

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, June 27, 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
Mr. Kevin Goode
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:** Mr. Derek Watchorn led the opening prayer.

Following the prayer, Chairman Boland called for a moment of silence to honor Deputy Austin Arledge who lost his life last week.

- 3. Special Recognition:** Chairman Jeff Boland introduced Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, for the Special Recognition portion of the meeting. Mrs. Robinette invited Dr. Russ Howad, Athletic Director, to the podium for Athletic Recognition.

Dr. Howard recognized athletes and coaches from volleyball, basketball, wrestling, lacrosse,

cross country, cheerleading, football, golf, swimming, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, and track. See attachment for complete list of names.

Chairman Boland congratulated all of the athletes and thanked them for how they represent District Five both during their athletic events as well as outside of school. He then called for a short recess.

Following the recess, Chairman Boland called the meeting back to order and asked for the approval of the agenda and minutes as stated above.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** Following Special Recognition, the agenda was approved as presented.
- b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 23, 2022 and June 6, 2022 meetings were approved as presented.

5. Action Items:

- a) **Consider Approval of the District Five Schools 2022-2023 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets:** Mr. David Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year. He began by thanking the board members for their participation in the finance committee meetings leading up to this presentation.

Mr. Hayes reviewed the enrollment numbers in grades K-12, with special emphasis on the last five years. The district enrollment grew by 1,632 new students over that five year period, including an increase of 674 new students in the current year.

Mr. Hayes reported that the budget being presented requires no millage increase for the general or debt service funds. He also reviewed the history of Spartanburg County tax levies and reported that District Five has not increased operating millage in 13 years. Mr. Hayes also stated that only two other Spartanburg County School Districts have a lower millage rate for operations, and only one district has a lower rate for debt service.

Mr. Hayes' presentation also included the history of assessed value and growth, student to teacher ratios, and the history of salary schedule changes. The proposed budget includes a \$2,260 teacher salary increase and three additional steps to the schedule. Non-certified staff will also receive an average salary scale increase of four percent, to maintain equity among employees. Eligible employees will also receive a step increase in addition to the salary schedule increase.

General fund expenditures and revenue were also detailed by category. Mr. Hayes provided information about the increase in employer cost of retirement and health insurance, transferring EIA funds to the general fund, and additional positions being

added. He also provided details about non-personnel requests, to include expenditures for metal detectors at the middle and high schools, armed security guards for these locations, and the purchase of six additional portable metal detector units for use at special events as needed.

Mr. Hayes reported a total increase in the general fund budget of \$9,925,431. He stated the budget presented required no debt service millage increase, and reported that the administration recommends approval of the 2022-2023 budget as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to approve the 2022-2023 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets as presented. No second was required as the motion was made by the Finance Committee.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions, and thanked the board for their participation in the finance committee meetings. Being none, the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

- b) Consider Approval of the Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2022-2023 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget. Spartanburg District Seven is the fiscal agent for the Alternative School and prepared the budget. This budget has been presented to the seven Spartanburg County Superintendents and will be presented to all seven district's Board of Trustees. Mr. Hayes reviewed the highlights of the budget and stated that it does not require use of the fund balance and has no tax millage increase. Administration recommends approval of the Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. After questions pertaining to the Alternative School capacity and District Five's percentage of the total budget, the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

- c) Consider Approval of the McCarthy-Teszler School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2022-2023 McCarthy-Teszler School budget. Spartanburg District Seven is the fiscal agent for the McCarthy-Teszler School and prepared the budget. This budget has been presented to the seven Spartanburg County Superintendents and will be presented to all seven district's Board of Trustees. Mr. Hayes highlighted several key points of the budget and reported that it requires no fund balance transfer and requires no tax millage increase. He then stated that the administration recommends approval of the McCarthy-Teszler budget as presented.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the McCarthy-Teszler School budget as

presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Watchorn.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. After questions pertaining to the increase in the Special Education and Homebound line item, the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

- d) Consider Approval of the R.D. Anderson Technology Center Budget:** Mr. Hayes also presented the proposed 2022-2023 R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center Budget. The Technology Center serves students in Districts Four, Five, and Six. District Six is the fiscal agent and prepared the budget. The proposed budget has been presented to the R.D. Anderson Board of Trustees, as well as the School Boards of the affiliated districts. The balanced budget, as presented, requires no millage increase or use of the fund balance.

