

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 23, 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:** Mrs. Sherri Taunton 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 25, 2022 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 invited Chairman Boland and Superintendent Gary to join her at the podium.

Mrs. Robinette recognized the following students and presented them with certificates for being selected as the Terrific Kid at their school: Sophie Blackwell (ACA), Maileigh Womack (DES), Emeree James (LES), Lamar Morris (RES), Janay Rice (RRES), Amerie Saroeun (WA), Shadae Lyles (BSIS), and Anna Scott Buys (BRSH).

Mrs. Robinette also recognized the following students with certificates for being named the Citizenship Award winners at their school: Camilla Knight (ACA), Abigail Rud (DES), Meili Gosnell (LES), Ava Hambright (RES), Sadie Brock (RRES), Maryn Varner (WA), Mary Claire Kinard (BSIS), Megan Bowman (BRSH), Mathew Ramsey (DRH), Max Kachanovich (FCMS), Samantha Peacock (BFA), and Todd Hardy, Jr. "TJ" (BHS).

Chairman Boland thanked the audience for attending, and encouraged the students to continue their great work. He then announced a short recess and asked students to gather for a group photo.

Following the recess, Chairman Boland called the meeting back to order at 6:55 PM.

5. Action Items:

- a) **Consideration of Adoption of State Procurement Code:** Mrs. Kacey Austin, Director of Procurement, presented a summary of changes to the procurement code, as recommended by the State. School districts have been asked to adopt the new version of the code, to align with other state agencies and to stay in compliance with Federal funding. Mrs. Austin reviewed the changes pertaining to small purchase thresholds, sealed solicitations, sole source procurements, emergency procurements, and preferences. After reviewing the changes, Mrs. Austin stated that it was the recommendation of the administration to approve the state procurement code, which will go into effect July 1, 2022, as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and adopt the State Procurement Code as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Being none, Chairman Boland asked the board to vote on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

- b) **Consideration of Revision to Policy DJ - Purchasing:** Mrs. Kacey Austin also presented changes to policy DJ - Purchasing. The changes to the policy include adding a link to the procurement code and district procedures, in addition to having them posted on the website. Following her presentation, she stated that it was the recommendation of the administration to adopt the changes to Policy DJ - Purchasing, as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the

administration and approve the revisions to Policy DJ - Purchasing, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Being none, the motion was approved unanimously 9-0.

- c) Consideration of Locally Approved Courses:** Dr. Jeff Rogers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the District's Locally Approved Courses, which allow more opportunities to create elective courses beyond those mandated by the state. Dr. Rogers shared the list of courses for the 2022-2023 school year and provided information about the courses aligning with state standards. Following the presentation, Dr. Rogers stated it was the recommendation of the administration to approve the Locally Approved Courses for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the Locally Approved Courses as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Following a question about Title I funds being used to purchase additional resource materials, the motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

- d) Consideration of Adoption of New Social Studies Textbooks:** Dr. Jeff Rogers and Mr. Matt Wofford provided a brief explanation of the textbook adoption process and procedures. Mr. Wofford explained that once the materials were released by the state for review in May, the district began the principal/teacher review process. In compliance with board policy IJJ, textbook committees were formed and surveys were taken after review of the materials.

After reviewing the titles of the new instructional materials, Dr. Rogers made a recommendation that the board approve the new social studies materials, as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the adoption of the new Social Studies textbooks as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for discussion. Board members inquired whether there were any strong objections to the materials being presented, and what was the driving reason for adopting the new textbooks.

There being no other questions, Chairman Boland asked the board for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

- e) **Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price of Site Plan for New Elementary School:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, introduced Mr. Jamie Henderson, lead architect with LS3P, and Mr. Trevin Thompson, project construction manager with Thompson Turner Construction.

Dr. Wood reviewed the process used by the district when selecting the architectural firms, which began in April 2020, that will be used for the new construction projects. LS3P and McMillan, Pazdan, Smith were both selected for the upcoming projects.

Dr. Wood also reviewed the procedures used for the Construction Management at Risk program, which began in September 2020, that will be used for selecting the General Contractors for the projects. Thompson Turner and McKnight Construction were both selected.

Dr. Wood explained that a GMP was being presented for the site plan for the new elementary school, and a building GMP would be presented at a later date. The reason for presenting them separately is due to the aggressive schedule for all projects to be completed by August 2024, as well as the issues with the supply shortage of materials.

Mr. Henderson presented renderings of the new school building, as well as the site plan and floor plan. He also explained the process of working with SCDOT on approved access to the new school using a Boulevard approach off of Highway 29.

Mr. Thompson then provided details on the competitive bidding process for the project. The Guaranteed Maximum Price for the site plan for the new elementary school was presented at \$10,142,004. This includes the Early Site Package of \$8,788,713, a Rock Allowance of \$1,166,000, and a 2% Contingency of \$187,291.

Dr. Wood reported that it was the recommendation of the administration that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the site plan, not to exceed \$10,142,004

Chairman Boland thanked both Mr. Henderson and Mr. Thompson for the presentation and asked if there was a motion. Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Site Plan for the New Elementary School on Highway 29 as presented, not to exceed \$10,142,004. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Board members asked about the scope of work being done, the building capacity, wetlands on the property, erosion concerns, opening day enrollment numbers, anticipated concerns with the SCDOT boulevard access off of Highway 29, anticipated amount of rock expected, playgrounds, and landscaping for the site.

There being no further questions, Chairman Boland asked for a vote on the motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the site plan for the new elementary school not to exceed \$10,142,004. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

6. Reports:

a) **Facilities Updates:** Dr. Greg Wood provided an update on current construction and facility projects taking place throughout the district. Included in Dr. Wood's report were updates on the following:

- Byrnes High School: Portable arrival and set up; details pertaining to Demolition Phases 1-6; and upcoming GMP schedules.
- Beech Springs Remodel: Developmental design and pricing phase information; parking expansion details; and upcoming GMP schedules.
- Berry Shoals Remodel: Portable details and delivery; as well as construction and move-in date projections.
- New elementary school on Highway 29: details were provided about the development phase; preliminary site design approval; and upcoming building GMP schedule.
- Reidville Elementary Addition: Upcoming GMP schedules and projected move in dates provided.
- New Wellford Academy: Upcoming GMP schedules and projected move in dates presented.
- Traffic Signal at Hwy. 296 and Pine Street: Details provided about the design phase, SCDOT meetings, and bid for approved contractor.
- Abner Creek Middle School: Details provided about construction progress.

Board members asked questions pertaining to the portables located at Sheppard's Walk at Reidville Elementary School, retaining walls at Beech Springs, playground areas, timing of completion of new traffic signal and help with traffic control at Reidville when school begins, and schedule and cost concerns at Abner Creek Middle School.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion at 7:56 pm to enter executive session to discuss employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations. 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:**

8. Return to Public Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to leave Executive Session and return to

Open Session at 9:06 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton 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 offer contracts to the employees as presented in executive session.

There being no further business, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to adjourn from the May board meeting at 9:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel