

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Two Administrative Offices

February 8, 2022

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Board members present were:

Connie Banks
Seth Breitenbach
David Garner
Brandon McKillop
Matt Schubeck

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 6:58 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Simmons 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.

Public Comments

No Public Comments were offered.

1a-e Consent Agenda

*Dr. Banks made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, January 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 projects of the District, particularly the work on Chesnee High and Rainbow Lake Middle athletic facilities.

3-4 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton and the instruction team shared academic data and Models of Success in Spartanburg Two, in particular the TLT (Teaching and Learning Team) components and process. Staff members from CFG and CSF were on hand to answer questions.

**Action*

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Dr. Hinton shared information about the District's D2 LEADS Leadership Academy. This year's 24 participants meet each month to enhance their understanding of various aspects of education, including finance, instruction, the superintendent's role, personnel and school law.

5-6 Personnel Report

Mr. Brooks presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Colquitt, Taylor -- Teacher-ELA	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Cash, Carmen -- Teacher-Sp Ed	Mayo Elementary (RP)

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

Mr. Brooks presented for final reading an update to Policy JLIB, Early Dismissal, to establish the basic structure for the arrival and dismissal of students throughout the school day, beginning in 2022-23.

*Ms. Smith made the motion to approve Policy JLIB Update, final reading, which was duly seconded and carried 9-0.

7-8 Finance Report

Mrs. Gist provided the financial report thru the month of January 2022 and a revenue sheet as information. Also included was a referendum expenditure update, and RLM, SRE, and CHS expenditure updates.+

Mrs. Gist presented an update on State Funding for the 2022-23 budget.

9 Public Relations Report

Mr. Acosta shared good news happening in the District, including the Board member visits to schools during Board Appreciation month.

10-13 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Simmons, Legislative liaison, shared that the Legislators were hearing and considering a number of education items including an open enrollment bill, school preference, increasing salaries and private school funding.

Mr. Radford thanked the Board and Administrators for their continued support and trust. Mr. Radford shared with the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interests by March 30, 2022.

Mr. Radford reported that the Districts' number of positive Covid cases continue to decrease and that after receiving tests from DHEC we are working to implement the Test 2 Stay program to keep more students at school.

He commented that Bus Driver Appreciation week would be celebrated February 14 - 18. We continue to work with the state and county toward our goal of having one SRO in each school.

Mr. Radford reminded the Board of the Budget Work Session on March 29, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

Executive Session for Contractual matters

8:22 p.m. Executive Session

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

9:02 p.m. Return to Open Session

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

Further action taken:

- (1) Mr. Seay made the motion to extend the initial 120 day due diligence period by an additional 120 days for the sale of the BS9 property. This motion was seconded and carried 9-0.
- (2) Ms. Smith made the motion that “because of the addictive nature of vaping, the potential for serious health problems and other consequences for our students, and the negative impacts on our schools, including having to address disciplinary and addiction issues, the District proceed with litigation against JUUL and other responsible companies, and that we retain the listed attorneys on a contingency fee basis to represent the District: Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A., Solomon Law Group, LLC, and Frazer PLC.” This motion was seconded and carried 9-0.

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

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

Adjournment – 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Breitenbach, Board Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, January minutes, and personnel reports)
- Certified Appointments
- Policy JLIB update, final reading
- Extension of due diligence period on sale of BS9
- JUUL litigation