

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 22, 2021 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. Steve Brockman
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. Jeff Proper

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mrs. Julie McMakin, 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. Steve Brockman led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Reports:**

- a) **Construction Update:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent, presented information on the new softball stadium update. Dr. Wood informed the board that McMillan Pazdan Smith Architects and Harper Construction Co. were both working on the project, which is currently in the developmental design phase. Per the report, the project should begin in April or May, and is scheduled to be completed in January 2022.

Dr. Wood presented renderings of the current configuration of fields, as well as the configuration of the new fields. He reported that the exact cost of the project is unknown at this time. However, the cost of the baseball field was \$4.5 million, and this project should be less.

- b) **Academic Support Services:** Dr. Jeff Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, presented information to the board pertaining to academic support services for our students. Dr. Rogers' report provided details about students' learning loss, as well as information on strategies the district is using to recoup that loss. He also reported that students returning to face to face learning five days a week has decreased failure rates. Dr. Rogers provided details on how the district is using data to guide instruction, and information on additional federal funding resources that have been made available. The district will continue working on school specific action plans to extend services to students and help with Professional Development for staff.
- c) **iReady Growth Study:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, provided a detailed report on iReady data. Dr. Smith's report provided data from Fall and Winter iReady math and reading assessments for grades K-8, comparing 2019-20 to 2020-21. His report also provided details for grades K-8, from winter to winter testing, for the last three years. This data will be used with the action plans to help address student learning loss across the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland to move into Executive Session for contractual matters and personnel matters. The motion, seconded by Mr. Steve Brockman, passed unanimously (8-0).

5. Executive Session:

- a) Discussion of Contractual Matters in reference to Growth Plan and Property Search
- b) Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions and Resignations

6. Return to Public Session:

- b. Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations: In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Steve Brockman, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the employee contracts as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.

In compliance with Board Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, three teacher's contracts were voted on individually. These teachers have family members who serve on the board. The votes are recorded as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Rick Eitel, and approved (7-0-1) to approve the contract for Laura Brockman as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Steve Brockman abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Rick Eitel, and approved (7-0-1) to approve the contract for Alicia Crutchlow as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Phil McIntyre abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Phil McIntyre, and approved (7-0-1) to approve the contract for Jennifer Eitel as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Rick Eitel abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Rick Eitel, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the contract for Employee A as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, and seconded by Mr. Steve Brockman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cleveland
Secretary

Submitted by: April Peel