

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, April 23, 2012, at Byrnes High School, 150 East Main St., 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. 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. Rick Eitel led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2012:** The minutes from the March 26, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition -** Mr. Bobby Bentley recognized the following Scholars Academy Graduates:
  - Brandon Grant, Mamiko Higa, Logan Hood, Karina Suri

Representative Rita Allison and Mr. Bentley recognized the following students for receiving Citizenship Awards:

- Andrew Miller, Abner Creek Academy; Zachary Crow, Duncan Elementary, Vassalia Tsabunieris, Lyman Elementary, Katelyn Costello, Reidville Elementary, Warren Proper, River Ridge Elementary, Abigail Garrett, Wellford Academy, Selah Hamby, Beech Springs Intermediate, Emily Everton, Berry Shoals Intermediate, Tanisha Berry, D. R. Hill Middle, Harry Stathakis, Florence Chapel Middle, William Blackwood, Freshman Academy, Avery Jolly, Byrnes High School

Mr. Barry Reese, Director of Fine Arts, recognized the following students for their accomplishments:

- Focus on Arts Exhibition: Avery Frost, Li Hengguang, Michael King, Xavier Santoro, Joey Yang, Austin Poole, Megan Watson, Xavier Sontoro, Joey Yang, Mallory Long, Lexi McCray, Paul Phan, Zach Lorentz
- Greer Through the Ages, Juried Art Show: Avery Frost, Sarhel Franklin
- Young Women in Art, Juried Show at Converse College: Brooke Beidler, Kimberly Bradly, Mikeha Brooks, Amy Chang, Lauren Chappell, Elizabeth Danielson, Elizabeth Edge, Sarhel Franklin, Sherry Herr, Sarah Hubbard, Rebekka Kent, Maegan Lawter, Jessica Morris, Melody Ng, Katie Pridgeon, Christina Yang, Emily Yarbrough

- SC Region I Junior Band: Amanda Howell, Rylee Pearson, Matthew Compton, Kennedy Peterson, Josh Gilstrap, Haley Jones, Hunter McLeod, Devin Bennett, Matthew Powell, Rebecca Glenn, Tylor Abrahams, Kingston Armstrong, Ashley Everett, Wil Johnson, Owen Camp, Camille Fendley, Rachel Seto, Carson Ruffing
- SC Region I Clinic Band: Ashley Campbell, Nicole Bridges, Carolina Hall, Hannah Cox, Amanda Smith, Mia Abrahams, Zane Bridwell, Brady Ward, Parker Davis, Emily Mitchell, Brandon Benton
- SC Region I Senior Band: Haley Linder, Kayla Wilber, Alan Taylor, Ryan Ferguson, Chandler Bradey, Austin Monroe, Robert Herzberg, Jonathan Gilstrap
- SC Junior All-State Band: Hunter McLeod, Quinn Kinzie
- SC Region I Honors Orchestra: Caitlin Blackburn, Elli Boone, Danika Halvorsen, Myles McCray, Allison Neely, Hunter Pickren, Morgan Powe, Sabrina Sullivan, Jeffrey Tan, Mikayla Johnson, Rayn Foster, Dori Sanoulis, Tricia Bacon, Kathryn Peay, Sara Garbayo, Nina Rochester, Amanda Isler, Georgia Wallwork
- SC Senior All-State Orchestra: Amanda Isler, Sara Garbayo, Dori Sanoulis
- SC Junior All-State Orchestra: Hunter Pickren, Morgan Powe
- SC Concert Festival: D.R. Hill Eighth Grade Band - Excellent Rating; D.R. Hill Seventh Grade Band – Excellent Rating; Florence Chapel Honor Band – Superior Rating; Florence Chapel Eighth Grade Orchestra – Superior Rating; Florence Chapel Seventh Grade Orchestra – Superior Rating
- Byrnes Indigo: CIPA Scholastic Open Division Circuit Champions and WGI Raleigh Regional Scholastic Open Division Champions
- SC Elementary Honor Choir Members: Garrett Brown, Lexi Owen, Andrew Watson, Olivia Bruder, Kayleigh Rhodes
- SC All-State Men's Chorus: Hayes Davis, Zach Potter
- SC ACDA Women's Honor Choir: Christina Jackson, Nikita Schardt, Rebecca Watkins
- SC ACDA Men's Honor Choir: Brian Casey, Hayes Davis, Maurice Drummond, John Pettit
- American Choral Directors Association Southern Division Junior High School Honor Choir: Bryanna Littlejohn
- SC National Association of Teachers of Singing Award Winners: James Siarris, Cassidy Gallaway
- SC State Theatre Competition: Byrnes Rebel Theatre Company – First Place, Rusty Johnson – Best Actor
- Southeastern Theatre Conference: Rusty Johnson – All Star Cast Member
- Discovery Program for Theatre, SC Governors School: Emily Simpson

## 5. Action Agenda

### a. Approval of District Technology Infrastructure Work:

Dr. Turner reported that the information pertaining to the technology infrastructure work was presented and discussed at the Board Finance Committee Meeting on April 16, 2012. Mr. Taylor reported that an extensive analysis of the network infrastructure has been done in order to determine the best options for moving forward with updates. Mr. Taylor stated that the network is currently being pushed to its limits and there are locations with aging equipment. If approved, the district will move forward by replacing portions of the network infrastructure in phases in order to support more portable devices and internet connectivity.

