

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, October 22, 2018, at Duncan Elementary School at 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mrs. Dawn Deck
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. Jeff Proper
Mr. Michael Thompson

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Rick Eitel, 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. Michael Thompson led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

- b) **Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2018:** Minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized two Byrnes students for their achievements with the National Merit Scholars program: Kristin Adolf and Kalika Bridwell.

Mrs. Robinette also recognized Anna Robinson (Duncan Elementary School) and Megan Harlow (Byrnes Freshman Academy) as recipients of the Five's Finest Award, for continually going above and beyond their daily duties.

5. **Public Comment:** Mr. Jonathan Platt addressed the Board with concerns about the district's discipline policies.

6. **Action**

- a) **Proposal for Disposition for Reidville Elementary School Property:** Chairman Rick Eitel recognized Mrs. Julie McMakin, chairman of the board's finance committee, who

provided a first reading of possible options for soliciting proposals for the current Reidville Elementary School property, as well as a tentative timeline. Per the proposed timeline, the District will receive written proposals through March 4, 2019. Chairman Eitel invited the community to email the board with questions pertaining to the proposal and stated that public input would be received at the November board meeting.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to accept the proposal for the disposition for the Reidville Elementary School property as presented. The motion, not requiring a second, passed unanimously (8-0).

- b) **SCReady Online Testing Waiver:** Dr. Turner recognized Dr. Ashley Atkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, who informed the board of issues and concerns that have taken place with the online assessments on SCREADY over the past few years. The administration is seeking approval to request a waiver to administer the writing and reading portions of the SC Ready assessment in paper/pencil format in lieu of online testing.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the request for the online testing waiver for SCREADY for school year 2018-19.

- c) **SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** Chairman Eitel informed the board of the need to elect a voting delegate and alternate to attend the SCSBA Annual Business Meeting, being held in conjunction with the Legislative Advocacy Conference, on December 8, 2018. Mr. Michael Thompson was nominated as the Delegate. Mr. Thompson accepted the nomination.

Mr. Jeff Proper was nominated to serve as the voting alternate. Mr. Proper accepted the nomination. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to appoint Mr. Thompson as the voting delegate, and Mr. Proper as the alternate, during the SCSBA Annual Business Meeting.

7. Reports

- a) **High School Student Achievement Data:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, provided an update on the high school assessment data. Dr. Smith's report highlighted scores from WorkKeys/WIN Ready to Work, ACT, End of Course, and Advanced Placement testing. Dr. Smith reported that the SAT data will be released to the public on October 25 and will be presented to the board at a later date.
- b) **Quarterly Financial Update:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, provided the quarterly financial update of the General Fund budget through September 30, 2018. The report projects revenue to exceed the annual budget by over \$700,000 due to an increase in the number of students being served. Mr. Hayes reported year-to-date expenditures currently exceed revenue by a little over \$8 million, which is typical in

the first quarter due to the large portion of property taxes not being collected until January or February.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of legal updates and personnel.

8. Executive Session

- a. Legal Update
- b. Personnel: In Executive Session, Dr. Turner presented his letter announcing his plans to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

In Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the retirement of Dr. Scott Turner at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre
Secretary