

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 23, 2015 at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Bo Corne  
Mr. Rick Eitel  
Mr. Phil McIntyre  
Mr. Garry Harper  
Mr. Patrick Jarrett  
Mrs. Julie McMakin

**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.

1. **Open Meeting with Prayer:** Mr. Bo Corne led the opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2015:** Minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized the following students and their mentors for their participation in the Citizen Scholar's Program: Mea Abrahams, Devin Camp, Ashley Cox, Lyric Crow, Joselin Echavarria, Kai'li Floyd, Cherae Kinnunen, Ryan Medford, Miguel Ramos-Lopez, and Melvin Robinson
4. **Action Agenda**
  - a) **Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds:** Mr. Dan McLeod and Mr. Mike Burns, attorneys with McNair Law Firm presented a resolution authorizing short term general obligation bonds for an amount not exceeding \$3 million. The bond issue would be for a term of three to four months and used for the financing of the Byrnes High School and Lyman Elementary School construction projects.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (6-0) to approve the issuance of the short term general obligation bonds for an amount not exceeding \$3 million, as presented.

## 5. Reports

- a) **Board of Trustees Redistricting Proposal:** Mr. Bobby Bowers and Mr. Frank Rainwater, with the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, presented a follow up to the board regarding a redistricting proposal that was presented at the January board meeting, which is needed to help equalize the numbers within the district's voting areas. Mr. Bowers provided a copy of the current map, along with benchmark statistics using the most recent census numbers from 2010, as well as the proposed map and new statistics. Mr. Bowers reported that his office had worked to find a proposal that ensured that the recommended changes would avoid retrogression, and also lowered the deviation to less than 10% for each of the three areas. The new proposal includes one single member district (5-1), one two-member district (5-2), and one six-member district (5-3). The district will contact Rita Allison to request that she file the proposal with the House of Representatives, which will require three readings before being passed to take effect before the upcoming election in November 2015.
  
- b) **Facilities Construction Time Line:** Mrs. Donza Mattison, architect with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, provided the board members with an update and overview of the construction process for the renovation projects at Byrnes High School and Lyman Elementary School. Mrs. Mattison reported that the plans had been submitted to the Office of School Facilities for both projects. At this time, she feels certain that the schedule can be maintained as previously presented. She also reported that 39 companies had submitted bids for the prequalifying of contractors for the Byrnes project on Thursday, February 19. The plan is to make the list of qualified contractors available the week of March 2.  
  
In addition, Mrs. Mattison reported that bids will be received within the next few weeks for the new bus loop at Byrnes High School. Plans are to relocate the bus loop to the side of the building to allow for student drop off at the new gym lobby. That project is scheduled to take place the first two weeks in April and be ready for use when students return from Spring Break.
  
- c) **Facilities Update:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided photos and updates of facility projects that have taken place since the budget was approved. These updates include gym and field bleachers, fencing, and sidewalk repair at Byrnes Freshman Academy, lighting upgrades at Byrnes High School, tile replacement at Beech Springs Intermediate, sidewalk additions at D.R. Hill Middle School, AED installation at elementary and intermediate schools, upgrades at the Transportation Office, as well as implementing new software for online registration for current students.
  
- d) **Assessment Time Line:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability and Assessment, provided an update of the Spring Assessment Time Line. His report included an overview of the following assessments: MAP, ACT Aspire, ACT Aspire Science, The ACT, Workkeys, SCPASS, and the End-of-Course Examination Program.

## 6. Executive Session

- a. **Contractual Issue:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (6-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of contractual issue, student diploma requests, and personnel.
- b. **Act 155 Diploma Requests:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (6-0) to grant the petition of two former students who requested to receive a high school diploma due to the passing of ACT 155.
- c. **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (6-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as of February 23, 2015, as presented by administration.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to accept the district's administrator contract recommendations for the 2015-16 school year as presented.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to accept the certified personnel recommendations as presented.

Furthermore, in compliance with Board Policy BHA – 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:

Britain Jarrett, Lyman Elementary School: (5-0-1): Patrick Jarrett abstained from voting.

Jennifer Eitel, River Ridge Elementary School: (5-0-1): Rick Eitel abstained from voting.

Alicia Crutchlow, Florence Chapel Middle School: (5-0-1): Phil McIntyre abstained from voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary