

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, September 23, 2013, 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. Gerald Cook
Mr. Bo Corne
Mr. Rick Eitel
Mr. Garry Harper
Mr. James Norman
Mr. Michael Thompson

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Steve Brockman, 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 26, 2013:** Minutes from the August 26, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette, Director of Public Relations, presented the following awards and honors:

- SCSBA Boardsmanship Institute Level 2: James Norman and Michael Thompson
- Palmetto Gold Awards: Abner Creek Academy, Lyman Elementary, Reidville Elementary, River Ridge Elementary, Wellford Academy, Berry Shoals Intermediate, Florence Chapel Middle, Byrnes Freshman Academy, Byrnes High School
- Palmetto Silver Awards: Duncan Elementary, Beech Springs Intermediate, D. R. Hill Middle
- SC Distinguished School Award for 2013: Wellford Academy

Dr. Ashley Atkinson also presented the plaque that was received in recognition for achieving AdvancED accreditation.

5. Action Agenda

- a) Policy Committee Recommendations:
 - JLCEF, -R, -E(1), -E(2) – Concussions and Student Athletes
 - GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
 - GCOA – Evaluation of Instructional Staff
 - IJNDAA, -R – Distance, Online and Virtual Education
 - IKF-R – Graduation Requirements
 - JRA-R – Student Records

Mr. Eitel reported that the policy committee met and reviewed the changes to the policies presented, as provided by the South Carolina School Boards Association. Mr. Eitel reviewed the changes and updates to each policy.

Mrs. Tammy Smith (Director of Health Services), Mr. Tony Gillespie (Byrnes Athletic Director), and Mr. Brad Sain (Sports Trainer) presented information about the district's concussion policy and the protocols followed before students are allowed to return to play after being injured.

Mr. Eitel made a motion to approve the amendments to the policies as presented by the policy committee. The motion did not require a second, as it was presented by the policy committee chairman. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0) to accept the revisions as presented.

6. Reports

- a) **Enrollment / Capacity:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent, provided information about the 2013-14 school capacities per location. He reviewed the 10 day enrollment numbers and capacity trends, per location, for the 2011-12, 2012-13, and current 2013-14 school years. Dr. Wood reported the 10 day enrollment at 7,925 students, up 192 from last year. He explained that he expects to see a stable 45 day count. Dr. Wood reported that the district would continue to monitor enrollment numbers, especially at those locations with the highest capacity percentages.
- b) **Limited School Choice Update:** Dr. Wood provided the detailed Limited School Choice enrollment numbers per school. The district currently has 521 students participating in the school choice program. This is an increase from 507 students at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Dr. Wood also reported that the portable classroom at Lyman Elementary School has been delivered and set up, and students moved into the classroom on September 20. He also provided brief updates on the lock installation and track and tennis court resurfacing projects.

- c) **ESEA Accountability Data:** Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Accountability, briefed the board on the Federal Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Accountability Ratings, formerly No Child Left Behind. Dr. Smith reported that District Five received a rating of 90.6, and was one of few districts in the state to maintain an A rating. Dr. Smith reviewed how the District Five rating compared with those of neighboring districts, as well as the top ten districts in the state. Dr. Smith also reviewed each school's performance summary as a whole, as well as by subgroup. The presentation concluded with a review of the increase in target Annual Measurable Objectives scores through 2018, and a reminder that we must continue to raise the bar to continue to receive strong ratings.

7. Executive Session

- a) **Personnel:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (7-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel recommendations.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (7-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson
Secretary