

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, September 22, 2014, at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Bo Corne
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mr. Garry Harper
Mr. Phil McIntyre
Mrs. Julie McMakin
Mr. James Norman
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:** Mr. Michael Thompson led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2014:** Minutes from the August 25, 2014 meetings were approved as presented.

Chairman Garry Harper read a statement from the board regarding community input in reference to the building program at Byrnes High School. He also reviewed board policy BEDH – Public Participation at Meetings.

4. **Mr. Ridge Welch:** Mr. Welch read a letter to the board in support of the proposed building program at Byrnes High School. He also extended his appreciation to the teachers, staff, administration, and board members of District Five.
5. **Miss Navi Kaur:** Miss Kaur read a letter to the board in support of the building program at Byrnes High School. She also extended her appreciation to the teachers, staff, administration, and board members of District Five.

6. **Action Agenda**

- a. **Referendum Results Certification:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented the Resolution declaring the results of the referendum held on September 9, 2014 on the question of whether the school district shall be authorized to issue

General Obligation bonds, not exceeding \$71,000,000 for improvements, renovations and additions to James F. Byrnes High School and its athletic facility.

The Resolution declares that the referendum held on September 9, 2014 resulted in opposition of the district's issuance of these general obligation bonds.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the Resolution as presented by the administration.

- b. **Revise Policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation:** Mr. David Hayes presented a change to policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation. This change was a recommendation from the South Carolina School Boards Association to reflect changes in state law. The amendment allows the district flexibility to negotiate salaries below the salary schedule for non-TERI retired teachers.

After questions, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the revisions to board policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation, as presented by the administration.

- c. **Revise Policy IHAM – Health Education:** Ms. Tammy Smith, Director of Health Services, provided information on amendments to board policy IHAM – Health Education. As a recommendation from the South Carolina School Boards Association, language was added to include instruction on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention under Health and Safety Education.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the revisions to board policy IHAM – Health Education, as presented by the administration.

- d. **Revise Policy IKF-R – Graduation Requirements:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented changes to board policy IKF-R – Graduation Requirements, as recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association. The changes remove all language associated with the high school exit exam, which is no longer a state requirement.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to approve the changes to board policy IKF-R – Graduation Requirements, as presented by the administration.

7. Reports

- a. **National Nutritional Guidelines:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Operations, and Mrs. Peggy Luther, District Manager of Chartwells Food Service, provided an update on the state and national nutritional

standards, and how the district is following those guidelines in regard to foods and beverages that are offered for meals served on campus, offered in vending machines, and sold for school fundraisers.

- b. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program:** Ms. Tina Gaudiano provided an update of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, which was implemented in 2011. Ms. Gaudiano presented the breakdown of student survey results pertaining to bullying incidents. The results show an overall decrease in chronic bullying district-wide. Dr. Turner also reported that the Hazelden subscription, for survey administration, has been renewed for an additional three years.
- c. Instructional Technology:** Mrs. Amanda Dobson, Director of Instructional Technology, provided an update of the instructional technology upgrades throughout the district. She reported on the infrastructure upgrades, technology training, summer workshops, and promethean board, laptop, and iPad grant awards.

8. Executive Session

- a. Personnel:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel and a student diploma request.
- b. Student Diploma Request Under ACT 155:** In open session, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (7-0) to grant the petition of a former student who requested to receive a high school diploma due to the passing of ACT 155.
- c. Personnel:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (7-0) to accept the personnel recommendation as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson
Secretary