

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, June 22, 2020 at the District Five Administrative Office at 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Jeff Boland
Mr. Steve Brockman
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mrs. Dawn Deck
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. Jeff Proper

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mrs. Julie McMakin, 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. Phil McIntyre 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 18, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Action Agenda**

- a) **Consider Approval of District Five Schools General Fund and Debt Service Budgets:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented the 2020-2021 General Fund and Debt Service Budgets. Mr. Hayes reported that the administration and the Board's Finance Committee have met to prepare the budget being presented.

Included in the budget presentation was the district's student enrollment, which has increased by 937 in the last three years.

Mr. Hayes reported that there has been no increase in the general operations millage for eleven consecutive years. Additionally, District Five's millage rates are the second lowest in Spartanburg County.

Mr. Hayes provided the history of assessed values, student/teacher ratio details, and history of salary schedule changes. He informed the board that due to the continuing resolution passed by the state, there will be no increase in the salary schedule and no step increases for the first time ever.

A breakdown of the General Fund Budget was provided, predicting an increase in local revenue of approximately \$2.7 million, an increase in state revenue of \$1.4 million, for an overall increase of \$4,099,913.

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

Mr. Hayes provided the executive summary of changes for expenditures, to include an increase in employer cost of health insurance; 29.5 additional positions; increases in utilities/transportation costs; paging and phone system upgrades at two locations; and an increase in the hourly teacher rate for after school activities from \$25/hour to \$35/hour.

A summary of the Debt Service Fund was also provided, reflecting a proposed budget of \$18,667,141.

Mr. Hayes informed the board that the administration recommends the proposed budget, which is balanced and requires no millage increase.

Mr. Rick Eitel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund and Debt Service budgets, as presented by the administration. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously (9-0).

- b) **Consider Approval of the Spartanburg County Alternative School Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2020-2021 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 \$28,240 of the fund balance with no tax millage increase.

Mr. Eitel made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve the 2020-

2021 Spartanburg County Alternative School budget as presented. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

- c) **Consider Approval of the McCarthy-Teszler Budget:** Mr. Hayes presented the proposed 2020-2021 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 \$642,044 of the fund balance with no tax millage increase.

Mr. Eitel made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve the 2020-2021 McCarthy-Teszler School budget as presented. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

- d) **Consider Approval of the R.D. Anderson Technology Center Budget:** Mr. Hayes also presented the proposed 2020-2021 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.

Mr. Eitel, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center budget as presented. The motion, not requiring a second, was approved unanimously 9-0.

5. Reports:

- a) **MSAP Grant Update:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, Assessment, and Research, provided details about the Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant, recently applied for by the District. If approved, the grant would provide just under \$10 million over a five-year period. The federal funds would be used to enhance programs at Duncan Elementary School of the Arts and Wellford Academy of Science and Technology. Dr. Smith's report included information about the grant team, research components, goals, programming, funds, and sustainability of the MSAP grant. District Five should find out in September if the grant is approved. If so, funds would become available October 1, to begin planning/implementation.
- b) **eLearning Update:** Dr. Jeff Rogers, Chief Technology Officer, provided an update about the eLearning pilot for District Five. Dr. Rogers reported that the district is one of 42 in South Carolina to be approved as an eLearning district. This would allow the use of eLearning for students, for up to three days during the school year, in case of inclement weather, water/power outages, or local disasters.
- c) **Construction Update:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, provided construction updates for several projects taking place within the district. Included in his presentation were updates for the expansion to

Abner Creek Academy. The Certificate of Occupancy has been received and furniture has been delivered.

Dr. Wood also provided updates about the Byrnes High School baseball field. Bleachers will be completed by July 6 and the final inspection is scheduled to take place on July 15.

In addition, construction machinery is on site at the Byrnes High School parking lot expansion. Grading will begin on June 24 and the project is on schedule to be ready when school begins on August 17.

A motion was made by Mr. Cleveland to move into Executive Session. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, passed unanimously (9-0).

6. Executive Session

- a) **Discussion of Contractual Matters Related to Growth Plan:**
- b) **Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations:**
- c) **Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation:**

7. Return to Public Session:

- a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Cleveland to approve the personnel changes as of June 22, 2020, as recommended by the administration. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eitel, passed unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Cleveland
Secretary