

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, March 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 (via Zoom)
Mr. Steve Brockman
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mrs. Dawn Deck
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. Rick Eitel led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Action Items:**

- a) **Consider Approval of General Obligation Bonds:** Mr. David Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, presented details pertaining to the Resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, not to exceed \$9 million. If approved, the Resolution would not require a tax increase.

The District will participate in the SCAGO GO Program, which will save money on the interest rates and closing costs. Mr. Hayes reported that the bonds can be used for the following: to make the principal and interest installments on the revenue

bonds; to purchase land for future school sites; and for the softball field construction project.

The Resolution will also allow the Superintendent to act on behalf of the District to execute the necessary paperwork to issue the bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Rick Eitel, and approved unanimously (9-0) to authorize the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, as presented by the administration.

5. Reports:

- a) **Budget Requests by Schools and Departments:** Mr. David Hayes also presented a copy of the detailed Budget Requests received from all schools and departments. Mr. Hayes informed the board that the document was a compilation of all requests that were received, and not all requests would be recommended by the administration. The district administration will work closely with the Board's Finance Committee, as well as the full board, to review the recommendations and bring forth the final budget requests in June.
- b) **iReady Growth – Virtual Students:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, presented information to the board pertaining to iReady growth for Virtual Students.

Dr. Smith's report included the comparison of results for virtual students, vs. face-to-face students, from fall to winter in grades K-8, in both Math and Reading.

The administration addressed board members' concerns about how Federal funds will be used for learning loss over the summer, as well as addressing the social and emotional needs of students.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland to move into Executive Session for personnel and contractual matters. The motion, seconded by Mr. Steve Brockman, passed unanimously (9-0).

6. Executive Session:

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

7. Return to Public Session:

- a) 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 (9-0) to approve the administration's recommendations for employment as presented on pages 1-4.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Mark Cleveland, and seconded by Mr. Rick Eitel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cleveland
Secretary

Submitted by: April Peel