

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 8, 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  
Craig Sims  
Connie Smith  
Rachel Smith-Yelton

*Lead administrators present were:*

Lance Radford  
Angela Hinton

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

Board Chair Connie Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Two***

- New Administrators to the District – recognized by Mr. Radford
- Healthy Schools Award – BSI and OES – recognized by Beth Berry, Healthier Generation

#### ***Public Comments***

Board Chair Smith asked for a motion to hear two public comments brought before the Board, per policy. \*Mr. Seay made the motion to hear Speaker 1, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously 10-0. \*Mr. Sims made the motion to hear Speaker 2, which was seconded and carried unanimously 10-0.

Heath Bland, spoke about a discipline issue.  
Sam Dismukes spoke about a discipline issue.

#### ***1a-e Consent Agenda***

\*Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, August minutes, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 10-0.

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## ***2 Projects Update***

Lori Long (Jumper Carter Sease Architects), Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction), and David McCutchen (McCutchen Engineering) opened with updates and slides of the District's current facility projects. BSH Freshman Academy is open and occupied with a few punch list items remaining. The Transportation Facility is also open and occupied with a couple of punch list items remaining. Lori Long presented preliminary renditions of the designs for the updates to Boiling Springs Intermediate and Rainbow Lake Middle. Thompson Turner presented the Design & Development budgets on both projects: RLM (\$4,756,287) and BSI (\$3,195,509). The bid documents will go to Thompson Turner by September 15 and a GMP will be brought to the Board in November. With Board approval, the projected completion would be the Fall of 2021 for both projects.

## ***3-6 Instruction Report***

Dr. Hinton, Deana Watson and Tabitha Taneyhill provided a Return to Learn update on the past 3 weeks of instruction in the Family Model (with modified start) for grades K-5, the Hybrid Model for grades 6-12, and the Virtual Academy. Three elementary teachers spoke on the Elementary Virtual teaching process, including the support, collaboration and feedback received.

Deana Watson discussed the 4K enrollment for the 2020-21 year. With 340 slots available, we have 325 filled, including full day and half day.

Jason Paddock shared an update on device distribution and technology services, including distribution of Wi-Fi hotspots provided by the state.

Dr. Bernard Frost shared highlights of the Fall District Professional Development catalog, including training provided to assist teachers with virtual/hybrid instruction.

## ***7 Personnel Report***

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Collins, Hannah--Teacher-Science	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Osborne, Elizabeth--Teacher-ESOL	Rainbow Lake Middle (RP)

\*Dr. Banks made the motion to approve the certified appointments, which was duly seconded and carried 10-0.

## ***8-9 Finance Report***

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

Ms. Richardson presented for approval the Annual Resolution to sell up to \$6 million in General Obligation Bonds to be used to finance maintenance and capital projects and to maintain and upgrade technology throughout the District.

\*Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the Resolution for Sale of Bonds which was duly seconded and approved 10-0.

## ***10 Public Relations Report***

Mr. Acosta shared information on the District's Return to Play regarding our plans for upcoming sports activities, and various news stories promoting good, positive news happening in the District, including our latest Difference Maker.

### ***11-16 Superintendent's Report***

Mr. Seay, Legislative Liaison, shared that the Budget Subcommittee met September 1 and the Legislative session will begin on September 15.

Chair Smith asked the Board to assign a representative for the District's four votes at the Legislative Conference Delegate Assembly in December. The board appointed Brandon McKillop as delegate and Jason Seay as alternate.

Mr. Radford recommended for approval the hiring of one teacher position in order to reduce class size for the 2020-21 school year.

\*Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve the hiring recommendation, which was duly seconded and carried 10-0.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support, trust, and flexibility as we navigate this school year. He shared that through a program called Guide K12, the District is working on a rezoning plan for elementary and middle schools in order for all our elementary schools to become K-5 schools and balance our numbers at Boiling Springs Middle and Rainbow Lake Middle. The renaming of Boiling Springs Intermediate will be placed on the October Board agenda and ideas for the name may be sent to Board Chair Smith.

Mr. Radford commented on the ideas for bringing middle/high students back to face-to-face on alternating Fridays by October, then possibly all attending face-to-face on Fridays. He stressed that safety is #1 in all circumstances. Our COVID-19 cases are being closely monitored. With 10,242 people in our buildings, we have had 20 cases. Mr. Radford gave a food service update stating that we will be feeding all students who want breakfast and lunch at no cost until December through Federal money.

Mr. Radford noted that the District's student enrollment is 10,418 and is down 59 students from this time last year.

### ***Executive Session for Personnel matter***

#### ***9:40 p.m. Executive Session***

\*Dr. Banks made the motion, which was duly seconded, to move to Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter. The motion carried 10-0.

#### ***11:00 p.m. Return to Open Session***

\*Dr. Banks made the motion, which was duly seconded, to return to Open Session. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0.

Ms. Smith invited the Board to complete the Board Feedback form.

\*Dr. Banks made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded and carried 10-0.

### ***Adjournment – 11:00 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

***Approvals:***

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, August minutes, and personnel reports)
- Certified appointments
- Annual Resolution to Issue 8% Debt
- Hiring Recommendation (1 Teacher position)



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