

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 22, 2019, at Duncan Elementary School at 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
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. Michael Thompson led the opening prayer.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
 - b) **Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2019 and April 15, 2019:** Minutes from the March 25, 2019 and April 15, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, read a resolution presented to the district from Representative Rita Allison and members of the SC House of Representatives, in honor of Public Schools Volunteer Week. Mrs. Robinette then recognized Mr. Matthew Wofford, Fine Arts Director, who presented awards to students and teachers for their fine arts achievements in band, chorus, honor choir, orchestra, theatre and art. See attached for complete list of names.

5. Action

- a) **Consider Approval of District Strategic Plan Updates:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, provided details about the Strategic Plan updates. Dr. Smith reported that three of the district's schools (Wellford, Abner Creek, and Byrnes) have been named ATSI schools, based on the disabled children subgroup. The district's focus will be to decrease the percentage of students performing at the "Does Not Meets Expectations" level on the SC Ready ELA Assessment for elementary schools, and to increase the number of disabled students who are Career Ready at the high school.

Dr. Smith also reported the implementation of Continuous Improvement Coaches at both elementary schools, and well as the purchase of iReady Data Tool Box.

Dr. Scott Turner informed the board that with the designation of ATSI from the State Department, money is provided and should be designated specifically for these special needs subgroups.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the District Strategic Plan updates, as presented by the administration.

- b) **Consider Approval of General Obligation Bonds for Abner Creek Academy and Byrnes High School Parking Lot and Baseball Field Projects:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented a resolution for the General Obligation Bonds, which have been prepared by Attorney Mike Burns. The resolution will authorize the issuance and sale of Series 2019B bonds for the principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to fund the Abner Creek Academy expansion and the Byrnes High School parking lot and baseball field projects. The resolution also gives authority to the board chairman, vice chairman, or superintendent to execute the necessary contracts to issue the bonds.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the General Obligation Bonds for Abner Creek Academy expansion and Byrnes High School Parking Lot and Baseball Field Projects, as presented by the administration.

- c) **Consider Approval of Annual General Obligation Bonds for Debt Service:** Mr. Hayes also presented information for the issuance of up to \$3,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of installment bonds through SCAGO. Mr. Hayes reported this is the annual process in order to maintain the debt service millage. The resolution also gives authority to the board chairman, vice chairman, or superintendent to execute the necessary contracts to issue the bonds.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (7-0) to approve the Annual

Obligation Bonds for Debt Service, as presented by the administration.

6. Reports

- a) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Mr. David Hayes presented the General Fund financial report through March 31, 2019. He reported an increase in the revenue projections due to a large influx of students.

Mr. Hayes also reported that the projected revenue will exceed expenditures by \$1.8 million at the end of the year. The district's cash flow has turned around due to the collection of property taxes being received, and revenue is exceeding Year to Date expenditures by \$15 million, which is typical for this time of year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to move into Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel and Disposition of Reidville Elementary School Property.

7. Executive Session

- a. **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the personnel changes as of April 22, 2019 as presented by the administration.
- b. **Disposition of Reidville Elementary School Property:**

8. Action:

- a) **Disposition of Reidville Elementary School Property: Disposition of Reidville School Property:** In open session, the chairman of the finance committee made the following motion:

After reviewing the two proposals received by the Board for the disposition of the existing Reidville Elementary School and seeking such clarification as was necessary to fully evaluate the two proposals, the price and contingencies and conditions contained in the proposal from Bob Jones Academy—one or more of which would remain in effect even several years after any transfer were to occur—greatly diminish the value of that proposal for the School District as compared to the higher value of the tangible and intangible aspects of the proposal received from the Town of Reidville (including, among other things, public use of the property and resolution of title issues associated with the site on which the new elementary school is being constructed).

Therefore, the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Superintendent, with advice of counsel, are authorized to negotiate and (upon reaching a satisfactory agreement) to execute a definitive, written agreement with the Town for the disposition of the existing Reidville Elementary School.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously (7-0) to approve the motion as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre
Secretary