Mr. Taylor outlined five projects that would be begin this summer:

- Berry Shoals Intermediate School (\$250,000): Upgrade network, including replacing cabling, central switching infrastructure, and core switches.
- District Office (\$75,000): Switching infrastructure and servers.
- Conversion of current Groupwise e-mail to hosted e-mail system (\$60,000).

- Byrnes High School and Freshman Academy (\$210,000): Upgraded network infrastructure components.
- Unified wireless networks solution for all district locations (\$80,000).

Mr. Hayes, Finance Director, reported that the total cost of all five projects would be \$675,000. These funds would be taken from the Capital Building Fund, which currently has a balance of over \$4,957,000.

Mr. Taylor estimated the district's total needs assessment to be \$1.2 million over a five year period.

Mrs. Julie McMakin made a motion to approve the district technology infrastructure work at a cost up to \$675,000, as presented by the administration. The motion did not require a second, as it was presented by the finance committee chairman. After questions and discussion, the motion was passed (8-0) to approve the district technology infrastructure work at a cost up to \$675,000 as presented.

## 6. Reports

- a. **R. D. Anderson Facility:** Mrs. Sherri Yarborough, Director of R. D. Anderson Technology Center, presented a facilities and enrollment update for the center. Mrs. Yarborough provided an overview of the facility updates in 1972, 1977 and 1982. The student enrollment has increased from 400 students in 1969 to 1095 students currently being served. The facility also houses 45 staff members. Mrs. Yarborough explained that the current facility was built to serve around 600 students, creating the need for additions to the campus.

Michael Chewning, with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, LLC, was present. He presented schematic drawings of proposed additions to the campus. Overall plans would include additional parking, covered walkways, a new 24,000 square foot building, eight new labs and a new culinary arts lab. The addition would allow for the removal of three portables, currently being used, and would also allow for future growth.

The estimated cost for the addition is \$4,750,000. Mr. Hayes explained several funding options. Spartanburg Districts Four, Five and Six would have to come to a consensus for the funding. Based on the current enrollment of District Five students, the estimated cost for District Five would be \$140,000 per year. Another alternative being considered is for District Five to make a one time payment for its portion, currently estimated at \$1,400,000.

Mr. Chewning reported that the drawings and specifications should be ready for a fall 2012 bid date.

- b. **District Facilities:** Mr. Brian Deichman and Mr. Ron Smith, with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, LLC, provided a synopsis of the master planning phases for Byrnes High School. After an analysis of the existing campus, preliminary designs of Phase I and II renovations were presented. Phase I drawings included a new two-story classroom wing, new bus loop and several new student entry points into the buildings. These renovations were made with a focus on student safety, security and more efficient use of school property.

Two options were presented for the Phase II addition. One option calls for renovation of the current facility and the other would include demolition of some areas of the facility and replacing them with new construction.

Mr. Deichman reported the estimated cost to be between \$12-14 million. Mr. Hayes briefed the board on several options for the funding. The projected timeline for a building project of this scope is two years. One year would be necessary for the planning and design and one year for construction.

- c. **District Strategic Plan:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson presented the Strategic Plan Student Achievement Update for 2011. Dr. Atkinson reviewed elementary grade results of PASS performance goals and overall measures for ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Writing. Results of MAP testing for reading and math were also reviewed. Dr. Atkinson reviewed high school data, including SAT scores, End of Course scores for English 1, Algebra 1, Math Tech 2, US History, ACT scores, HSAP scores, graduation rate, AP exam scores, and dual credit enrollment numbers.
- d) **Quarterly Financial Report:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, presented the quarterly general fund financial report through March 31, 2012. The district is reporting an increase in state revenue of nearly \$1 million more than budgeted, due to the base student cost increase allocated by the state. The district's total annual projected revenue is \$60,681,407. The total annual projected expenditures and transfers equal \$61,046,389, which would create a negative balance of \$364,982 in the general fund. Mr. Hayes reported that this amount is subject to change due to notification of errors reported from the Office of Finance.

## 7. Executive Session

- a. **Personnel and Contractual Issue:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (8-0) 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 (8-0) to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

In addition, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (8-0) to cut the pay of retired At-Will employees by at least 15% beginning the 2013-14 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary