

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

February 9, 2021

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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 Brandon McKillop called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Sarah Simmons offered words of inspiration and the invocation.

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.

Who's Who in Two

- Dr. Bernard Frost, 2020 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Contribution to Mathematics Award
- AC Yelton, CHS, SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports 2A Volleyball Co-Player of the Year

1a-g Consent Agenda

*Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, January minutes, and personnel reports), with correction as noted to school placement of a classified appointment. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2 Projects Update

Lori Long (Jumper Carter Sease Architects), Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction), and David McCutchen (McCutchen Engineering) reviewed the addition and renovation progress for Rainbow Lake Middle and Sugar Ridge Elementary. Work is progressing at Sugar Ridge on schedule, about two weeks behind at RLM, due to rainy weather.

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The construction team gave a detailed description of the Tentative Master Plan for Athletics, at Chesnee High School and Rainbow Lake Middle. These upgrades include artificial turf on the football field and an entry plaza, four tennis courts and lighting, track surface and surrounding area upgrade, and baseball complex renovations. The team expects to bring a GMP to the Board next month and be ready to break ground April 12, if approved.

* Mr. Jackson excused himself from the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

3-4 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton shared information on the D2 LEADS Leadership Academy and an overview of the remaining sessions this year.

Dr. Hinton updated the Board on the District's Return to Learn to face-to-face instruction and Deana Watson and Tabitha Taneyhill shared updates on enrollment numbers in Virtual Academy.

5-7 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following administrative appointment for approval:

Wyatt, Laura – Principal

Chesnee Middle (RP) 2021-22

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

Mr. Brooks presented for approval a list of school and district-level administrative appointments for the 2021-2022 school year.

*Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the Administrative Recommendations, which was duly seconded. *Board members McKillop and Garner recused themselves from the vote, as each has a family member included in the recommendation. The vote carried 6-0. (Recusals attached.)

Mr. Brooks presented for Board approval as final 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.

*Mrs. Banks made the motion to approve Policy GCQC/GCQD, final reading, which was duly seconded and approved 8-0.

8-10 Finance Report

Ms. Richardson provided the financial reports for the month of January 2021 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update.+

Ms. Richardson and Mr. Radford provided a presentation on our countywide teacher salary schedule, including history on the Spartanburg County Oversight Committee, the existing minimum county foundation, and efforts to increase the pay scale as a group to be competitive with surrounding areas.

Ms. Richardson updated the Board on State funding, including information on the teacher step increase vote, ESSER funds I and II, and guidelines on how these funds are to be spent. She also shared that the BEA (Board of Economic Advisors) stated that revenue estimates are higher than anticipated.

11 Public Relations Report

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

12-16 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Simmons shared that the General Assembly is working in sub-committees and items of importance were the teacher step increase vote and the vote to push teachers up in the vaccination process.

Mr. Radford gave an overview of the 2021-22 Attendance Lines Proposal and asked for Board approval to move forward.

* Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the 2021-22 Attendance Lines as presented, which was duly seconded and carried 8-0.

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

Mr. Radford stated his two Superintendent Goals for 2020-2021: 1) Review, develop and update salary schedules for District Level Administration/Leadership Positions that reflects current market value for these positions and 2) Investigate opportunities to further develop Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness in the District. Updates on progress of these two items will be given in March.

Mr. Radford shared that COVID continues to be a challenge but it is one we are overcoming. We noted spikes after Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, but February numbers tend to be trending downward. We continue to advocate for teachers to be pushed up in the vaccination phase and are ready with a vaccination plan once vaccines are available.

Mr. Radford reminded the Board that it is budget planning season and that our Board Budget work session will be Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Radford shared that this is Bus Driver Appreciation week is February 8-12 and that we honored our drivers and staff with pizza and cookies and the schools are also doing special things for the drivers.

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

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

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

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

Adjournment – 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, January minutes, and personnel reports)
- Administrative Appointment

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- Administrative Contract recommendations (2021-22)
- Policy GCQC/GCQD, final reading
- 2021-22 Attendance Lines

