

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, September 18, 2023 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. Meredith Gergley  
Mr. Kevin Goode  
Dr. Millie Malone  
Mr. Alex Perez  
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. Kevin Goode led the opening prayer.
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**b) Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 28, 2023 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 recognized the following students for being named National Merit Semi Finalists: Nathan Jones and Beatriz Lopes.

Mrs. Robinette also recognized two staff members for their outstanding achievements. Mrs. Kelly Jewett was named the STEM Educator of the Year for Spartanburg District Five, and Mrs. Cindy Sanders was named the Upstate Career Development Facilitator of the Year.

Following Special Recognition, Chairman Boland called for a brief recess and then called the meeting back to order.

**5. Reports:**

- a) Facilities Update:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, 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 Phase 2; Beech Springs Intermediate Gymnasium; Tyger River Elementary; Abner Creek Middle; Gin House Road Improvements; and the new Wellford Academy.

Board members inquired about whether or not there were any concerns with costs and budgeting with any of the projects and the schedule of completion for Tyger River Elementary School.

Following the report, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion at 7:01 pm to enter into executive session to receive an update on pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and passed unanimously 8-0.

**6. Executive Session**

- a) Update on Pending Litigation**

**7. Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to leave Executive Session and return to Public Session at 7:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 8-0.

- a) Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:**

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley made a motion to adjourn from the September board meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley  
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel