

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

March 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
Craig Sims
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 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Johnny Jackson offered 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

- Na'amah Morbeth, RLM, 2021 USC Upstate Regional Spelling Bee Winner
- Dr. Laura Wyatt, newly named Principal - Chesnee Middle School for 2021-22
- Paul Hollifield, newly named Maintenance Director for 2021-22

1a-g Consent Agenda

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

2-3 Projects Update

Todd Sease (Jumper Carter Sease Architects), Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction), and David McCutchen and Walden Jones (McCutchen Engineering) reviewed the addition and renovation progress for Rainbow Lake Middle and Sugar Ridge Elementary. Work is progressing at both projects.

**Action*

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The construction team gave a detailed description of the Plan for Athletics, at Chesnee High School. 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. Plans for Middle School Athletics include a baseball/softball shared press box, restrooms, fencing and field prep. Thompson Turner plans to have a GMP for Middle School Athletics in May.

Trevin Thompson presented the package for the CHS Athletic Facilities Improvement for approval with the GMP of \$5,124,839, and a start time of April 2021 and completion by August 2021.

*Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the GMP for CHS Athletic Facilities Improvements, which was duly seconded and approved 10-0.

4-6 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton shared that District Two had two of the eight Spelling Bee finalists from across Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties. Na'amah Morbeth, a 7th grader from RLM, was the Upstate Regional Spelling Bee Winner and will participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Dr. Hinton updated the Board on the District's Three Year Report Card Comparison, which looked at areas such as 4-year Graduation Rate, Dropout Rate, Life Scholarship eligibility, ACT and SAT scores, absenteeism and suspensions for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20.

Dr. Hinton requested approval to apply for the Title I Grant for the District for 2021-22. This grant is expected to be approximately \$2.4 million.

* Dr. Banks made the motion to approve District application for the Title I Grant, which was duly seconded and approved 10-0.

7-8 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Schlenke, Elizabeth -- Teacher-5k	Boiling Springs Elementary (RP)
Sprague, Helen -- Teacher-Science	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Thomas, Yolonda -- Teacher-SpEd	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Smith, Lori -- Teacher-Band	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Spano, Meredith -- Teacher-Science	Chesnee High (RP)
Hannon, Mary -- Teacher-Elementary	Carlisle-Foster's Grove Elem. (RP)
Alvarez, Anais -- School Psychologist	School-based (NP)
Mosley, Stephenie -- Teacher-4K	Sugar Ridge Elem. (NP)

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

Mr. Brooks presented for approval a list of Certified Staff Contract Recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year.

*Dr. Simmons made the motion to approve the Certified Staff Contract Recommendations, which was duly seconded. The vote carried 10-0.

9-10 Superintendent's Goals Presentation

Jason Paddock shared information on the District's opportunities and progress to further develop Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Awareness.

Kelly Richardson presented information on the process of reviewing and updating the salary schedules for School and District Level Admin/Leadership to current market. This will be further detailed in the budget process.

11-13 Finance Report

Ms. Richardson provided the financial reports for the month of February 2021 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update, RLM and BSI/SRE expenditure updates.+

Ms. Richardson updated the Board on State funding, including information on the teacher salary step increase, ESSER II funds, and guidelines on how these funds are to be spent.

Ms. Richardson also shared information about proposed upgrades to the McCarthy Teszler School.

14 Public Relations Report

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

16-19 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Simmons shared that the General Assembly is working on lots of items of importance, including the teacher step increase vote and that the House will return on March 22 to continue their work.

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

Mr. Radford reminded the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interests by March 30, 2021, and that the Board Budget work session will be Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Radford shared with the Board the 2020-21 Homeschool Participation Report.

Mr. Radford shared that COVID has been a challenge but it is one we are overcoming. February numbers continue to trend downward. We have had many teachers and staff receive the 1st dose of vaccine and we are working with several outlets to help make this happen for those who want to be vaccinated.

Mr. Radford stated that of the eight previously approved certified positions for the District, two positions have been filled.

Mr. Radford shared that the Spartanburg Superintendents and the Spartanburg County Education Oversight Committee continue to work on ways to collectively expand the Teacher Salary Schedule.

Mr. Radford presented for approval, at the request of the contracted buyer, a Board approved resolution to move forward with the sale of 24.53 acres at the old BS9 campus.

*Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the resolution for the sale of property, which was duly seconded and approved 10-0.

Executive Session for contractual matters

9:06 p.m. Executive Session

*Mr. Seay made the motion, which was duly seconded, to move to Executive Session for a contractual matter. The motion carried 10-0.

9:24 p.m. Return to Open Session

*Ms. Smith made the motion to return to Open Session which was duly seconded and approved 10-0.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

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

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

Adjournment – 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, February minutes, and personnel reports)
- GMP for CHS Athletic Facilities
- Title I Grant Application
- Certified Appointments
- Certified Staff Contract Recommendations (2021-22)
- Resolution for Sale of Property