

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Administrative Offices

October 13, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Board members present were:

Angie Horton
Jack Mabry
Gordon Ray
David Sereque
Craig Sims

Sarah Simmons
Connie Smith
Rusty Tucker
Joyce Wright

Lead Administrators present were:

Scott J. Mercer
Angela Hinton

Call to Order

Chair Mabry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the public and media. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Simmons offered the invocation.

Media Notification

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

Public Comments

- Molly Talbot-Metz and Natalia Swanson, representing the Mary Black Foundation, offered a thank you to the District and Dr. Mercer for ongoing support of the partnership established with the Foundation in their efforts to promote good health and nutrition, and active living in the county through a variety of programs.
- Rev. Johnny Jackson, representing a group of concerned citizens, spoke on the issue/concern that both of our high schools in the District hold Graduation ceremonies on the same night. Family members with students at both schools can't attend/celebrate both of the events properly, and asked for consideration to place the graduations on separate days.

Who's Who in

The following individuals/groups were recognized:

- Boiling Springs High 2015 State Golf Champs
- SCC Culinary students – Trophy presentation, Peggy Luther – Chartwells
- Bus Driver recognition – Ron Hawkins, Jr.

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1a-h Consent Agenda

* Mr. Sereque made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Agenda for this meeting, September minutes, student release, trip requests, and Personnel Report). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

2-5 Instruction Report

Scott Faust, a Chesnee High School science teacher demonstrated how he uses whiteboard apps in the classroom to develop understanding and provide feedback on student learning.

Jason Paddock gave an update on the District's progression of our personalized digital learning initiative and reported that iPad rollouts have been completed for grades 3 -12.

Dr. Hinton shared information for an upcoming instructional data workshop for school board members to be held on January 26, 2016 at 6 p.m. to review data from the 2014-15 school year.

Glenda Brown, Director of Teacher Quality and Professional Development, gave an overview of Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), which is a requirement of the SC Department of Education's Teacher Evaluation process this year.

6-7 Construction Projects Report

Dr. Mercer introduced Lori Long of Jumper, Carter, Sease Architects and members of the Thompson Turner Construction team who gave an update and aerial photos of the progression of work on Shoally Creek Elementary. Ms. Long stated that despite the loss of 9½ days of construction due to the unusual amount of rainfall in the past few weeks, work is progressing well at the school site. Masonry work continues. Roof decking on the classroom wings is progressing, as well as overhead rough-in work on the 2nd and 3rd grade wings. All floor slabs have been installed with the exception of the kitchen area, which will be completed next week. The project is still on schedule to open in August 2016.

Dr. Mercer reported that SCDOT has plans to construct a 5-foot sidewalk along Old Furnace Road from Mason Road to Hanging Rock Road next summer. They have offered the District a sum of \$8,900 to purchase 0.258 acres of our land in front of Boiling Springs High School. Dr. Mercer requested approval to accept the SCDOT's offer. * Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the sum of \$8,900 for 0.258 acres of land for sidewalk construction which was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

8 Personnel Report

Mr. Enloe presented for approval the recommendation that the position formerly titled "Director of Student Services and Construction Projects" split into one for Student Management at the level of Director (Grade 33) and that the District hire a consultant for the remainder of the school year to advise us on construction projects. *Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the recommendation which was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

9-10 Finance Report

Mr. Heron provided the financial report for September 2015 and a revenue sheet as information.

Mr. Heron also explained a change to annual financial statements due to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68. This new accounting method will affect the district's financial statements in two ways. First, the Total Net Position will be reduced on the Statement of Net Assets to reflect the long-term liability and second, the note to basic

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statements will have significant additions to explain the long-term pension liability. This change will have no effect on governmental fund statements, short-term liabilities, expenditures or cash flow.

11-15 Public Relations Report

Mrs. Henderson presented items of information for the Board including our Safety Focus, the Great Southeast Shakeout Earthquake Drill, Operation Snowshoe (emergency weather procedures) and upcoming meetings.

Delegates and alternates were appointed for the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly on Saturday December 5. The votes were assigned to Jack Mabry (2), Connie Smith and David Sereque, with all of the aforementioned to be able to act as alternates.

16-17 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercer reviewed the District's Goals and gave a summary of how the District fared on the nine goals we set for ourselves last year. He also shared information on the Connect Spartanburg survey and its benefits for the community.

Dr. Mercer invited Board members to complete their board effectiveness feedback form.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by *Mrs. Simmons and was duly seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, September minutes, student release, trip requests, and personnel reports)
- SCDOT offer for sidewalk expansion
- Director of Student Management position