

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, June 15, 2015, at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Bo Corne
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mr. Garry Harper
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. James Norman

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Garry Harper, 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. Rick Eitel led the opening prayer.

3. **Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2015:** Minutes from the May 11, 2015 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Action Agenda**

- a) **District Five Schools: General Fund and Debt Service Budgets:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented information which has been discussed and reviewed at previous finance committee meetings pertaining to the 2015-16 district budget. A copy of the proposed budget was presented, as well as information provided at the Public Hearing held on June 8, 2015. Included in the budget report was an executive summary of budget changes, general fund budget summary, SC Department of Education projections, debt service fund, and salary schedules. Mr. Hayes reported that student enrollment has been increasing by well over 100 students per year on average, with 7,819 students served during the 2014-15 school year. The district's salary scale remains the same as the current year, with no increase. Eligible employees will receive a step increase where applicable. Mr. Hayes reviewed the new positions which are being added, necessary to accommodate the amount of student growth. He also reported that the technology equipment allocation is being increased \$350,000 and will be used to fund the one-to-one initiative in grade 5 at Beech Springs Intermediate School, as well as helping

to reach the district-wide initiative within the next four to five years. In addition, Mr. Hayes explained that the transfer of Lottery Funds, which has been eliminated by the state, has been rolled into the base student cost. Mr. Hayes reported a total increase in the general fund budget of \$2,914,965. Due to the anticipated increase in assessed value, the proposed 2015-16 budget does not require a tax millage increase for the sixth consecutive year.

In addition, Mr. Hayes reviewed the Debt Service Fund budget, which also does not require a millage increase.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the 2015-16 budget as presented by the administration. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously (6-0).

- b) **Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the 2015-16 proposed budget for the Spartanburg County Alternative School. Spartanburg District Seven is the fiscal agent for the Alternative School and prepared the budget. This budget has been presented to the seven Spartanburg County Superintendents. As presented, the budget requires no fund balance transfer to be used and requires no tax millage increase.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the 2015-16 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

- c) **McCarthy-Teszler School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the 2015-16 budget for the McCarthy-Teszler School, which serves special needs students in Spartanburg County. The budget, as presented, will use \$5,713 from the fund balance, and requires no tax millage increase.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the 2015-16 McCarthy-Teszler School budget as presented. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

- d) **R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the 2015-16 General Fund budget for R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center, which serves students in Districts Four, Five, and Six. Mr. Hayes reported that the proposed budget reflects a 0.1 mill increase. Mr. Rick Eitel, who serves on the R.D. Anderson board, noted that the increase is necessary due to the decrease in revenue from non-owner occupied properties.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the 2015-16 budget for R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center, as presented by the administration. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

- e) **Land Acquisition Adjacent to Byrnes High School:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, presented information about a possible land purchase from SJWD. He informed the board that SJWD owns approximately ten acres across Perimeter Road and has offered to sell it to the district for \$12,500 per acre. If purchased, the land would be used for athletic practice and playing fields, and the funds would be taken from the building fund balance.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (6-0) to purchase the property from SJWD at a cost of \$12,500 per acre, as presented by the administration.

5. Executive Session

- a. **Contractual Issue:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a contractual issue and personnel.
- b. **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as presented.

Additionally, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to approve an extension to the superintendent's contract for a period of one year, through June 30, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson
Secretary