

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, August 26, 2019 at Reidville Elementary School at 520 Main Street, Reidville, 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. 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 June 17, 2019, July 3, 2019, and July 29, 2019 meetings were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Superintendent, Dr. Randall Gary, introduced Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Public Relations Director. Mrs. Robinette recognized Board Member, Mr. Jeff Proper, for receiving Level 3 in leadership training from the South Carolina School Boards Association Boardsmanship Institute.

5. Action Agenda

- a) **Approval of Purchase of SJWD Property:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent, presented information about the need to purchase additional property adjacent to the new baseball field at Byrnes High School. Due to the slope of the land, purchasing this property would allow the placement of the field to be moved over and eliminate the need for an expensive retaining wall. SJWD has agreed to sell an additional .305 acres along the third baseline to the district for the cost of \$6,000. District Administration recommends that the board approve the purchase of the property from SJWD as presented.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (9-0) to approve the purchase of .305 acres from SJWD in the amount of \$6,000, as presented by the administration.

- b) **Approval of GMP for Byrnes High School Parking Lot Phase II:** Dr. Wood also provided information received from architects McMillan, Pazdan, Smith for phase 2 of the Byrnes High School parking lot expansion. He presented renderings of the existing lot and baseball field, as well as the final drawing once the field and new parking lot are complete. Dr. Wood reported that phase 1 construction is scheduled to begin within a few weeks, and phase 2 will begin immediately after graduation in 2020.

The administration met with Harper Construction Co. last week, who presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for phase 2 of this project of \$2,674,516 including a contingency of \$175,000.

Dr. Wood also reported that the price could increase once construction begins, due to the price of oil next year, since the project requires a large amount of asphalt.

The parking lot expansion will provide an increase of 111 regular parking spaces and 4 handicap spaces behind the football stadium.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Byrnes High School parking lot phase 2 project for \$2.8 million.

After discussion pertaining to the possible increase due to oil prices, a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (9-0) to amend the original motion, to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Byrnes High School parking lot phase 2 project of \$2,674,516 with an inflation modifier for the cost of asphalt as outlined in the contract.

A final motion was then made, seconded, and approved unanimously (9-0) to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Byrnes High School parking lot phase 2 project for \$2,674,516 with an inflation modifier for the cost of asphalt as outlined in the contract.

6. Reports:

- a) **Discussion of School Board Elections:** Dr. Gary informed the board of the need to present the information again about the upcoming school board elections, due to a misprint in the posting of the time of the last board meeting on July 29, 2019 when this topic was originally discussed.

Dr. Gary reminded the board that there are two vacant seats (Meredith Gergley's seat in 5-2 and Michael Thompson's seat in 5-3) with no certified candidates on the ballot, and the Election Commission will not put empty seats on the ballot.

Dr. Gary and Chairman Eitel reported that the attorney's interpretation of the law requires the board to appoint people to fill those vacant seats in such cases where there are no certified candidates on the ballot. They also reminded the board that Steve Brockman was most recently appointed to fill a vacant seat in this same situation. Prior to that, the Board accepted applications from interested candidates, held a community forum for them to speak to the Board, and they selected the new Board member.

Chairman Eitel asked that suggestions about this process be shared from the board members, and stated that the topic will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- b) **Facility and Enrollment Updates:** Dr. Wood provided the facility and enrollment updates for the district, to include the following information:

- **Beech Springs Intermediate School Portables:** After delays in getting the portables delivered by the vendor, they are now being used by students. Work still needs to be done to install awnings. The expansion project to the school is scheduled to begin next spring.
- **Berry Shoals Intermediate School:** There was a sewer line break at Berry Shoals Intermediate School within the last few days. The repairs should be completed within three to four days.
- **M.B. Kahn** is working to update the district's demographics and facility study using day 10 student enrollment numbers. The administration plans to present the findings from the study in November about the growth, demographics, and facility needs of the district.
- **Byrnes Freshman Academy:** Roof replacement should be complete within six to eight weeks.
- **Abner Creek Academy:** In the early phases of the expansion project to increase capacity by 200 students. Dr. Wood feels confident that this should be a fairly quick project, with construction to begin on September 9.

- Phase 2 Parking Lot at Byrnes High School: After further study, a change has been made to the location of the pole vault jump area due to the runway being over the underground utilities in the original plan. Phase 1 construction is scheduled to begin on September 9.
- Bus Access Road to the new Reidville Elementary School: project coming along nicely and expected to be complete early October.
- Day Three Enrollment Numbers: The student count enrollment summary was provided for day three for each school, not including pre-kindergarten. Overall there was an increase in 360 students over last year's day three count. Day ten numbers will be provided at the next board meeting, which is a better indicator of the actual enrollment. Overall, the district has increased by 1000 students in the last three years.

A discussion was also held pertaining to the elementary student/teacher ratios at Reidville Elementary School. Dr. Wood reported that the district has posted a position for an additional second grade teacher at that location. Dr. Wood also reported on the Limited School Choice program. Currently there are 643 students approved for school choice, which appears to be consistent with last year's numbers.

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

7. Executive Session

- Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires**
- ACT 155 Diploma Request**
- Discussion of Property on Danzler Road**
- Discussion of Property near Berry Shoals**
- Timeline for vacating Old Reidville Elementary School**

8. Return to Public Session:

- Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the personnel changes as of August 26, 2019.
- ACT 155 Diploma Request:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to grant the petition of a former student who requested to receive a high school diploma due to the passing of ACT 155.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre
Secretary