

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was live-streamed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following members were present virtually 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. Mark Cleveland 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 23, 2020 and April 13, 2020 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Action Items:**

- a) **Consider Approval of District Strategic Plan Updates:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, presented the District's Strategic Plan updates. He highlighted several key areas of the plan, including information about SC Ready ELA and Math, SC PASS for Science, iReady, End of Course scores, Dual Enrollment increases, and the graduation rate increase. Dr. Smith also explained that

due to the closure of schools because of COVID-19, many indicators will be lost for next year, including SC Ready, Spring iReady, and SC PASS assessments that were canceled, as well as the Teacher/Student/Parent opinion surveys that are typically administered.

Dr. Smith reported that the state is working with the Education Oversight Committee to provide the districts with an idea of how the process will be handled moving forward.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the district's Strategic Plan updates as presented by the administration. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, was approved unanimously (9-0).

- b) **Consider Approval of Voluntary Desegregation Plan:** Dr. Randall Gary, Superintendent, reported that he and other school administrators planned a trip to Lexington Five before Spring Break to meet with their Magnet School Coordinator about the Magnet Schools of America's Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP). The goal of the MSAP is to provide leadership through a high quality, innovative program to promote choice, equity, and diversity through academic excellence.

In order to apply for the grant, the district must agree to comply with the Desegregation Order filed with the Office of Civil Rights. After a thorough search, with help from attorneys, it was determined that a plan for Spartanburg Five was unable to be located. Therefore, the District must submit a Voluntary Desegregation Plan approved by the Board of Trustees.

The grant offers funding to help with Professional Development, staffing needs, materials and supplies, and outside evaluators for a five-year cycle. If the grant is approved, the funds will be used to enhance the current magnet programs at both Duncan Elementary School of the Arts and Wellford Academy of Science and Technology.

Dr. Gary made a recommendation that the Board approve the Voluntary Desegregation Plan as presented.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the Voluntary Desegregation Plan needed for the MSAP Grant, as presented by the administration. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, was approved unanimously (9-0).

5. Reports:

- a) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented the District's quarterly financial report through March 31, 2020. Mr. Hayes reported that year-to-date actual revenue exceeds expenditures by \$17.8 million, due to the majority of real estate and business taxes and fees being received in January and February to carry through to the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Hayes also reported projected local revenue will be approximately \$1.28 million more

than budgeted. He explained that the economic downturn does not affect the district so much at this time because the majority of revenues have already been collected.

Due to the significant increase in the district's student enrollment, Mr. Hayes has also projected a \$2.2 million increase in state taxes than was budgeted.

Mr. Hayes reported that although the state budget will take a substantial hit in the fourth quarter, the Board of Economic Advisors projects the state will still meet the current budget, although the large surplus projected will be wiped out.

Overall, Mr. Hayes is projecting revenue to exceed expenditures by \$3.3 million for this fiscal year. However, he cautioned the board that this does not mean the district will not see the negative effects of this recession. He informed them that they will certainly be felt next year, as well as the following year.

After questions about next year's budget, Mr. Hayes explained that the state will pass a continuing resolution to be used in planning the budget for next year. Once the new allocations are received, the administration will put together a budget to recommend to the finance committee and the full board.

A motion was then made by Mr. Cleveland to move into Executive Session. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, was approved (8-0).

6. Executive Session

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

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

- a. **Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations:** In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Cleveland to approve the new hires and promotions as presented by the administration. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, was approved unanimously (9-0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cleveland
Secretary