The administration made the recommendation to approve the budget as presented.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement. Mr. Cleveland thanked Mr. Hayes for presenting the budget as prepared by District Six.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Being none, the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

- e) Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Beech Springs Middle School:** Dr. Greg Wood introduced Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Architect with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith, and Mr. Trevin Thompson, Project Manager with Thompson Turner Construction, to present details for the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Beech Springs Middle School project.

Mr. Cloonan reviewed changes to the school, including details such as additional square footage for science labs, competition gym and locker rooms, new front office, guidance and nurses clinic; additional parking spaces; new parent car and bus loops; new fire truck access lane; portable classroom buildings; road improvements to Danzler Road; football field changes; and ADA access. He then highlighted the floor plan additions.

Mr. Thompson provided the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$28,211,992 for the Beech Springs remodel project. He stated that the price includes a 3% building contingency and a 2% site contingency.

Dr. Wood reported that it was the recommendation of the administration that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Beech Springs Middle School remodel.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Beech Springs Middle School renovation, as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Dr. Gary reported that after receiving questions about the total for approved GMP's to date, a list was included in their packet and would continue to be updated moving forward.

Following questions pertaining to capacity; percentage for athletics; timeline for sitework and renovations; football field extension; bidding for sub contractors; and the expected completion date, Chairman Boland asked the board for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

- f) Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Byrnes High School Site Plan:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, recognized Mr. Ryan Cloonan, and Mr. Joe Kinsey, Senior Project Manager with McKnight Construction.

Mr. Cloonan provided details about the site work and demolition phase for the Phase 2 Byrnes addition/renovation. He highlighted the areas that are to be demolished; location of the portables that have been installed; footprint of the site plan; and detailed the amount of site work that needs to be done.

Mr. Kinsey then presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,341,195 for the Byrnes High School Phase 2 Sitework. He stated that the price does include a \$100,000 site allowance contingency.

Dr. Wood reported that it was the recommendation of the administration that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Byrnes High School Phase 2 site work.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Byrnes High School Phase 2 addition site work as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Watchorn.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Board members inquired about student safety during construction, the schedule for GMP's, and the footprint of utilities.

There being no further questions, Chairman Boland asked for a vote on the motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Byrnes High School Phase 2 addition site work. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

6. Reports:

a) **Construction Update:** 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:

- Portable Mobilization: Portable arrival and set up details provided for Reidville Elementary, Byrnes High, and Berry Shoals.
- Byrnes High School: Details provided on demolition dates and progress, as well as the Phase 2 GMP timelines for site work and building.
- Duke Energy incentive programs
- Beech Springs Conversion: Timeline provided for GMP, temporary egress construction, and site work.
- Berry Shoals: details were provided about the work in progress and upcoming phases of construction.
- New Elementary School on Highway 29: Timeline provided for site GMP, grading, building GMP and beginning construction.
- Reidville Elementary Addition: Upcoming GMP schedules and projected move in dates provided.
- New Wellford Academy: Upcoming GMP schedules presented.
- Traffic Signal at Hwy. 296 and Pine Street: provided details about communication with SCDOT and bid date for approved contractor by SCDOT.
- Abner Creek Middle School: Details provided about construction progress.

Following the presentation, board members asked clarifying questions pertaining to the Duke Energy incentives.

Mr. Mark Cleveland made a motion at 8:16 pm to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and passed unanimously 7-0.

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 Mr. Mark Cleveland to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session at 9:11 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 7-0.

a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode, and approved unanimously (7-0) to accept the recommendation of the administration and offer contracts to the

employees as presented in executive session.

There being no further business, Mr. Mark Cleveland made a motion to adjourn from the board meeting at 9:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved unanimously 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel