

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, March 26, 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. Garry Harper led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2012:** The minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition –** Mr. Bobby Bentley recognized the following individuals for outstanding accomplishments:
  - **Hal Harrison:** Teacher Excellence Award
  - **Linda Allison:** SC Association of School Libraries' Media Paraprofessional of the Year Award
  - **Eric Wells:** 2012 SC Business Education Association Secondary Teacher of the Year Award
  - **Harrison Lancaster:** First Place winner at the Invention Convention
  - **Haylie Duncan:** Third Place winner at the Invention Convention
  - **Marise Sizemore:** Legacy Teacher at the Invention Convention
  - **Jamie Gregory:** work selected by the AP Steering Committee for the National AP Conference

**Dr. Turner reminded the board members that this was the first board meeting utilizing the paperless format. From this point forward, copies will no longer be distributed at board meetings. All information pertaining to the meetings will be available on the district's website.**

5. **Action Agenda**
  - a. **Policy Committee Recommendations: Revise / Accept new section B:**
    - BA - Board Operational Goals
    - BB – Board Legal Status
    - BBA – Board Powers and Duties
    - BBAA – Board Member Authorities and Responsibilities
    - BBB – Board Membership - Elections

BBBA – Board Member Qualifications  
BBBC – Board Member Resignation  
BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies  
BC – Board Member Conduct  
BCA, -E – Board Member Code of Ethics  
BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest  
BD, -R – Organization of the Board  
BDD – Board-Superintendent Relationship  
BDE – Board Committees  
BDF, -R – Advisory Committees  
BDG – School Attorney/Legal Services  
BDH – Board Consultants/Staff Assistants  
BE – Board Meetings  
BEC – Executive Session/Open Meetings  
BEDA – Board Meeting Notification  
BEDB – Agenda  
BEDF – Voting Method at Board Meetings  
BEDG – Minutes of Board Meetings  
BEDH – Public Participation at Meetings  
BEDI – News Media Services at Board Meetings  
BEE – Public Hearings  
BG/BGD – Board Policy Process/Board Review of Administrative Rules  
BIA/BIB – New Member Orientation/Board Member Development Opportunities  
BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses  
BIE – Board Member Insurance Liability  
BK – Board Memberships in Professional Organizations

Mr. Rick Eitel, Chairman of the Board Policy Committee, reported that the committee met and reviewed the new board policies for section B, provided by the South Carolina School Boards Association. Mr. Eitel briefly reviewed each policy and explained the revisions and updated language. Dr. Turner informed the board that our current manual will remain online until the new policies for all sections are entirely complete.

Mr. Eitel made a motion to approve the new section B of the policy manual, 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 passed (9-0) to approve the new section B of the policy manual as presented.

- b. **Amend Policy IFBGA – Technology Resources:** Mr. Tom Taylor, Director of Technology, reviewed amendments to the current policy IFBGA – Technology Resources. Mr. Taylor reported that the proposed changes, recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association, reflect the CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act) requirements. Mr. Taylor reviewed the CIPA Act and detailed the district’s current safety measures already in place. Mr. Taylor also reported that the policy heading will change from Technology Resources to Acceptable Use Policy. After questions and discussion, the board determined that each member would sign the Acceptable Use Policy, already required for students and employees.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to amend policy IFBGA – Technology Resources, as presented by the administration.

- c. **May Board Meeting Date:** Dr. Turner informed the board of several conflicts for the May board meeting date. At the February meeting, the date was changed from May 21 to May 14, to allow board members flexibility to attend the Candidate Forum being held at Dorman High School on May 21. After the date was changed, Dr. Turner was made aware of other district events taking place on May 21.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to change the date of the board meeting to the originally scheduled date of May 21, 2012.

## 6. Reports

- a. **Common Core Standards:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson provided an update on Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Dr. Atkinson provided an overview of the origin and the intent of the Common Core Standards. He also explained the importance of the standards, what the standards are, as well as what the standards do not define. Grades 3-8 and 11 will be tested under the common core standards. Science and Social Studies will continue to be taught using the SC State Standards and not the Common Core Standards. Dr. Atkinson reported that the state adopted the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. Mrs. Belinda Snow provided information to the board regarding the implementation timeline. During the current school year, teachers are participating in training and staff development. Implementation in grades K-2 will take place during the 2012-13 school year. Grades 3-12 implementation will take place in 2013-14, with the students being tested on standards common to both 2007 State Standards and Common Core Standards. Full implementation will take place in 2014-15. Mrs. Snow also provided two examples of second grade math units utilizing the 2012 Common Core Standards.
- b. **Budget Requests:** Mr. David Hayes presented the detailed budget requests by school for the 2012-13 school year. He reminded the board that this was not the district's recommendations for the budget, but a compilation of all requests made from the Principals and District Level Administrators. Mr. Hayes reported that district administrators will be working closely with the board finance committee in developing the budget, which will be presented in June.
- c. **2012-13 Inservice Calendar:** Dr. Turner informed the board that the schools have been allowed flexibility in determining what dates teachers will work for staff development days. A schedule was presented, by school level, outlining these dates. Dr. Turner reminded the board that teachers voted on these dates.

## 7. 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 Chad Dowden as the principal of Beech Springs Intermediate School.

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

In addition, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (9-0) to increase a Science teaching position at Byrnes High School from .3 to 1.0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary