

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, May 22, 2017, 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  
Mr. Bo Corne  
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. Bo Corne led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2017:** Minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Dr. Scott Turner presented a plaque and check to Ms. Teresa Stroble, to honor her for her heroic actions of getting her students safely off of the bus when it caught on fire. Senator Scott Talley and Representative Rita Allison also presented awards to Ms. Stroble. Mr. Ryan Cothran, Director of Transportation, was also present to recognize the students who notified the bus driver about the fire.

Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Public Relations Director, recognized the following students as recipients of the Superintendent Citizenship Award winners: Rylee Scott, ACA; Hadley Lynn, DES; John Cummings, LES; Brooklyn Amble, RVES; Kara Davis, RRES; Jordan Fernanders, WA; Riley Belle Kinard, BSIS; Sara Proper, BRSH; Alexis Yoder, DRH; Kristin Worthington, FCMS; Quintin Talley, BFA; and Grayson McAlister, BHS.

Mrs. Robinette also recognized two teachers as recipients of the District Five's Finest Award for constantly going above and beyond their scope of duties, both inside and outside of the classroom: Mr. Brent Bernier, DRH and Mr. John Walko, FCMS.

Mr. Tony Gillespie, Athletic Director, recognized spring sport coaches and athletes.

- Coach Srock presented an award to Weight Lifting State Champion: Alec Davis
- Fishing Award: State Champion: Marshall Robinson and Mason Fulmer

- Mickey Deering: Boys Golf: Reed Bentley, Tyler Jones, Will Brooks
- Girls Soccer: Coach Thompson: Katherine Gonzalez, Emily Morrison, Kayla Dendy, Kimberly Seto
- Boys Soccer: Coach Hildebrand, Hampton Slate
- Boys LaCrosse: Coach Segara: James Hosteteler, Andrew Gosnell, Christian Meade
- Girls LaCrosse: Isabella Knight, Maribeth Gambrell, Brittany Hawkins
- Coach Poppy: Boys Tennis, Jason Smith and Andrew Wood
- Coach Wyatt and Coach Clark: Girls Track: Taylor Guthrie, MiKenzie Young-Mullins, Arianna Lynch, Jerdashia Scott, Raven Miller, Nelly Kone, Jerdashia Scott, Jordan Rudd, Kayla Lema, Jamiah Nash, Maddison Pinson
- Boys Track: David Pearson, Rahjai Harris, Kevin Bigelow, Zion Hackett, Kweli Anderson, Trenton Burney, Ryan Palmer, Zane Earl
- Coach Maus: Baseball: Dallas Callahan, Easton Cullison
- Coach Aiken: Softball State Champions: Haven Pesce, Kasey Widmyer, Tatum Arboleda, Parker Birch, Christa Whitesides

Mr. Brandon Lewis and Mrs. Peggy Luther, with Chartwells School Dining Services, recognized Chef Brown with R. D. Anderson for winning the culinary event at the March of Dimes Charity Event. Culinary students James Clayton, Alexis Keller, Daniel Bright, and Geovanni Torres were also recognized.

## 5. Action

- a) **Approval of the Reidville Elementary School Design and Construction:** Mr. Ron Smith, Architect with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith, presented details and schematics for the proposed new Reidville Elementary School. Mr. Smith's presentation included preliminary details about the building placement, floorplans (based on Lyman Elementary and Abner Creek Academy), and options for interior wall construction. Mr. Trey Blackwood, with Blackwood and Associates, was also present to discuss the possible roadway options for entering and exiting the school, as well as information about the traffic study of the area and DOT requirements.

Mr. Smith also provided the proposed time line, which outlined construction to begin in March 2018 with building occupancy taking place in July/August 2019.

The total estimated cost for the project was reported at \$27,450,000. This estimate included costs for site improvements, construction, soft costs, contingencies and cost escalation.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the design and construction of the new Reidville Elementary School as presented. Mr. Corne left the meeting before the vote was taken.

- b) **Approval of the Reidville Elementary School Construction Financing:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, provided details to the board of possible financing options for the new Reidville Elementary School project, as previously discussed with

the board during finance committee meetings and the regular monthly board meeting in April.

Mr. Hayes explained that the district would use the following avenues to fund the project: General Obligation bond issue of approximately \$4,375,000; \$15.1 million from accumulated cash; Special Obligation bond issue (for HVAC, loose equipment, playground equipment, etc.) estimated at \$4 million; transfer of \$1 million from the general fund; if necessary, use of approximately \$2 million from general fund balance and, if necessary, General Obligation issue of up to \$1,735,000 in the spring of 2019.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the construction financing for the new Reidville Elementary School as presented.

Following the vote, Mr. Eitel read a statement from the board explaining the reasoning for the need to move forward with the new school as soon as possible.

## 6. Reports

- a) **District Internet Capacity Impacting Use of Personal Devices:** Dr. Jeff Rogers, Chief Technology Officer, provided information about district internet concerns and connectivity issues experienced due to the connection of personal devices to district access points. Dr. Rogers explained that preparations are being made to include the high school in the 1:1 initiative so that all students will have school issued devices next year. This year, the district has experienced bandwidth issues, especially on testing days. Dr. Rogers explained that the wireless access points are designed for school devices. However, students and staff are connecting to them from their personal devices as well. Mr. Vezina, Director of Technology, monitors the usage and shuts down streaming services district-wide when the bandwidth is reaching its maximum limit. In order to eliminate the issue next year, the decision has been made to prohibit students from connecting their personal devices to the district's wireless access points. Students will still have full access to digital learning on their district issued device.
- b) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Mr. Hayes presented an updated quarterly financial report through March 31, 2017. The report reflects actual year to date revenue exceeding expenditures by \$10,775,205, due to local revenues being received from homeowners and businesses. Mr. Hayes reported a projected positive gain of \$3.1 million, which will be factored into the building fund.

Mr. Hayes also provided an update on the district's investments with First Citizens Trust Department. He explained that a total of \$19 million has been invested in US Government instruments. Maturities of the investments will be staggered so that they mature at the time that the funds will be needed for the General Fund and building projects.

- c) **June Board Meeting Date:** Mrs. Julie McMakin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, informed the board that the date of the June board meeting may need to be changed due to scheduling and vacation conflicts. After discussion, the board decided to move the date of the next meeting from June 26 to June 12.

In addition, the Public Hearing will also be held on June 12 from 5:00 – 5:45 at the District Administrative Office.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

## **7. Executive Session**

- a) **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the personnel changes as of May 22, 2017 as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre  
Secretary