

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, February 27, 2012, at the District Five Administrative Offices, 100 North 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. Patrick Jarrett  
Mrs. Julie McMakin  
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 – January 23, 2012:** The minutes from the January 23 meeting were approved as presented.

**Dr. Turner asked to remove agenda item 5d, Common Core Standards, from the agenda.**

4. **Action Agenda**

- a. **Revise Policy BBC – Board Committees** (Second Reading): Dr. Turner presented the second reading of policy BBC – Board Committees. The amendment replaces the board's Community Relations committee with a Policy committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to accept the amendment to policy BBC – Board Committees, as presented by the administration.

- b. **Policy Committee Recommendations:** Revise / Accept new section A in manual:
  - AA – School District Legal Status
  - AC – Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity
  - ADA, -R – School District Goals and Objectives
  - ADB – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and Schools
  - ADC – Tobacco-Free Schools
  - ADF – School Wellness

Mr. Rick Eitel, Chairman of the Board Policy Committee, made a motion to approve the newly revised section A of the policy manual, as presented and recommended by the

board's policy committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the new section A of the policy manual, as presented.

Dr. Turner reminded the board that the Policy Committee will meet on Monday, March 12 at 8 AM to review section B of the policy manual.

- c. **Board Approved Courses: Global Studies I and II:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson provided information regarding Global Studies I and II as elective courses offered at Byrnes High School and Byrnes Freshman Academy. Mr. Jeff Rogers, principal, and Mrs. Cassi Buys, teacher at Byrnes High School, were present to answer questions. Currently, these courses are offered at the high school level. The administration requested approval from the board to continue offering these elective courses. Dr. Atkinson reported that administration feels that the Global Studies courses are well aligned with and help prepare students for the required U.S. History course.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the recommendation of the administration to continue offering Global Studies I and II at Byrnes High School and Byrnes Freshman Academy.

Mr. Gerald Cook joined the meeting during the reports portion of the meeting.

## 5. Reports

- a. **Facility Planning:** Mr. Brian Deichman, with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, presented a report of the facility study taking place on the campus of Byrnes High School. Mr. Deichman provided an overview of the original construction of the campus in 1955, and included a breakdown of each addition made to date. Mr. Deichman reported that the firm has conducted a study of the main buildings on the campus, including a room by room assessment. He listed the areas of concern with the current facility and provided recommendations for upgrades. Mr. Deichman explained the importance of phasing the project to avoid interruption of instruction and school operations. One example provided was to construct a two or three story classroom wing which would connect to the Fine Arts Center, the 800 and 900 buildings. Once this building was occupied, most of the central portion of the academic wings, old auditorium, media center and administration area would be replaced. Mr. Deichman discussed possible challenges involved with renovations, possible time lines, and alternatives to a large renovation. Mr. Deichman indicated that he would report to the board in March with information concerning the campus site and possible options to consider in the facility study process.
- b. **Use of Schoolboard.net:** Mr. Tom Taylor provided an overview of the schoolboard.net website that will be used for the new paperless board meeting format. The district plans to implement the paperless format in March 2012.
- c. **Student Achievement – EOCE, AP, Dual Credit:** Dr. Atkinson provided a summary of the Advanced Placement and End of Course exam results, as well as the Dual Enrollment update. Dr. Atkinson reported a positive trend over the last several years on the AP exam scores. AP exams were given in 15 subjects. District Five test scores were higher than the national average in 14 of the 15 subject areas tested. Dr. Atkinson provided details of the End of Course Exam Program, showing the percent passing per subject area, and compared each Spartanburg District with the state percentages. Average scores, per subject area, were also provided, including the comparison of Spartanburg districts and the state. Dr. Atkinson

briefed the board on Dual Enrollment credits earned, as well as the number of students attempting dual credit.

- d. **Common Core Standards:** Item removed from agenda.
- e. **Energy Management:** Mr. John Ratterree, District Energy Manager, provided an update on the current energy program. Mr. Ratterree reported that the district continues to exceed state requirements, set in 2008, of an annual one percent energy savings over the period of five years. Mr. Ratterree reported an energy reduction of 15% over the last year. In 2009-2010, the district received stimulus funds that were used to upgrade lighting throughout the district. Mr. Ratterree reported that District Five has saved \$1.5 million since the energy program began in July 2001.
- f. **Proposed Change in May Board Meeting Date:** Dr. Turner reported that the Spartanburg County Teachers Forum will hold a county-wide candidate forum on the topic of education on May 21, 2012 at 7:15 pm at Dorman High School. This is the date of the district's scheduled May board meeting. The administration asked the board to consider changing the date of the May meeting in order to be able to attend the forum. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (9-0) to change the date of the board meeting from May 21 to May 14.

## 6. Executive Session

- a. **Personnel and Contractual Issue:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel recommendations and contractual issues.

In open session, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to approve the appointment of Tammy White as the principal of Florence Chapel Middle School at the end of the current school year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as presented.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to accept the district's administrator contract recommendations for the 2012-13 school year as presented.

In addition, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to accept the certified personnel recommendations as presented.

Furthermore, in compliance with Board Policy BHA – Board Member Conflict of Interest, four teacher's contracts were voted on individually. These teachers have family members who serve on the board. The votes are recorded as follows:

Laura Brockman, Reidville Elementary School: (8-0-1): Steve Brockman abstained from voting.

Christy Brummett, Duncan Elementary School: (8-0-1): Bo Corne abstained from voting.

Britain Jarrett, Lyman Elementary School: (8-0-1): Patrick Jarrett abstained from voting.

Natalie Oliver, Abner Creek Academy: (8-0-1): Michael Thompson abstained from voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary