

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

November 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 (via phone)
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 a poem and the invocation.

* Connie Smith called in to the meeting at 7:03 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. She 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

CHS Girls Golf – AAA State Champions

Public Comments

No Public Comments were offered.

1a-g Consent Agenda

*Mr. Seay made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, October minutes, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2 Projects Update

Trevin Thompson (Thompson Turner Construction), Jordan Sease (Jumper Carter Sease Architects), and David McCutchen (McCutchen Engineering) gave an update on the current

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projects of the District, particularly the work on Chesnee High and Rainbow Lake's athletic facilities.

3-5 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton shared key data from the 20-21 District Report Card and Spartanburg Academic Movement, including student achievement and mitigating the effects of poverty.

Troy Moore shared that District Two would be receiving over \$1.3 million thru USAC funding to help with the cost of upgrading our network with newer technology.

Dr. Hinton presented the District Goals for 2021-22 in detail.

6-7 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointment for approval:

Berube, Sarah – Teacher, ELA Rainbow Lake Middle (RP)

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

Mr. Brooks presented for final reading an update to Policy EBCB, Safety Drills, to Safety Plans and Drills to align with the 2018 General Assembly requirements for fire and school safety. The updated policy specifies new classifications for drills that align with guidance from the SC Dept. of Education and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

*Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve Policy EBCB Update, final reading, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

8-9 Finance Report

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

Mrs. Gist added that our Board Audit Review will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

10 Public Relations Report

Mr. Acosta shared good news happening in the District, including upcoming Veteran's Day activities and the TOY Banquet on January 13, 2022.

11-19 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Simmons, Legislative liaison, shared that she would be tuning in to the Legislative Preview Webinar on Wednesday, November 10.

Mr. McKillop asked the Board to nominate a member to the position of vice chair and secretary for the next year. Seth Breitenbach was nominated for Board Secretary by affirmation. David Garner and Sarah Simmons were each nominated for the position of vice chair, and after ballots were received and counted, David Garner was named vice chair.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support and trust. Mr. Radford reported that the District's number of positive Covid cases continue to decline at a rapid rate. Over the course of last week, we had five cases district-wide. We will continue to monitor.

Mr. Radford brought to the Board Early Dismissal Policy JLIB for information and consideration. The District is looking at expanding the idea for seniors and possibly juniors. Mr. Radford spoke

on the issue of District growth explaining that at the first of the school year we added 600 new students to enrollment and that as of this meeting we are at 510 new students in the District.

Mr. Radford requested approval for ten growth teaching positions for the 2022-2023 school year and the flexibility for hiring three school level administrative growth positions.

*Mr. Garner made the motion to approve the ten growth teaching positions and flexibility for three school level administrative growth positions. The motion was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

Mr. Radford recommended that the Board allow our Board Chair, as a member of the Spartanburg County Education Oversight Committee, to move forward with the establishment of the Teacher Equalization Fund.

*Ms. Smith made the motion to allow board chair, as a member of the Spartanburg County Educations Oversight Committee, to move forward as a group with the establishment of the Teacher Equalization Fund. The motion was duly seconded, and carried 8-1.

Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's annual evaluation

8:59 p.m. Executive Session

*Mr. Jackson made the motion, which was duly seconded, to move to Executive Session for discussion of the Superintendent's annual evaluation. The motion carried 9-0.

10:32 p.m. Return to Open Session

*Dr. Simmons made the motion to return to Open Session, which was duly seconded and approved 9-0.

*Mr. McKillop made the motion that action be taken with regard to the superintendent's contract, based on an "Exceeds Expectation" result, to extend his contract by one year. The motion was seconded and carried 9-0.

*Mrs. Smith-Yelton made the motion that in light of the fact that the superintendent received an evaluation of "Exceeds Expectation," that in addition to the contract extension, a 7 ½% pay raise be given. The motion was seconded and carried 8-1.

Dr. Simmons swore in the Re-elected Board members, Jason Seay, Connie Banks, Connie Smith, and David Garner. A public swearing in ceremony will be held in January.

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

*Dr. Banks made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

Adjournment – 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Garner, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, October minutes, and personnel reports)

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- Certified Appointment
- Policy EBCB update, final reading
- Hiring recommendation
- County-wide Teacher Equalization Fund establishment
- Superintendent's evaluation and contract

