

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 11, 2015 at Duncan Elementary School, 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman  
Mr. Bo Corne  
Mr. Rick Eitel  
Mr. Patrick Jarrett  
Mr. Phil McIntyre  
Mrs. Julie McMakin  
Mr. Michael Thompson

**Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Rick Eitel, Vice 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.

- 1. Open Meeting with Prayer:** Mr. Steve Brockman led the opening prayer.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2015 and April 27, 2015:** Minutes from the April 20, 2015 and April 27, 2015 meetings were approved as presented.
- 3. Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, presented the “Five’s Finest” Award to Jennifer Richey, teacher at Beech Springs and Shannon Woodroof, teacher at Abner Creek.

Mrs. Robinette also recognized the following students who received the Superintendent’s Citizenship Award: Sara Proper, Catarina Neves-Costa, Riley Belle Kinard, Charlotte King, Noah McAbee, Luke Brown, Noah Hill, Agatha Fowler, Andrew Wood, Zabrina Tollison, Kennedy Howard, and Adger Drummond.

Mr. Tony Gillespie, Athletic Director, recognized the following athletes for their accomplishments in spring sports:

**Boy’s Golf:** Jonathan Costello and Reed Bentley

**Track:** James Jones, Dezmond Bennett, Malik Epps, Lyrics Klugh, James Glenn, Najee Bowens, Mikenzie Young-Mullins, and NaScottisha Drummond

**Lacrosse:** Austin Marshall and Makiyah English

**Softball:** Regan Messenger, Malibu Gaston, Allison Neely, Tatum Arboleda, Parker Birch, Christa Whitesides, and Haven Pesce

**Baseball:** Mason Streater, Jawan Caviness, Hunter Hernandez, Dillon Green, Davis Agle

**Boy’s Tennis:** Jacob Andress and Austin Green

**Soccer:** Emily Morrison, Hector Ramos, Parker Malone, Paul Hilderbrand  
**Strength Meet:** Noah Dawkins and Steadman Rogers

#### 4. Action Agenda

- a) **Byrnes High School Bid Approval:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, reported that the district received General Contractor bids for the new academic wing at Byrnes High School on May 1, 2015. Bids were received as follows: McKnight Construction Group at \$25,699,000, Hogan Construction Group at \$26,184,000, and M.B. Kahn Construction at \$27,240,000. Dr. Wood reported that McKnight Construction won the low bid and received great references from local school districts who have worked with them in the past. Administration met with the general contractor to discuss options to reduce the cost of the project without cutting quality. Dr. Wood also reported that current market conditions had an effect on the bid totals, due to an increase in the amount of school construction taking place at this time.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the bid from McKnight Construction, for the academic wing at Byrnes High School, at a total cost of \$25,699,000, as presented by the administration.

- b) **Lyman Elementary School Bid Approval:** Dr. Wood also reported that two bids were received on May 1, 2015 for the addition to Lyman Elementary School. Bids were received from Melloul-Blamey Construction at \$2,816,000 and from Clayton Construction at \$2,895,000. Dr. Wood reported that Melloul-Blamey Construction won the low bid. Dr. Wood also reported that they were the company that built Lyman Elementary School.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the bid from Melloul-Blamey Construction, for the addition to Lyman Elementary School, at a total cost of \$2,816,000, as presented by the administration.

- c) **General Obligation Bond Resolution:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$18.2 million dollars for the construction projects at Byrnes High School and Lyman Elementary School. Mr. Hayes informed the board that \$18.2 million is the maximum amount allowed under the state limitation. The resolution also provides the board chairman and district superintendent the authority to carry out the actions necessary to execute the bonds. Mr. Hayes reviewed the payment schedule, which will begin in 2016 and end in 2025.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the General Obligation Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$18.2 million for the construction projects at Byrnes High School and Lyman Elementary School, as presented by the administration.

- d) Transfer Funds from General to Capital Projects Fund:** Mr. Hayes presented additional information on the funding needed for the Byrnes High School and Lyman Elementary School construction projects. The general contractor costs total \$28,515,000 for both projects. Additional costs, in addition to contractor costs, are estimated at \$3,411,000. These include, but are not limited to, architect, engineering, inspections, furniture, technology infrastructure, utilities, etc. The total estimated project cost is \$31,926,000, to be funded as follows: short term bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000; long term bond issue in the amount of \$18,200,000; and \$10,726,000 being used from local building funds. This allows the project to be funded with no tax millage increase. Currently, the district has a local building fund balance of \$8,800,000. In addition, Mr. Hayes is projecting revenue to exceed expenditures by \$1,000,000. This would require at least an additional \$926,000 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund to fund the remaining balance.

Mr. Hayes presented information showing the current General Fund balance exceeds the board policy target by \$1,154,941. He recommended that the board authorize transferring \$1.2 million from the General Fund to the Building Fund in order to bring the fund balance into compliance with board policy DFAC and to help fund the Byrnes and Lyman additions.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the transfer of \$1.2 million from the General Fund to the Building Fund, as presented by the administration.

- e) Byrnes High School Field Trip Request (Europe – Summer 2016):** Dr. Jeffrey Rogers, principal at Byrnes High School, and Ms. Alex McClure, Spanish teacher at Byrnes High School, provided information about a proposed field trip to Europe. Ms. McClure reported that the trip to France and Spain would be planned from June 9-21, 2016. There are 55 spots available for Spanish, French, and AP Art students. The cost of the 13 day trip is \$4030. Fundraising opportunities will be available to students. Travel insurance will be offered for an additional \$155, and the district's insurance company will provide liability coverage.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the Byrnes High School field trip request to Europe for the summer of 2016, as presented by the administration.

- f) Amendment to Policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences (Second Reading):** Dr. Scott Turner, Superintendent, provided the board with the second reading on an amendment to board policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences. The recommendation would change the rate for purchasing employee's accumulated sick days above 90 days from \$40 to \$70 per day.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the second reading of the amendment to policy GCC – Professional Staff Leaves and Absences, as presented by the administration.

**g) Amendment to Policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences (Second Reading):**

Dr. Turner also provided the board with the second reading on an amendment to board policy GDC–Support Staff Leaves and Absences. The recommendation would change the rate for purchasing employee’s accumulated sick days above 90 days from \$40 to \$70 per day.

The amendment to both policies, GCC and GDC, would have a total fiscal impact on the budget of approximately \$45,000.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the second reading of the amendment to policy GDC – Support Staff Leaves and Absences, as presented by the administration.

**5. Executive Session**

- a) Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as of May 11, 2015, as presented by the administration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary