

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 27, 2017, at Byrnes High School at 150 E. Main Steet, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman  
Mr. Mark Cleveland  
Mr. Bo Corne  
Mr. Rick Eitel  
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. Mark Cleveland led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2017:** Minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized the following teachers who were recognized as District Five’s Finest, for continuously going above and beyond: Molly Haulbrook (Lyman Elementary School) and Christie Adams (Beech Springs Intermediate School).

5. **Action**

- a) **Election of Vice Chairman:** Mr. Eitel informed the board of the need to elect new officers for the positions of Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Chairman of the Policy Committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (7-0-1) to appoint Mrs. Julie McMakin as the Vice Chairman of the Board. Mrs. McMakin abstained from voting.

- b) **Election of Secretary:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed (7-0-1) to appoint Mr. Phil McIntyre as the Secretary of the Board. Mr. McIntyre abstained from voting.
- c) **Election of Policy Committee Chair:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed (7-0-1) to appoint Mr. Michael Thompson as the Chairman of the Policy Committee.

- d) **Approval of 2017-2022 District Strategic Plan:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Research, and STEM, presented information pertaining to the District Strategic Plan for 2017-2022. Dr. Smith provided an overview of what took place in updating the district's plan for the next five years. His report included details about the Framework, Strategic Performance Goals, Action Plans, Mission and Vision Statements, Teacher and Administrator Quality and Performance Goals, District and School Climate Goals, as well as the District Priorities.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the 2017-2022 District Strategic Plan.

- e) **Amend Policy IJNDB: Use of Technology Resources in Instruction:** Mr. Michael Thompson, Chairman of the Policy Committee, presented amendments to policy IJNDB: Use of Technology Resources in Instruction.

A motion was made and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the amendments to Policy IJNDB: Use of Technology Resources in Instruction, as presented. The motion did not require a second, as it was presented by the Chairman of the Policy Committee.

- f) **Amend Policy KBB: Parents Rights and Responsibilities:** Mr. Thompson also presented amendments to Policy KBB: Parents Rights and Responsibilities.

A motion was made to approve the amendments to Policy KBB: Parents Rights and Responsibilities, as presented by the Chairman of the Policy Committee.

An additional motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (8-0) to amend the motion to add the word "business" to 48 business hours. The motion was then modified to change the language to read: Administrators and personnel of District Five Schools of Spartanburg County will respond to parent inquiries via email, phone call, or a conference within two business days.

A final motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the amendments to board policy KBB: Parents Rights and Responsibilities to reflect the new language from the amended motion.

## 6. Reports

- a) **2017-2018 School Calendar:** Dr. Scott Turner, Superintendent, provided an update on the status of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Copies of the updated draft calendar were presented to board members. Dr. Turner reported that the joint legislation allowing schools to begin on Thursday, August 17 has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Dr. Turner also reported that a total Solar Eclipse is scheduled for our area on Monday, August 21. Although several neighboring districts do not plan to have school in session this day, District Five administration is in favor of having students attend, in order to provide a safe viewing experience for students. Teachers will begin teaching about the eclipse this school year.

The district will notify parents over the summer and provide participation permission slips for students. The eclipse is scheduled to take place during dismissal time. Therefore, the district will work to extend dismissal for elementary students on this date so students are not being dismissed during the peak time of the eclipse.

Dr. Turner also reviewed key details of the amended calendar. Most of the calendar aligns with the other Spartanburg districts. However, there will be a few days that differ due to our plans to attend school on August 21.

The calendar presented will be the approved calendar for the 2017-18 school year.

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

## 7. Executive Session

- a) **Personnel:** In open session, and in compliance with Board Policy BHA – Board Member Conflict of Interest, four teacher's contracts were voted on individually. These teachers have family members who serve on the board.

The votes are recorded as follows:

Laura Brockman, Reidville Elementary School: (7-0-1): Steve Brockman abstained from voting.

Alicia Crutchlow, Florence Chapel Middle School: (7-0-1): Phil McIntyre abstained from voting.

Jennifer Eitel, River Ridge Elementary School: (7-0-1): Rick Eitel abstained from voting.

Natalie Oliver, Abner Creek Academy: (7-0-1): Michael Thompson abstained from voting.

In addition, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve all personnel contracts as presented.

Finally, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the personnel changes as of February 27, 2017 as presented.

- 8. Tour of Byrnes High School Phase I Building:** Board members were given a tour of the new classroom addition to Byrnes High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre  
Secretary