

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 21, 2018 at Duncan Elementary School at 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman  
Mr. Mark Cleveland  
Mrs. Dawn Deck  
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. Steve Brockman 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 23, 2018 and May 14, 2018 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Chairman's Report on Budget:** Chairman Rick Eitel presented information pertaining to the 2018-19 budget, which will be approved at the June board meeting. Mr. Eitel's report outlined the 2017-18 operating budget, the district's budget challenges for the 2018-19 school year, and facility concerns and challenges faced by the district in trying to meet the needs of the rapidly growing community. Mr. Eitel provided the email addresses for all school board members, and welcomed the community to provide feedback and thoughts.

5. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, recognized one student from each school for receiving the Superintendent's Citizenship Award.

Additionally, Mr. Tony Gillespie, Athletic Director, recognized students and coaches for outstanding achievements and awards in LaCrosse, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf, Soccer, and Track. Please see attached for a complete list of names.

6. **Public Comment:** Mr. Eitel recognized three community members who requested to address the board concerning their thoughts about what should take place with the current Reidville Elementary School property once the school has been vacated. Comments were made by Representative Bill Chumley, Mr. Bill Cureton, and Mrs. Rosie Geen.

## 7. Action Agenda

- a) **Consider Amendments to Policy, Rule, and Exhibit IKADD, -R, -E: Content and Credit Recovery:** Mr. Michael Thompson, Chairman of the Board Policy Committee, presented amendments to Policy, Rule, and Exhibit IKADD, -R, -E: Content Credit Recovery, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association and district administration.
- b) **Consider Amendments to Rule JICDA-R: Code of Conduct:** Mr. Thompson also presented amendments to the rule JICDA-R: Code of Conduct, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association and the administration.
- c) **Consider Amendments to Policy and Rule JRA, -R: Student Records:** Mr. Thompson asked Dr. Scott Turner, Superintendent, to present amendments to Policy and Rule JRA, -R: Student Records. Dr. Turner provided the background of the amendments as recommended by the administration.

A motion was made and approved unanimously (9-0) to approve the amendments to policies IKADD, -R, -E (Content and Credit Recovery), JICDA-R (Code of Conduct), and JRA, -R (Student Records). The motion was made by the chairman of the policy committee, therefore not requiring a second.

## 8. Reports

- a) **AdvancED Preliminary Report from External Review:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the external review information provided from the AdvancED Accreditation team. Dr. Atkinson's report included information pertaining to the Review Team members, the Accreditation process, and findings from the visit. The team recognized the district for several powerful practices (effective leadership at all levels, active stakeholder engagement, honest, fun and caring teachers, and strategic allocation of resources). Dr. Atkinson reported that the team was tasked with leaving the district with at least one theme for improvement, which was improvement in critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving. The full report will be received on June 4 and a plan for improvement will be developed once the report has been received. Dr. Atkinson expects the district to receive a significant rating, both on a state and national level.
- b) **Department of Education Accreditation Report:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability and Assessment, presented information pertaining to areas of concern pertaining to the state accreditation report involving Comprehensive Health Education, teachers teaching outside of certification, and credit-bearing courses at

the high school level. Dr. Smith reported that a team of Science and PE teachers, as well as guidance counselors, will be formed to work over the summer to create a document outlining the Comprehensive Health components and develop a plan to meet the state's requirements. He also reported that the administration would present several local board approved elective courses at the June board meeting to allow independent numbers for each course and eliminate CIP coding issues.

- c) **June Board Meeting Date:** Dr. Scott Turner recognized Finance Committee Chairman, Mrs. Julie McMakin, who reminded the board that a finance committee meeting will be held on June 4 at 8:00 AM at the District Administrative Offices for the purpose of budget preparation. A discussion was also held to determine if the June 25 board meeting date needed to be changed due to scheduling conflicts. After discussion, the decision was made to keep the June 25 date as originally scheduled.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session for the purposes of Legal Update on Procurement and Personnel.

## 9. Executive Session

- a) **Legal Update on Procurement:**
- b) **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the personnel changes as of May 21, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre  
Secretary