

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, October 26, 2015, at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman
Mr. Bo Corne
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mr. Garry Harper
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. James Norman
Mr. Michael Thompson

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

3. **Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2015:** Minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized the following teachers who were presented the Five's Finest award for educators who go the extra mile to see students succeed: Diane McAlister (Reidville Elementary School) and Alicia Crutchlow (Florence Chapel Middle School).

5. **Action Agenda:**

- a) **SJWD Land Acquisition:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, provided details about an opportunity to purchase approximately 9 acres of land from SJWD, adjacent to the Byrnes High School property behind the soccer field. Dr. Wood reported that the district has been in negotiation with SJWD and has been provided the opportunity to purchase the land for the appraised price of \$25,500 per acre, for a total cost of \$229,500. Funds would be taken from the building fund balance if the purchase is approved. The property could be used for athletic fields as the needs arise.

If approved, this parcel, as well as the 10 acres approved for purchase at the June 2015 meeting, will be surveyed and purchased together for a total cost of \$354,500. This would increase the total acreage at Byrnes High School from 44 acres to 63 acres.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the purchase of approximately 9 acres from SJWD for a total cost of \$229,500.

- b) **Field Trip Request:** Ms. Crystal Roe, German teacher at D.R. Hill Middle School and Florence Chapel Middle School, provided information pertaining to a field trip request to travel to Germany in 2017.

The itinerary includes seven days in Berlin and two days in Amsterdam. The student cost, after early enrollment discount, is \$3,640 and the adult cost is \$4,005. The cost includes air fare, hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, motor coach, travel protection, tour guides, and entrance fees to select attractions.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (8-0) to approve the field trip request to Germany for D.R. Hill and Florence Chapel Middle Schools in 2017.

- c) **SCSBA Delegate Assembly:** Dr. Turner informed the board of the need to elect a voting delegate and alternate to serve at the SCSBA Annual Business Meeting on December 5, 2015. A nomination was made to elect Mr. James Norman as the delegate and Mr. Steve Brockman as the alternate.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (7-0-1) to elect Mr. Norman to serve as the delegate and Mr. Brockman to serve as the alternate. Steve Brockman abstained from voting.

6. Reports

- a) **High School Achievement Data:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability and Assessment, presented the 2014-2015 High School Data Report. Dr. Smith's report included details about Dual Credit enrollment, SAT scores, WorkKeys, Advanced Placement, and ACT Senior and Junior Cohorts. Dr. Smith also reported that District Five was among 15 districts statewide whose juniors were above the state percentage of students scoring 'Ready' in all four subject areas on the ACT.
- b) **South Carolina Math and Science Standards:** Dr. Eric Levitt, Director of STEM, provided an update on Math and Science Standards. Math Coaches, Leigh Hanke and Edwina Perrin, were also in attendance. Dr. Levitt provided information about the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics, as well as the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science. Dr.

Levitt's report included background information and major changes in Science, as well as details about Science and Engineering Practices and the STEM framework. Mrs. Heinke and Mrs. Perrin provided information about how they are working in the schools alongside teachers to develop strategies, skills, tools, and techniques to effectively teach math to all students.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session for the purposes of personnel and a contractual issue.

7. Executive Session

- a) **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to accept the personnel changes as of October 26, as presented.
- b) **Contractual Issue:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson
Secretary