

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, June 17, 2019 at the District Five Administrative Office at 100 N. 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 May 20, 2019 and June 3, 2019 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Action Agenda**

- a) **Consider Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price from Harper Construction for the Abner Creek Academy Expansion:** Dr. Scott Turner, Superintendent, informed the board that administration had met with Harper Construction the week prior regarding issues with the guaranteed maximum price for the Abner Creek Academy expansion project. Due to inaccuracies in the reporting of square footage by the architect, as well as issues in getting sub-contractors due to the competitive

market, the original cost estimate received was approximately \$1 million below the guaranteed maximum price. Harper Construction has provided a guaranteed maximum price of \$5,342,883 for the expansion of Abner Creek Academy, and reported that they will work to bring the cost down.

Dr. Turner also reported that the board would meet in early July to review the price for the Byrnes High School parking lot and baseball field expansion projects.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$5,342,883 from Harper Construction for the Abner Creek Academy Expansion as presented by the administration.

- b) **Consider Approval of District Five Schools General Fund and Debt Service Budgets:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented the 2019-2020 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets. Mr. Hayes reported that the administration and the Board's Finance Committee have met multiple times for budget work sessions to prepare the budget being presented.

Included in the budget presentation was the district's student enrollment, which increased by 292 in the 2018-19 school year, bringing the 135 day Average Daily Membership to 8,533.

The budget presented includes a four percent salary schedule increase, as well as an increase in steps 0-4 beyond the four percent, and reflects 79% of the General Fund Budget being spent on personnel salaries and benefits. Mr. Hayes also provided a breakdown of the General Fund Budget, predicting an increase in local revenue of approximately \$3.2 million, an increase in state revenue of \$4.1 million, for an overall increase of \$7,358,847.

Mr. Hayes reported that the General Operating budget presented is a balanced budget, not requiring a millage increase for the tenth consecutive year.

A summary of the Debt Service Fund was also provided, reflecting a proposed budget of \$16,989,656. Mr. Hayes reported that the Debt Service Fund will require an increase not to exceed 5 mills, due to the increase in student enrollment and several capital improvement needs, including the new Reidville Elementary School, expansions at Abner Creek Academy and Beech Springs Intermediate, parking lot expansion at Byrnes High School, and a new roof at Byrnes Freshman Academy. Mr. Hayes also reminded the board that the state provides no funding for debt service and construction. Mr. Hayes also provided a summary of the district's bond issues from 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2019.

Dr. Turner reminded the board that the budget, as presented, included four contingency teaching positions that were built into the budget with no additional impact.

Chairman Eitel reported that the board is working to keep the class sizes under control, and that they are bound to the same salary schedule as the other Spartanburg Districts.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the 2019-2020 General Fund and Debt Service budgets, as presented by the administration. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously (8-0).

- c) **Consider Approval of Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2019-2020 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget. 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 and will be presented to all seven district's Board of Trustees. As presented, the budget requires using \$135,033 of the fund balance with no tax millage increase.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and passed unanimously (9-0), to approve the 2019-2020 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented. Mr. Cleveland arrived after the first vote was taken.

- d) **Consider Approval of McCarthy-Teszler Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2019-2020 McCarthy-Teszler School budget. Spartanburg District Seven is the fiscal agent for the McCarthy-Teszler School and prepared the budget. This budget has been presented to the seven Spartanburg County Superintendents and will be presented to all seven district's Board of Trustees. As presented, the budget requires using approximately \$1.1 million of the fund balance with no tax millage increase.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and passed unanimously (9-0), to approve the 2019-2020 McCarthy-Teszler School budget as presented.

- e) **Consider Approval of R.D. Anderson Technology Center Budget:** Mr. Hayes also presented the proposed 2019-2020 R. D. Anderson Applied Technology Center Budget. The Technology Center serves students in Districts Four, Five, and Six. The proposed budget has been presented to the R.D. Anderson Board of Trustees, as well as the School Boards of the affiliated districts. The balanced budget, as presented, requires no millage increase.

A motion was made by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and passed unanimously (9-0), to approve the 2019-2020 R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center budget as presented.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

**5. Executive Session**

- a) **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the personnel changes as of June 17, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre  
Secretary