

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

January 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Board members present were:

Connie Banks
Seth Breitenbach
David Garner
Johnny Jackson

Brandon McKillop
Jason Seay
Connie Smith
Rachel Smith-Yelton

Lead administrators present were:

Lance Radford
Angela Hinton

Call to Order

Board Chair Brandon McKillop called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Johnny Jackson offered a moment of silence and the invocation.

Who's Who in Two

- Spelling Bee Winners Video Presentation
- SCSBA Board Recognition – Connie Smith, 20 years of service
- Board Appreciation Month Virtual Book Presentation

Media Notice Confirmation

Mr. McKillop asked if the media had been notified of the meeting, and Mrs. Horton responded in the affirmative. There were no public comments.

1a-g Consent Agenda

*Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, November minutes, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 8-0.

2 Projects Update

Lori Long (Jumper Carter Sease Architects) reviewed addition and renovation plans for Rainbow Lake Middle and Sugar Ridge Elementary. Work is progressing at both sites on schedule.

3-9 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton presented the 2021-22 proposed District Academic Calendar to the Board as information.

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Dr. Bernard Frost presented the Spring Professional Development Catalog as information.

Fran Metta gave a quarterly update on our ATSI schools with regard to support to schools, teachers and special education students.

Dr. Hinton shared the Spelling Bee winners and offered congratulations to them.

Deana Watson provided an update on the results of the new attendance lines teacher survey.

Jason Paddock offered an update on the District's e-learning procedures. E-learning days are used for an unplanned closure and do not require a make-up day.

Dr. Hinton presented for approval five Local Board Approved Courses, enabling the correct course number to be applied to these courses.

*Dr. Banks made the motion to approve the newly added LBA courses, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 8-0.

10-11 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Lanford, Micah -- Teacher-ESOL	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Haddox, Ingeborg -- Teacher-Art	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Gilstrap, Haley -- Teacher-AVID	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Hill, Brandon -- Teacher-Business Ed	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Wilson, Christin -- Teacher-SpEd	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Jackson, Katelyn -- Teacher-SpEd	Rainbow Lake Middle (RP)

*Mr. Seay made the motion to approve the certified appointments, which was duly seconded and carried 8-0.

Mr. Brooks presented for Board approval as first reading an update to Policy GCQC/GCQD after the State changed the return date for certified contracts from April 25 to May 10. This policy needed to be updated to reflect the mandated date change.

*Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve Policy GCQC/GCQD, first reading, which was duly seconded and approved 8-0.

12-13 Finance Report

Mr. Radford, in Ms. Richardson's absence, provided the financial reports for the month of December 2020 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update.+

Mr. Radford also provided an overview of the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar with upcoming dates for the budget process.

14 Public Relations Report

Mr. Acosta shared various news stories promoting good, positive news happening in the District, including our latest Difference Maker events.

15-18 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Radford, in Dr. Simmons's absence as Legislative Liaison, shared that the General Assembly convened today to begin the first year of a two-year session, as the House begins work on the FY2021-22 state budget. There is a 2nd round of Federal COVID-19 relief funding that will include additional funding for school districts.

Mr. Radford reminded the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interests by March 30, 2021.

Mr. Radford shared that we have had a very successful start to our 2nd semester. We continue with our Return-2-Learn plans as we work to get all students back in class in the safest manner. At present, our elementary students are attending each day and our middle and high school students are transitioning back to five days, face-to-face, over the first weeks in January, and we will be K-12 face-to-face starting Thursday, January 21. We are looking forward to the vaccination phase for our building level staff, and continue to be in contact with DHEC and Spartanburg Regional officials.

Mr. Radford gave an overview of the 2021-22 Attendance Lines Proposal community meetings that occurred last month. Plans to convert BSI into a K-5 school and all other elementary schools on the Boiling Springs side to the K-5 model were discussed, along with results of the Demographic growth study, showing the need to shift students to better manage growth and enrollment. The use of the Guide K12 program was demonstrated to allow parents to determine their school of attendance. Parent comments were generally positive and Principals have received very few comments/concerns. Administration plans to recommend that the new attendance line proposals be approved by the Board in February.

Mr. Radford shared with the Board that the District continues to work with our architect and builder on our five-year capital improvement plan for athletic upgrades at CHS and RLM. The architects plan to have a preliminary Master Plan to share with the Board in February. The first phase of this plan will include a turf field, tennis courts and resurfaced track at Chesnee High School, to be completed this summer.

Mr. Radford gave an update on the sale of the residential section of the old BS9 property. A closing date of February 26, 2021 has been set.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support, trust, and flexibility. He thanked the Board on behalf of the District for the bonus received.

No Executive Session was called, and no further action was required.

Mr. McKillop invited the Board to complete the Board Feedback form.

*Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded and carried 8-0.

Adjournment – 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, November minutes, and personnel reports)
- Local Board Approved (LBA) Courses
- Certified Appointments
- Policy GCQC/GCQD, first reading