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The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, September 28, 2026 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. Scott Clement
Mr. Mark Cleveland
Mrs. Amy Faulkner
Dr. Caroline Ford
Mrs. Meredith Gergley
Mr. Kevin Goode
Dr. Millie Malone
Mr. Derek Watchorn

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Dr. Millie Malone, Board Chair, 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. Mark Cleveland 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 24, 2026 and September 4, 2026 meetings were approved as presented.

4. **Special Recognition:** Mrs. Melissa Robinette introduced Ms. Robin Cooper, with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, who provided a brief summary of their organization. Mrs. Robinette then recognized the twelve District Five schools who were named America's Healthiest Schools by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. School principals and physical education teachers were recognized for their efforts to support the health and well-being of students, staff, and families.

Discrimination of all persons is prohibited with regard to employment and any other program or activity on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, color, immigrant status, English speaking or disabling condition in District Five Schools of Spartanburg County as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended. Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services; Title IX Coordinator, Superintendent.

5. **Action Items:**
   a) **Consider Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School:** Mrs. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, introduced Mr. Scott Powell, with Craig, Gaulden Davis PBK Architects; and Mr. Hootie Solesbee and Mr. Daniel Heacox with Harper General Contractors.

   The team presented the GMP No. 1 for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School, which includes the early site work package. An overview of the architectural and civil site plans, project scope, and competitive bidding process was provided.

   Following the presentation, Mr. Cloonan, on behalf of the administration, recommended approval of GMP No. 1 in an amount not to exceed $5,956,903.

   Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price #1 Early Site Package for Lightwood Crossing Elementary School, not to exceed $5,956,903, as presented by the administration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Watchorn. After questions regarding road work on Old Bethel Rd., playgrounds, the fuel index, and rock allowances, the motion was approved unanimously, 9-0.

6. **Reports**:

   a) **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ryan Cloonan, Chief of Operations, provided a facilities update on several district construction projects. Mr. Ryan Cloonan provided a facilities update on Byrnes High School Phase III, the South Transportation Center, and the new Duncan Elementary School.

   Renovations at Byrnes High School are underway for the JROTC marksmanship range, two additional classrooms, and girls' wrestling space. The South Transportation Center remains on budget and on schedule for substantial completion in mid-November, with interior and exterior work progressing. At Duncan Elementary School, site work continues with the retention pond completed, foundations beginning, and preparations underway for the new Beech Springs Road alignment.

   Following Mr. Cloonan's report, Mr. Kevin Goode made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of employment matters in reference to new hires, promotions, and resignations and discussion with Coleman, Lew, Canny and Bowen related to the Superintendent search at 6:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved unanimously 9-0.

7. **Executive Session**

   a) **Discussion of Employment Matters in Reference to New Hires, Promotions, and Resignations**

b) **Discussion with Coleman, Lew, Canny and Bowen related to the Superintendent Search**

8. **Return to Public Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Goode to end Executive Session and return to Public Session at 9:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved unanimously 9-0.

a) **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session:** Mr. Kevin Goode then made a motion to approve the new hires, promotions, and resignations as presented by the administration and discussed in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Cleveland and approved unanimously 9-0.

There being no further business, Mr. Goode made a motion to end the September 28 board meeting at 9:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meredith Gergley and approved unanimously 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Goode

Mr. Kevin Goode
Secretary

Submitted by: Mrs. April Peel