

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, August 24, 2015, at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman
Mr. Bo Corne
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mr. Garry Harper
Mr. Patrick Jarrett
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. Michael Thompson

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:** Mrs. Julie McMakin led the opening prayer.

3. **Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2015:** Minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Reports

- a) **Procurement Audit:** Mr. Barry Reese, Director of Procurement, presented an update on the district's procurement activities for the 2014-15 school year. Specifically, Mr. Reese briefed the board on eight sole source procurements, two emergency procurements, the minority business activity, and the results of the procurement audit. Mr. Reese presented a letter from the auditing firm, McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday and Co., which stated that Spartanburg County School District Five complied, in all material respects, with the requirements for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (See Attachments)
- b) **Minority Business Report:** Mr. Reese also provided specific details about the annual activity update of the district's Minority Business Enterprise Plan, as required by the procurement code. Mr. Reese reported that the district had 7.6% of total eligible procurements which involved minority-owned businesses. This was an increase from the previous year. Mr. Reese also reported that our district is working

with other school districts to organize a Minority Owned Business Fair. (See Attachments)

- c) **Teacher Evaluations / Student Learning Objectives:** Mrs. Pat Paul, Director of Professional Development and Evaluations, presented a report on the new teacher evaluation system implemented by the state. The new program, SLO (Student Learning Objectives), is an expanded ADEPT system of evaluation. The purpose of the system is to provide ongoing feedback to educators to inform professional growth and development and improve teaching and learning. Mrs. Paul's report outlined the major shifts in the model, compared growth vs. proficiency, explained the process of measuring student growth, and provided information on the next steps for the district in the evaluation process.
- d) **Byrnes High School Construction Update:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, and Dr. Jeff Rogers, principal of Byrnes High School, provided an update on the current construction taking place at Byrnes High School with the addition of the new classroom building. The report included images of the new bus loop, and views of the construction site from the Field House to the 700, 800, and 900 buildings. Dr. Wood and Dr. Rogers also explained the student movement pattern while the building is under construction, as well as the many safety measures that are in place. Dr. Wood also reported that the district has been able to save \$505,000 up to this point due to value engineering, where 23 items were considered to reduce project costs, while maintaining quality, function, and appearance of the facility. The project is currently about two weeks behind schedule, but should be able to catch up to the original schedule soon.
- e) **Lyman Elementary School Construction Update:** Dr. Wood also provided details and pictures of the construction progress of the new classroom wing and kindergarten rooms at Lyman Elementary School. The report included details about the construction entrance, Geothermal Wells, two new kindergarten rooms, eight room classroom addition, and the temporary playground being used while construction is underway. Dr. Wood reported that the project is on track to be completed around Spring Break.

Dr. Wood also reported that temporary storage units will be provided, due to a large area of storage being lost in the addition.
- f) **Maintenance Projects:** Dr. Wood also briefed the board on several maintenance projects that took place over the summer. Included in these projects were interior painting at Florence Chapel Middle School and Reidville Elementary School; new floor coverings in many areas of Beech Springs Intermediate School, Wellford Academy, Byrnes Freshman Academy, and the Transportation office; new bleachers on the home field at Byrnes Freshman Academy; office transformations at the District Office; a Cross Country Course added at Academy Park; athletic and PE locker

upgrades at Byrnes Freshman Academy and Byrnes High School; as well as numerous software and online program upgrades implemented throughout the district.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to move into Executive Session for the purposes of a student diploma request, personnel, and a contractual issue.

5. Executive Session

- a. **Student Diploma Request under ACT 155:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0, Mr. Corne left the meeting before the vote) to grant the petition of a former student who requested to receive a high school diploma due to the passing of ACT 155.
- b. **Personnel:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as of August 24, 2015, as presented.
- c) **Contractual Issue:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve a 2.2% increase in compensation for the superintendent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson
Secretary