

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, August 28, 2017, 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
Mr. Bo Corne
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. Bo Corne led the opening prayer.

3. **Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2017:** Minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Action**

- a) **Consideration of Bid to Sell Surplus Property on Highway 358:** Mr. Barry Reese, Director of Procurement, provided information about the sealed bid auction process that has taken place in consideration of selling 16 surplus acres of land on Highway 357 in Lyman. Mr. Reese reported that an advertisement ran in the Spartanburg Herald Journal on three different dates in August, information was posted on the Solicitations page of the district's procurement website, and was also made available at the District Office. One bid was received and opened on August 17 in the amount of \$342,777. The administration asked the board to consider awarding this bid, which was deemed fair and reasonable since it was more than the appraised value of \$342,000.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (8-0-1) to approve the sale of surplus property on Highway 357 for \$342,777, as presented by the administration. Mrs. Julie McMakin abstained from voting.

- b) **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy IHAQ – Career / Transition to Work Education:** Mr. Michael Thompson, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reviewed the proposed changes to Policy IHAQ – Career / Transition to Work Education, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

- c) **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Exhibit IHBA and IHBA-E – Special Education/Programs for Disabled Students:** Mr. Thompson reviewed the proposed changes to Policy IHBA and Exhibit IHBA-E – Special Education/Programs for Disabled Students, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.
- d) **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Rule IHCD and IHCD-R – Advanced College Placement:** Mr. Thompson reviewed the proposed changes to Policy and Administrative Rule IHCD and IHCD-R – Advanced College Placement, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.
- e) **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy JLD – School Counseling:** Mr. Thompson reviewed the proposed changes to Policy JLD – School Counseling, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.
- f) **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy KLGA – School Resource Officers:** Mr. Thompson reviewed Policy KLGA, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

A motion was made and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the proposed changes to Board Policies, Administrative Rules and Exhibits (IHAQ, IHBA, IHBA-E, IHCD, IHCD-R, JLD, and KLGA) as presented and recommended by the Chairman of the Policy Committee. The motion did not require a second.

5. Reports

- a) **Consideration of County Election Office and Statutes Regarding Appointment of Board Vacancy 5-3:** Mr. Henry Laye, with the Spartanburg County Elections Commission, and Mr. Ken Darr, Attorney with Lyles, Darr, and Clark, provided information about the vacant 5-3 board seat up for election in November. Mr. Darr and Mr. Laye reported that only three individuals qualified to be on the ballot, leaving one vacancy without a candidate. Mr. Darr reported that the state law requires the local board to appoint a successor, but does not outline a method for doing so. Mr. Darr made the recommendation that the appointment be made no less than 60 days before the date of the November election.
- b) **Consideration for Temporary Access/Use of Property on Holly Springs Road by Youth League:** Dr. Wood presented information about granting the D5 Sports Activity Council (D5SAC) temporary use of district property for athletic fields due to the construction of the new Reidville Elementary School taking place at the current Academy Park. Dr. Wood reported that 5.2 acres of land could be used at the campus of D.R. Hill Middle School, which is easily accessible, has the infrastructure

for parking, and could accommodate two little league practice fields. The administration is proposing that the district hire civil engineers to perform the site work and pay for DHEC or county erosion control measures as necessary.

Dr. Wood provided topographical sketches and several photographs of the proposed area. After questions and discussion, the administration asked for approval to proceed with discussions with the D5SAC members about this temporary option. The board offered approval to proceed.

- c) **New State Attendance Requirements:** Mrs. Sarah Cleveland, PowerSchool Coordinator, provided a report on the new state attendance requirements. The change in Federal regulation will affect the way absences are coded in all schools and reported to the State Department.

The new law requires that students be present in school at least 50% of the day in order to be counted present.

Mrs. Cleveland also explained how Chronic absenteeism would be reported and reviewed the new attendance codes.

- d) **AdvancED Process for 2017-2018:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson provided a detailed report to the board on the AdvancED process for the 2017-18 school year. He reported that the district is on a five year accreditation cycle. Information was provided about the accreditation background and history for District Five, beginning in 2008. Dr. Atkinson also reported that the engagement review will take place April 29-May 2, 2018, and provided details of the process leading up to that review.

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

6. Executive Session

- a) **Personnel:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the personnel changes as of August 28, 2017 as presented.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phil McIntyre
Secretary