The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, October 26, 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. Jeff Boland led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**
   a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
   b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September 28, 2026, October 8, 2026 and October 9, 2026 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, invited Dr. Malone and Dr. Gary to join her for the recognition portion of the meeting. Mrs. Robinette recognized a Byrnes High School senior for being named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, an honor awarded to approximately 16,000 students nationwide. Additionally, the Board recognized District Five students who achieved maximum scores on the 2026 SC READY assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. A total of 94 students earned maximum scores, with several achieving this distinction in multiple subject areas. Students were presented with certificates in recognition of their outstanding academic

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achievements.

5. **Action Items:**
   a) **Election of Delegates to SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference:** Dr. Malone informed the board of the upcoming conference and the need to elect a delegate. She reported that Mark Cleveland would be the only board member in attendance for this conference and asked for a motion to elect a delegate.

   Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to elect Mark Cleveland as the delegate for the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference in December.

   The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved unanimously 9-0.

   b) **Consideration of Approval of Board Policy Revisions:**
      - Policy BBBD Board Member Removal from Office
      - Policy BIA/BIB Board Member Training-Development Opportunities
      - Policy DKA Payroll Procedures
      - Policy ECAH Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)
      - Policy GBEA Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest
      - Administrative Rule GCC-R3 Professional Staff Paid Parental Leave
      - Administrative Rule GDC-R3 Support Staff Paid Parental Leave
      - Policy GCD Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays/Breaks
      - GDD Support Staff Vacations and Holidays/Breaks
      - Policy IJNDBA Technology Governance
      - Administrative Rule IKADD-R Content and Credit Recovery

   Mrs. Meredith Gergley, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, presented proposed board policy revisions reviewed by the Policy Committee on October 9, 2026. After reviewing each policy, Chairman Malone asked for a motion.

   Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to approve the revisions to the following board policies as presented by the chair of the Policy Committee: BBBD; BIA/BIB; DKA; ECAH; GBEA; GCC-R3; GDC-R3; GCD; GDD; IJNDBA; IKADD-R. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

   c) **Consideration of GMP #2 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, along with Mr. Scott Powell from Craig Gaulden Davis and Mr. Hootie Solesbee and Mr. Daniel Heacox with Harper General Contractors, presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #2 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School. The presentation included an overview of the school's design, site layout, and construction plans. The new 127,276 square-foot facility will accommodate approximately 900 students.

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GMP #2 covers the building construction package at a cost of $47,506,877, plus a 5% contingency, for a total of $49,809,682. GMP #3, which will address roadway improvements, is anticipated to be presented during the first quarter of 2027.

On behalf of the administration, Mr. Cloonan recommended that the Board approve GMP #2 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School in an amount not to exceed $49,809,682.

Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to approve the GMP #2 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School, not to exceed $49,809,682, as presented by the administration.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Boland. After questions regarding completion date, capacity as compared to other schools, the response for request for quotes, and attendance lines, the motion was approved unanimously, 9-0.

6. **Reports**:

a) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Mrs. Penny Dininny, Chief Financial Officer, presented the quarterly financial report for the period ending September 30, 2026. The report indicated that the district had collected approximately 2.2% of budgeted local revenue and 18% of budgeted state revenue, with overall revenue collections tracking consistently with the previous year at approximately 10%. Expenditures totaled 18.6% of the annual budget, with instructional and support expenditures remaining on track.

Expenditures exceeded revenues by $14,053,437, which is typical for this point in the fiscal year due to the timing of property tax collections. It was noted that the district maintains a healthy fund balance to support operations until the majority of local tax revenues are received during the second half of the fiscal year.

b) **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, provided updates on four ongoing construction projects. Renovations at Byrnes High School are nearing completion, with final inspections scheduled for November. The South Transportation Center remains on schedule and within budget, with substantial completion anticipated in mid-November and operations beginning in January. Duncan Elementary continues to make progress with site work, foundations, and utility installations. At Sharon Grove Middle School, site clearing, erosion control, and retention pond construction are underway, with grading and storm drainage work to follow.

There being no further business, Dr. Malone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goode made a motion to end the October 26 board meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kevin Goode
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel

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