

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 22, 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  
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:** Mrs. Meredith Gergley led the opening prayer.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
  - b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Chairman Jeff Boland introduced Mr. Matt Wofford, Director of Fine Arts, for the Special Recognition portion of the meeting. Mr. Wofford recognized students and teachers for their accomplishments in visual arts, marching band, all-state band, chorus

and orchestra; elementary honors choir, all state orchestra, and theatre. Mr. Wofford also reported that the district received the Best Communities in Music Education Award. See attached for a complete list of names.

Following the recognition, Chairman Boland congratulated the students on their achievements. He then called for a brief recess and called the meeting back to order.

## 5. Action Items:

- a) **Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Byrnes High School Phase 3 Demolition:** Dr. Greg Wood introduced Mr. Ryan Cloonan, with McMillan Pazdan Smith and Mr. Matthew Magoulas, with McKnight Construction, to present the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Phase 3 Demolition at Byrnes High School.

Mr. Cloonan presented details about the areas to be demolished. The Guaranteed Maximum Price presented includes the abatement of hazardous materials, demolition of approximately 71,600 square feet of building, installation of temporary covered walkway and fencing, procurement of long-lead electrical equipment, erosion control and site demolition.

Mr. Magoulas then presented the following Phase 3 Demolition costs: \$1,608,482 for Demo and Abatement; \$487,861 for Site Work; for a total Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,096,343, which includes a contingency of \$200,000.

Following the presentation, Dr. Greg Wood made the recommendation that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Phase 3 Demolition at Byrnes High School, as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Byrnes High School Phase 3 Demolition, not to exceed \$2,096,343 as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland.

Board members inquired about when the demolition would begin; the rough timeline of completion; hazardous materials expected; and ensuring a plan is in place for the emergency communication systems between the buildings during the demolition phase.

The motion was approved unanimously 8-0.

- b) **Consideration of Strategic Plan Updates:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Assessment, provided the strategic plan updates for the five year renewal plan. Dr. Smith's presentation included information about growth rates; student achievement goals; gifted and talented performance goals; college and career readiness goals; teacher quality; school climate; safety; and family engagement goals.

Mrs. Gergley made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan Updates, as presented by

the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 8-0.

## 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.

Dr. Wood's report included updates on the following: Byrnes Phase 2; Beech Springs Gym; Athletic Fields at Beech Springs; Danzler Road improvements; Tyger River Elementary; and Wellford Academy. Dr. Wood also provided information about furniture deliveries for new schools, Duncan roof replacement project, updates at Berry Shoals Elementary, and details about the summer internal and external moves.

Following the presentation, board members inquired about fencing at Tyger River Elementary; progress on Danzler Rd. improvements; and Beech Springs athletic field timeline.

- b) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Ms. Penny Dininny, Chief Financial Officer, provided the general fund financial report through March 31, 2024. Ms. Dininny reported that 87% of revenue has been collected to date. Ms. Dininny provided details on expenditures and revenue, stating that revenue currently exceeds expenditures by \$29,696,865 and is projected to exceed by \$2.3 million at end of year.

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

The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 8-0.

## 8. Return to Public Session:

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to end Executive Session and return to Public Session at 7:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millie Malone and approved unanimously 8-0.

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

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the new hires, promotions, and resignations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley then made a motion to adjourn the April board meeting at 7:58 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton and approved unanimously 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley  
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel