Grove Middle School. Mr. Cloonan reported that the item listed on the agenda was an error and should have been listed for concrete and structural only.

Mr. Scott Powell reviewed the architectural site plan, and Mr. Kyle Farley presented the pricing information. The total cost for GMP Number Two was presented as $5,671,838, which includes $2,355,013 for concrete; $3,054,997 for Structural Steel; and $261,828 for a 5% contingency.

Administration recommended approval of the GMP No. 2 for Sharon Grove Middle School, as presented.

Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to approve the concrete and structural GMP #2 for Sharon Grove Middle School, not to exceed $5,671,838, as presented by the administration.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Boland and approved unanimously 9-0.

5. **Reports**:

a) **2025-2026 Procurement Report:** Mrs. Kacey Austin, Procurement Officer, provided the board with the annual procurement report for 2025–2026, which included 23 sole source procurements and 3 emergency procurements. The emergency purchases were related to ice removal.

The Board also received the 2025–2026 procurement audit report. The independent review found no findings of noncompliance in the areas tested, including purchasing cards, blanket purchase agreements, sole source and emergency procurements, sampled procurements, and construction/professional services.

b) **Back to School Update:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, provided the 2026-2027 Back to School report. Mrs. Robinette reported that the district opened with 11,147 students and 1,775 staff members, including 195 employees new to District Five, and was 99% fully staffed with all classroom positions covered. The report also highlighted transportation and food service operations, as well as positive feedback from students and staff and the successful opening of the new wing at Byrnes High School.

c) **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, provided a facilities update on several district construction projects. Byrnes High School Phase 3 received approval for occupancy on July 30, and students returned to the facility on August 6. McKnight is continuing to address punch-list items and will begin renovations to the former drama and art rooms.

Construction at the South Transportation Center continues to progress, with the parking lot curb and gutter, steel framing, and metal siding complete. Roofing, insulation, and interior utility work are underway, with interior framing, doors, and windows scheduled to begin. The project remains on schedule and within budget.

At Duncan Elementary School, the district has received the Land Disturbance Permit, implemented the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and begun site work. Construction of the retention pond and preparation of the building pad are currently in progress.

Following Mr. Cloonan's report, Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an employee grievance; employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations; legal matters; and the Superintendent search with Coleman, Lew, Canny and Bowen at 6:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved unanimously 9-0.

6. **Executive Session**

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

7. **Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Goode to end Executive Session and return to Public Session at 10:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** Mr. Goode made a motion, based on the Board's review and discussion of a former employee's grievance during executive session, that the Board uphold the administration's decision regarding this matter and do not warrant any further action by the Board or the District. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved 9-0.

Mr. Kevin Goode then made a motion to approve the new hires, promotions, and resignations as presented by the administration and discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, Mr. Goode made a motion to adjourn from the August 24 board meeting at 10:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Caroline Ford and approved unanimously 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kevin Goode
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel

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