

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Administrative Offices

October 10, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Board members present were:

David Garner
Harriette Hipp
Angie Horton
Johnny Jackson
Jack Mabry

Sarah Simmons
Craig Sims
Connie Smith
Rachel Smith Yelton

Lead administrators present were:

Scott J. Mercer
Angela Hinton

Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the public and media. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Simmons offered a moment of silence to honor Courtney Briscoe and the invocation.

Media Notice Confirmation

Ms. Smith asked if the media had been notified of the meeting, and Mrs. Horton responded in the affirmative.

1a-g Consent Agenda

*Mr. Mabry made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, September minutes, trip requests, student releases, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2 Construction Report

Projects Update

Keith McAlister, Construction Consultant, along with Lori Long, Jumper Carter Sease Architects, and Joe Pelton, Thompson Turner Construction, presented the Board with updates and a timeline on the progress of the new school. The tennis courts are complete and the bridge at the front drive is in and should be fully functional in a few weeks. Retaining walls are going up and the building's "footprint" is becoming more visible.

3 BSH9 Property

Sherry Barrett, Upstate Forever, presented a slideshow in making her case for a walkable, compact, mixed use development for the 64-acre property that is currently BS9. Ben Hines, Spencer/Hines Properties was on hand to support the Build a Healthy Boiling Springs Initiative and reported that there were several good prospects for the property.

4-6 Instruction Report

Teachers Jimmy Rogers and Trip Fogle, CHS, and media specialist Laura Treffinger, BSH, shared their experiences teaching in China this past summer.

*Action

+Filed with minutes

Angela Hinton announced that the instruction department will hold a data workshop for Board members on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm to review data from the 2016-17 school year.

Kim Ashby presented the District's Gifted and Talented Five-Year plan update for approval to be submitted to the State Department of Education.

*Mr. Garner made the motion, which was duly seconded, to approve the Gifted and Talented Five-Year Plan+. The motion carried unanimously.

7 Personnel Report

Mr. Enloe presented the following certified appointment for approval:

Stephanie Agudelo, Teacher, Spanish Chesnee High (RP)

*Mrs. Hipp made the motion to approve the certified appointment as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

8-9 Finance Report

Mr. Heron provided financial reports for September 2017 and a revenue sheet as information.+

Mr. Heron commented on recent short term bond sales of \$3.9 million with a net interest cost of 0.731% that will be used for small construction projects and technology upgrades. He also stated that we are ready for the selling of the first set of bonds, (\$50 million) for the BSH project. Our recent Bond ratings were favorable: Moody's: Aa3, Standard & Poor: A+, and State Intercept: AA1; AA.

10-13 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercer reviewed a written summary of our progress on the ten 2016-17 District Goals.

Delegates and alternates were appointed for the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly on Saturday December 2. One vote each was assigned to Jack Mabry, David Garner, Connie Smith, and Sarah Simmons.

8:15 p.m. Executive Session

* Mr. Sims made the motion to go into executive session for contractual issues. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

9:05 p.m. Return to Open Session

*Mr. Jackson made the motion to return to regular session which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Mercer read a letter to the Board announcing his decision to retire at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

*Mr. Sims made the motion to accept Dr. Mercer's letter of retirement, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Mercer invited board members to complete the Board Effectiveness Feedback Form.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriette Hipp, Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, September minutes, student releases, trip requests, and personnel reports)
- Gifted and Talented Five-Year Plan Update
- Certified Appointment
- Dr. Mercer's Retirement

