

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 10, 2020

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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*Board members present were:*

Connie Banks  
Seth Breitenbach  
David Garner  
Johnny Jackson  
Brandon McKillop

Jason Seay  
Sarah Simmons  
Connie Smith  
Rachel Smith-Yelton

*Lead administrators present were:*

Lance Radford  
Angela Hinton

#### ***Call to Order***

Board Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and welcomed the public and media. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Sarah Simmons offered the invocation.

#### ***Media Notice Confirmation***

Ms. Smith asked if the media had been notified of the meeting, and Mrs. Horton responded in the affirmative.

#### ***Who's Who in 2***

- Abby Scruggs, CHS, State Beta Club President
- Spelling Bee Winners

#### ***Ia-g Consent Agenda***

\*Dr. Simmons made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, February minutes, student releases, trip requests, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

#### ***2 Construction Report***

Projects Update

Lori Long (Jumper Carter Sease Architects), Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction), and David McCutchen (McCutchen Engineering) opened with updates for the District's facility projects. Boiling Springs High is complete, with a few items being addressed, including a couple of roof leaks and some card reader issues. BSH Freshman Academy renovations are progressing nicely, with the above ceiling inspection starting today. The Maintenance Facility is complete, and the Transportation Facility site is progressing nicely as concrete for parking area has been poured and an anticipated completion date of June 2020 is projected.

#### ***3-4 Instruction Report***

Mrs. Ashby shared the list of District Two Spelling Bee winners and presented for approval the Title I Grant Application for 2020-21.

\*Mr. Seay made the motion, which was duly seconded, and carried 9-0, to approve grant application.

*\*Action*

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## ***5-9 Personnel Report***

Mr. Brooks presented for approval the Administrative appointment of Deana Watson for Director of Elementary and Middle Education beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

\*Mrs. Smith-Yelton made the motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Watson. The motion was seconded and carried 9-0.

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Benjamin Vander Meulen, Teacher-Spanish	BSH 9th Grade (RP) 2020-21
Tiana Robbins, Teacher-SP ED	Chesnee Middle (RP) 2020-21
Christine Sistare, Teacher-1st Grade	Hendrix Elementary (RP) 2020-21
Rita Bugeson, Teacher-Spanish	Rainbow Lake Middle (RP) 2020-2

\*Mr. Seay made the motion to approve the certified appointments, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

Mr. Brooks presented the Administrative and Certified Staff Contract recommendations for the 2020-21 school year to be approved in two separate motions.

\* Mrs. Smith-Yelton made the motion to approve the Administrative contract recommendations for the 2020-21 school year. The motion was duly seconded and carried 9-0. Note: Mr. Garner and Mr. McKillop each recused themselves of voting for their family members that are in this group of recommendations.+

\* Dr. Banks made the motion to approve the Certified Staff recommendations for the 2020-21 school year. The motion was seconded and carried 9-0. Note: Mr. Seay recused himself from voting for his family member, who is a part of this group.+

Mr. Brooks presented for first reading a revision to Policy JFABA-Out of District Transfers, to allow the Board to authorize the superintendent to grant transfer requests for those persons seeking to take their child to another district, predominately employees of another district who reside within District Two.

\*Mrs. Smith-Yelton made the motion to approve revision to Policy JFABA as first reading. The motion was duly seconded. The motion carried by a 6-3 vote.

Mr. Brooks presented for first reading a revision to Policy BBB-Board Elections. This policy needs to reflect that nine (9) of the Board members should reside within *Spartanburg School District Two*, (not Spartanburg County), and one (1) Board member should reside in the section of Cherokee County that is *served by* District Two.

\*Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve the revision to Policy BBB as first reading, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

## ***10-11 Finance Report***

Ms. Richardson provided the financial reports for the month of February 2020 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update.+

Ms. Richardson gave the Board an update on the House Ways & Means proposed State budget. They are proposing a \$3000 per cell increase for teachers, an \$11 increase to Base Student Cost, a 6.73% increase to employer cost of health insurance and a 1% increase on retirement.

## ***12 Public Relations Report***

Mr. Acosta shared various news stories promoting good, positive news happening in the District,

including our latest Difference Maker. He shared stories and a picture of each Board member and the schools that sponsored them during the month of January for Board appreciation.

### ***13-14 Superintendent's Report***

Mr. Seay, Legislative Liaison, shared with the Board the \$11 Base Student Cost increase being proposed will actually result in a shortfall for District Two due to an increase in our Index of Taxpaying Ability and an EFA decrease.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support.

Mr. Radford reminded the Board of the upcoming Finance work session on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00p.m. Mr. Radford shared with the Board about our Inclement Weather days: three makeup days are built into the schedule, and we have used two of them thus far. Our missed days were February 7 and 21, one was made up on February 17 and the second makeup day is scheduled for March 27.

Mr. Radford reminded the Board to complete the Statement of Economic Interests online before March 30, 2020. He also invited them to complete the Board Feedback form.

\*A motion was made to adjourn which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

***Adjournment – 7:52 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

### ***Approvals:***

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, February minutes, student releases, trip requests, and personnel reports)
- Administrative appointment
- Certified appointments
- Administrative contract recommendations
- Certified Staff contract recommendations
- Policy JFABA, first reading
- Policy BBB, first reading