

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, September 26, 2022 at Duncan Elementary School at 100 S. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Jeff Boland
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mr. Scott Clement
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Kevin Goode
Dr. Millie Malone
Mrs. Sherri Taunton
Mr. Derek Watchorn

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Jeff Boland, 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:** Dr. Millie Malone led the opening prayer.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- b) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 29, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Action:**

- a) **Consideration of Adoption of New Career and Technology Textbooks: Dr. Jeff Rogers and Mr. Matthew Wofford:** Dr. Jeff Rogers and Mr. Matt Wofford provided a brief explanation of the textbook adoption process and procedures. Dr. Rogers reported that next year, all textbooks should be adopted at one time, instead of at multiple times like they have been this year.

Dr. Rogers reported that, as in the past, the textbooks were set up in the District Office the week prior to the meeting for board members to review.

Mr. Wofford explained that the materials being presented (Google Applications, Game Design and Development, and Marketing) have been reviewed and recommended by the teachers and textbook committee.

Dr. Rogers then made a recommendation on behalf of the administration that the board approve the Career and Technology Textbooks, as presented.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to approve the new Career and Technology textbooks for adoption as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sherri Taunton.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions/discussion. Being none, he asked the board for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

- b) Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Reidville Elementary School Building Addition:** Dr. Greg Wood, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, introduced Mr. Ryan Cloonan with MPS Architecture, and Mr. Hootie Solesbee with Harper Construction, to present the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the new building addition at Reidville Elementary School.

Dr. Wood reminded the board of the early site package GMP that was approved on July 18, 2022, and stated that the project was originally scheduled for completion in August 2024. However, the project has been fast-tracked and will be ahead of schedule by one year.

Mr. Cloonan then reviewed the new construction addition site plan, to include a new kindergarten courtyard playground, modified fire truck access lane, and DOT required car loop extension. Mr. Cloonan reported that the car loop extension is not included in the GMP being presented tonight. Mr. Cloonan also reviewed the floorplan for the new kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms.

Mr. Solesbee then presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$3,768,912 for the building GMP, for a total to date GMP of \$10,108,503.

Dr. Wood, on behalf of the administration, made the recommendation that the board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Reidville Elementary School building addition of \$3,768,912, for a total GMP to date of \$10,108,503.

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Reidville Elementary School building addition of \$3,768,912, making the

total GMP to date not to exceed \$10,108,503. The motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Watchorn.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Board members inquired about an estimated cost for the car loop extension, if there was property to expand in the future, what was included in the \$3.7 million being presented, the five percent contingency, completion date of 2023, school zone signs on Reidville Road, consolidating from two carpool lanes to one, and DOT crosswalk location details for the new townhomes.

Following questions, Chairman Boland asked for a vote on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 8-0.

c) **Consider Revisions, Additions, and Deletions of the following Board Policies and Administrative Rules:** Mrs. Meredith Gergley, Policy Committee Chairman

- GCC - Professional Staff Leaves and Absences
- GCC-R(3) - Professional Staff Paid Parental Leave
- GDC - Support Staff Leaves and Absences
- GDC-R(3) - Support Staff Paid Parental Leave
- GCK; GCK-R – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers
- CFC – Assignment and Transfer of School Principals
- GDJ – Support Staff Assignments and Transfers
- EBCB – Safety Drills
- JIHC; JIHC-R – Use of Metal Detectors
- JIH; JIH-R – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests
- JKA – Corporal Punishment / Physical Force

Mrs. Gergley reviewed the revisions, additions, and deletions of each policy and administrative rule presented. She explained that the policy committee had previously met and reviewed each change, and they were being presented on behalf of the policy committee.

After reviewing the policies, Mrs. Gergley made a motion, as Chair of the Policy Committee, to accept the recommendations of the Policy Committee and adopt the revisions, additions, and deletions as presented. No second was required as the motion was made by the Chairman of the Policy Committee.

Chairman Boland opened the floor for questions. Being none, he asked for a vote on the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 8-0.

5. **Reports:**

- a) **Facilities Update:** Dr. Greg Wood provided a facilities update on the construction projects taking place across the district. His report included updates on the following:
- Byrnes High School Phase 2: existing storm drains being demolished and building pad preparation underway
 - Beech Springs: Permit acquisition was received on 9/26/22; jobsite trailer installed

- Berry Shoals: roofing dry in, mechanical and electrical overhead rough-ins both complete in new classroom wing and ceiling grid install to begin 9/26/22; overhead electrical and mechanical rough ins complete and interior/exterior block walls complete in kindergarten renovation
- New Elementary School on Highway 29: storm drain installation ongoing; retention ponds installed and seeded; Highway 29 entrance graded and installed; building pad grading, concrete foundation installation, underground utilities, and temporary jobsite fencing all upcoming
- Reidville Elementary addition: building pads are graded; storm drains complete; fire lane installed; playground has been relocated; bus loop fencing installed; concrete foundations and underground utilities are upcoming
- New Wellford Academy: currently bidding early site package; construction design phase ongoing; due diligence on Porter Street parcel; early site package GMP to be presented October 17; building GMP to be presented November 21, 2022
- New Traffic Signal at Highway 296 and Pine Street in Reidville: project issued to Walker Brothers in August with installation scheduled to begin in February 2023
- Abner Creek Middle School: structural steel, locker rooms, and concession walls have been erected; roof drains installed; slab, underground utilities and overhead mechanical installation ongoing throughout

Following Dr. Wood's report, the floor was opened for questions. Board members inquired about security at the drive at Abner Creek Middle School, whether there had been any mobility or security issues at Byrnes High School during construction, and reasons for the design of the new Wellford Academy building that was presented.

- b) **AVID Update:** Dr. Jeff Rogers provided an update on the newly implemented AVID program being used throughout the district. Dr. Rogers described what the AVID program is and how it benefits our teachers and students. He explained the Core Strategies, Strategy-Based Instruction, and what happens in AVID classrooms in the secondary and elementary levels, and the support that AVID provides. Dr. Rogers also provided details about the implementation process for District Five, and reported that over 500 teachers will have been trained in AVID by the end of the year.

Chairman Boland thanked Dr. Rogers and Mrs. Jean Brewington, AVID Director, for their hard work implementing the program in District Five Schools.

Mr. Cleveland also acknowledged the college students in attendance who are majoring in education.

At 7:37 pm, Mrs. Meredith Gergley made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations; and contractual matters in reference to potential property purchases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved

unanimously 8-0.

6. Executive Session

- a) **Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations:**
- b) **Discussion of Contractual Matters in Reference to Property Purchase:**
- c) **Discussion Regarding the Development of Security Personnel or Devices:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session at 10:21 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

7. Return to Public Session:

- a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** In open session, a motion was made by Mrs. Meredith Gergley to accept the recommendation of the administration and offer contracts to the employees as presented and discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 8-0.

Mrs. Meredith Gergley then made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Goode and passed unanimously 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Secretary

Submitted by:
Mrs. April Peel