

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was live-streamed via the District's website at spart5.net due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following members were present via Zoom:

Mr. Jeff Boland
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.

4. **Action Items:**

- a) **Consider Approval of General Obligation Bonds:** Dr. Randall Gary, Superintendent, recognized Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance. Mr. Hayes briefed the board on a few key points of the resolution, which was prepared by the law firm Burr & Foreman LLP. The district was advised that it's in their best interest to participate in the SCAGO program, which has a pooled General Obligation debt program which reduces closing costs and lowers the net interest cost.

Mr. Hayes also reported that the district will participate in the SCAGO program to issue and sale bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000. Of that amount, \$3,000,000 will be used for the annual Installment Purchase payments through SCAGO, and \$4,000,000 will be used to fund the purchase of property. Both have been combined into one bond issue to save money.

The resolution also gives authority to the board chairman, vice chairman, or superintendent to execute the necessary contracts to issue the bonds.

Mr. Hayes informed the board that the bonds will be paid for in the Spring of 2021, as they were fully accounted for when the budget was passed in June of 2019.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved (8-0) to approve the Resolution for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, as recommended by the administration. Mrs. Deck had not yet joined the meeting when the vote was taken.

- b) **Emergency Resolution Re: 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response:** Dr. Randall Gary informed the board that the district's attorneys, Halligan, Mahoney and Williams, along with the State Superintendent of Education, have recommended that school districts approve the Emergency Resolution Re: 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response. The resolution gives the school board the opportunity to suspend certain policies during the COVID-19 pandemic when students are participating in online distance learning. This would include policies that address issues such as seat time in school, and numbers of minutes of instruction, and others.

The administration recommends that the board adopt the resolution as provided by the district's attorneys and the South Carolina State Department of Education.

Chairman McMakin read the resolution in its entirety.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to grant the approval of the Emergency Resolution Re: 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response, as presented by the administration.

A motion was then made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Discussion of Contractual Matter Related to the Growth Plan.

5. Executive Session

- a) Discussion of Contractual Matter Related to Growth Plan

6. **Return to Public Session:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to move from Executive Session to Open Session.

- a. **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** No action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cleveland
Secretary