

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

September 7, 2021

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Board members present were:

Connie Banks
Seth Breitenbach (via phone)
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 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Sarah Simmons offered the invocation.

* Seth Breitenbach called in to the meeting at 7:05 pm. *Note: Per Policy BEDM, a Board member may vote by phone if unable to attend the meeting due to special medical and/or traveling situations. Mr. Breitenbach was audibly discernable to all present at the meeting.*

Media Notice Confirmation

Mr. McKillop 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 were recognized.

Public Comments

No Public Comments were offered.

1a-g Consent Agenda

*Ms. Smith 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, 9-0.

2 Projects Update

Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction) gave an update on the addition and renovation progress for Rainbow Lake Middle and Sugar Ridge Elementary. Punch lists are being prepared at both sites. The exterior work (athletic fields) is progressing at RLM. The work on Chesnee High's

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athletics facilities is progressing with the tennis and track surfacing ongoing and curbing going in next week.

3-7 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton, Mr. Radford, and Deana Watson shared data from the 2021 District Report Card. Spartanburg School District Two ranked above the state in all areas and first in Spartanburg County in numerous areas. Dr. Hinton also shared information from the My Options ACT Student College and Career Success Survey.

Deana Watson provided information on the District's 4K Program and the CERDEP grant to expand 4K programming in our District. We currently have 16 4K classes – 11 full-day and 5 half-day and serve 370 students.

Dr. Hinton presented the D2 Professional Development website that houses learning opportunities for our teachers.

8 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Bowlin, James -- Teacher-Driver ED	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Lipscomb, Jeffery -- Teacher-Science	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Morris, Dorothy -- Teacher-Science	Boiling Springs High (RP)
Swift, Megan -- Teacher-1 st Grade	Oakland Elementary (RP)
Cook, Jacquelyn -- Teacher-4 th Grade	Sugar Ridge Elementary (RP)

*Dr. Banks made the motion to approve the certified appointments, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

9 Finance Report

Mrs. Gist provided the financial report for the month of August 2021 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update, and RLM, SRE, and CHS expenditure updates.+

10 Public Relations Report

Mr. Acosta shared good news happening in the District.

11-15 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Simmons, Legislative liaison, had no news to report regarding education from Columbia.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support and trust. He reported on student growth in the district. The 10-day student count was 10,949, a 597 student increase over last year. The majority of the growth is occurring in the elementary grades.

We continue to follow DHEC protocols of layered prevention strategies: getting vaccinated, encouraging masks, physical distancing, contact tracing, as well as others. We will continue to update as necessary. Last year our District used FFCRA to pay employees up to 10 days when they were out due to Covid. We have implemented D2CRA this year to cover full-time employees up to 10 days for Covid related absences.

Executive Session for Contractual and Personnel matters

9:20 p.m. Executive Session

*Dr. Simmons made the motion, which was duly seconded, to move to Executive Session for contractual and personnel matters. The motion carried 9-0.

* *At approximately 10:00pm, the phone connection was lost with Mr. Breitenbach.*

10:30 p.m. Return to Open Session

*Dr. Simmons made the motion to return to Open Session, which was duly seconded and approved 8-0.

Further action taken:

*Ms. Smith made a motion to allow the Board chair and superintendent to negotiate the details of the contract for the sale of property on Hampton Street, in Chesnee.

This motion was duly seconded and carried 8-0.

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

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

Adjournment – 10:32 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
- Further action after executive session: Negotiate contract of Hampton St. property, Chesnee, by Board Chair and Superintendent