

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 26, 2024 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
Mrs. Sherri Taunton
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. Derek Watchorn led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

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

- b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the January 22, 2024 and February 9, 2024 meetings 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. Melissa Robinette recognized Mrs. Janelle Murr, teacher at Duncan Elementary School, who won the Elementary Distinguished Teacher of Literacy for Spartanburg County. This achievement is

presented by the Spartanburg County Chapter of the Palmetto State Literacy Association.

5. Action:

- a) Consideration of Appointments of District Five Representative to Spartanburg County First Steps Board:** Dr. Jeff Rogers provided information to the board about Spartanburg County First Steps and the programs and services they offer. Dr. Rogers reported that District Five has always had a representative on their board, but due to changes with their agency, the delegate must be formally approved by the District Five School Board.

The administration made a recommendation to appoint Mrs. Jean Brewington to continue serving as the District Five representative on the Spartanburg County First Steps Board for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Jean Brewington as the District Five Representative to the Spartanburg County First Steps Board, as presented by the Administration. Mrs. Sherri Taunton seconded the motion and the vote was approved 9-0.

- b) Consideration of Adoption of New ELA Textbooks:** Dr. Jeff Rogers and Mr. Matt Wofford provided an update to the board about new ELA textbooks for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Wofford provided details about the process used to select the materials being presented. Following the presentation, Dr. Rogers made a recommendation to approve the new ELA textbooks as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the adoption of the new ELA textbooks, as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone and approved unanimously 9-0.

6. 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 reports were updates on the following: Byrnes Phase 2; Beech Springs Gym; Tyger River Elementary; and Wellford Academy. Dr. Wood also provided information about the Beech Springs athletic field and the roofing project at Duncan Elementary.

In addition, Dr. Wood presented design details about the Byrnes High School

stadium updates. He also reported that the GMP would be presented to the board in May.

Following the presentation, board members inquired about the completion timeline at Byrnes High School; if the board would be able to review more details about the stadium before voting in May; and crowd control and security with the new stadium design.

7. **Executive Session:** At 7:07 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 9-0.

8. **Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to end Executive Session and return to Public Session at 8:31 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 9-0.

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

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the new hires, promotions, and resignations as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley then made a motion to adjourn the February board meeting at 8:38 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel