

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 20, 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
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Kevin Goode
Dr. Millie Malone
Mr. Alex Perez
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:** Mr. Scott Clement led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized the following students who received the Superintendent's Citizenship Award: Tausala Lane

(ACA), Peyton Miller (DES), Mason DeYoung (LES), Paisley Burgess (RES), Faith Burnett (RRES), Amerah Simpson (WA), Joseph "Christian" Jennings (BSIS), Leila Strong (BRSH), Amayah Williams (DRH), Olivia Ledford (FCMS), Derrick DJ Noah Jones (BFA), and Conner Page (BHS).

Mrs. Robinette then invited Dr. Russ Howard to present certificates to student athletes and coaches in the following sports: tennis, softball, girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys soccer, baseball, and track and field. (See attached list for names.)

Following the recognition, Chairman Boland congratulated the students on their achievements. He called for a brief recess, following which he 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, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, introduced Mr. Ryan Cloonan, with McMillan Pazdan Smith and Mr. Ryan Davis and Mr. Hal Turner, with Thompson Turner Construction, to present the Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction of the athletic stadium at Byrnes High School.

Mr. Cloonan presented details about the site plan and what would be included in the new construction, as well as the demolition of existing structures. Renderings of the new stadium design were also presented, as well as details of the scope of the project.

Mr. Turner then presented the following athletic stadium costs: \$504,865 for Demolition; \$13,815,584 for Site and Stadium; and \$14,560,053 for Buildings, for a total Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$28,880,502, which includes a 5% construction contingency of \$1,294,143 and rock allowance of \$1,000,000.

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

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction of the athletic stadium at Byrnes High School, not to exceed \$28,880,502 as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Perez and approved unanimously 8-0.

- b) **Consideration of Locally Approved Courses:** Dr. Jeff Rogers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided details of the 2024-2025 Local Board Approved Courses. Dr. Rogers explained that the courses are approved annually, and briefly reviewed the list of courses. Dr. Rogers, on behalf of the administration, recommended that the board approve the 2024-2025 Local Approved Courses as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the Locally Approved Courses for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement and approved unanimously 8-0.

c) Consideration of Board Policy and Administrative Rules Amendments: Mrs. Meredith Gergley

- IE: Organization of Instruction
- AR IKA-R: Grading/Assessment Systems
- AR IKE-R: Promotion and Retention of Students
- AR IKF-R: Graduation Requirements
- JHCB: Released Time for Religious Instruction
- DGD: Purchasing Card Use
- GBJ: Personnel Records and Files
- GBGBA: Weapons

Mrs. Meredith Gergley reviewed the changes and recommendations of the policies being presented, as discussed in the prior policy committee meeting on May 13. Following the review of each policy, Mrs. Gergley, as chair of the Policy Committee, made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Policy Committee and adopt the following policies and revisions as presented:

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The motion, not requiring a second, was 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; Tyger River Elementary; Wellford Academy; Abner Creek Middle School; Beech Springs Athletic Field; Danzler Road Improvements; BHS Stadium replacement; Berry Shoals Elementary; Byrnes Phase 3; MTCC HVAC System upgrades; and Summer internal and external moves.

- 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 Mrs. Sherri Taunton 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 8:28 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Clement 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. Kevin Goode and approved unanimously 8-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Gergley then made a motion to adjourn the May board meeting at 8:32 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