

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 28, 2022 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. Mark Cleveland  
Mr. Scott Clement  
Mrs. Meredith Gergley  
Mr. Kevin Goode  
Dr. Millie Malone  
Mr. Ott Sizemore  
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 January 24, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Chairman Jeff Boland recognized four outgoing board members for their service as Board of Trustees for Spartanburg District Five Schools. Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Public Relations Director, presented plaques to the following: Mrs. Dawn Deck, Mr. Rick Eitel, Mr. Phil McIntyre, and Mrs. Julie McMakin. Following the presentation, Chairman Boland called a short recess.

## 5. Action Items:

- a) **Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Renovations for Berry Shoals:** Chairman Boland called the meeting back to order and recognized Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Operations. Dr. Wood introduced Mrs. Kacey Austin, Director of Procurement, who reviewed the timeline for the selection process for Architects and Construction Management at Risk firms for several upcoming construction projects.

Dr. Wood then introduced Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Architect with McMillan Pazdan Smith, and Mr. Trevin Thompson, with Thompson Turner Construction. Mr. Cloonan presented information and details about the proposed renovations to Berry Shoals Intermediate School which will be converted to an elementary school. Mr. Cloonan's presentation included details about the proposed site plan, floor plan, and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). Conversion of Berry Shoals from intermediate to elementary will include: new six classroom wing addition, renovating two existing wings to create kindergarten wings, expand and replace entry canopy; adding restrooms for 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms, new SCDOT turn lanes, resurfacing of parent drop off loop, and modular connections. As presented, the Guaranteed Maximum Price for renovations to Berry Shoals School is \$11,247,992 which includes a 5% contingency of \$504,025.

Following the presentation, Dr. Wood informed the board that the administration recommends approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Berry Shoals renovations of \$11,247,992.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the proposed renovations at Berry Shoals Intermediate School as presented by the administration, not to exceed \$11,247,992. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone. After questions and discussion, the motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

- b) **Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Demolition Phase of Byrnes High School:** Dr. Greg Wood informed the board of the complexity of the demolition phase at Byrnes High School, and the need to begin work as soon as possible to be ready for demolition when school is out. Dr. Wood introduced Mr. Joe Kinsey and Mr. Nathan Heigle, both with McKnight Construction. Mr. Ryan Cloonan then presented details of the project, which included renderings of the front and rear of the building after construction, as well as the details of phase two demolition and site plans. The demolition phase includes: modular connections, relocation and reconnection of existing electrical utilities, reconnection of existing HVAC utilities, installation of new chiller, abatement of hazardous materials, and demolition of approximately 55,000 square feet of building. Following the information, Dr. Wood reported the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$4,834,282 for the demolition and utility relocation, which includes a contingency of \$450,000.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the demolition phase of Byrnes High School as presented by the administration, not to exceed \$4,834,282. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone. After questions and discussion, the motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

## 6. Reports:

- a) **Construction Update:** Dr. Wood also provided facility updates on several construction projects throughout the district. Included in Dr. Wood's report were updates on the new softball stadium (approval for full use was received on February 24); tennis court resurfacing, which is to begin after the spring tennis season with the cost to be shared with Spartanburg Parks and Rec.; track resurfacing at Byrnes High School, which is set to be complete before the home meet on March 8, 2022; and video/scoreboard replacement at Byrnes High School's Nixon Field, which is scheduled for completion by May 1, 2022.

Following Dr. Wood's presentation, Mr. Clement asked about updates on several other projects. In response to those questions, Dr. Wood reported that the new softball stadium final costs were under the budgeted amount by approximately \$150,000. Dr. Wood also stated that there has not been any significant progress on the new middle school on Gin House Road, due to weather, and that there is no update on the new traffic signal on Highway 296 for Reidville Elementary School.

At the conclusion of Dr. Wood's update, Mr. Don Icenhower was introduced to the board. Mr. Icenhower has been hired as the construction manager to oversee all of the upcoming construction projects.

- b) **Continuing Education Opportunities with Spartanburg Community College:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, and Mrs. Erin Greenway, principal of Byrnes High School, presented information on a High School to Career continuing education partnership with Spartanburg Community College. This program is designed to help fill the gap in manufacturing-related occupations, particularly with students who have not made concrete decisions for plans after graduation. Programs of study will include: Pre-CDL, Injection Molding, and Welding. Dr. Smith also provided information about future plans to offer Esthetics and Metal Fabrication as full CTE programs with Spartanburg Community College.

At the conclusion of the reports, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to move into executive session for the discussion of employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations, and the discussion of contractual matters in reference to property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and passed unanimously 9-0.

## 7. Executive Session

- a) **Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations:**
- b) **Discussion of Contractual Matters in reference to Property:**

**8. Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session at 10:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 9-0.

- a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley, seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland, and approved unanimously (9-0) to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the teacher and administrator contracts as presented.

A motion was also made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the employee contracts as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

In compliance with Board Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, eight teacher’s contracts were voted on individually. These teachers have family members who serve on the board. The votes are recorded as follows:

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Lynda Sizemore as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Ott Sizemore abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Staci Sizemore as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Ott Sizemore abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Katie Watchorn as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Derek Watchorn abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Nick Johnson as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Derek Watchorn abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Lorie Goode as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Kevin Goode abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Charlie Goode as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Kevin Goode abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Wendy Bralley as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved 8-0-1. Mr. Kevin Goode abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the contract for Kimberly Richards as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved 8-0-1. Mrs. Meredith Gergley abstained from voting.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley then made a motion to report Employee A to the State Department of Education for Breach of Contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and passed unanimously 9-0.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion that the board direct the superintendent to negotiate the purchase of the property as presented, not to exceed \$1,000,000. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone and passed unanimously 9-0.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion that the board authorize the superintendent to enter into contract for future negotiations of property through December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and passed unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved unanimously (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley  
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel