

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Administrative Offices

February 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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*Board members present were:*

David Garner  
Jack Mabry  
David Sereque  
Craig Sims

Connie Smith  
Joyce Wright  
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, Mr. Mabry offered the invocation.

#### ***Media Notice Confirmation***

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

#### ***Public Comments***

- Rev. Johnny Jackson thanked the Board and Dr. Mercer for changing our high school graduation dates to two separate days.
- Chris Parrish, parent, complained about the superintendent's decision in a student disciplinary situation.

#### ***Who's Who in***

The following individuals/groups were recognized:

- Mary Black Foundation – Molly Talbot-Metz presented a Culture of Health Award to the District for its commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles.
- National Board Certified Teachers - Cassidy Powell earned National Board Certification and Judith Arnold, Robin Brannon, Karen Brown, Melanie Campbell, Jana Curry, Katherine Hughey, Angela Ramsey, and Jennifer Waddell achieved renewal this year.

#### ***1a-f Consent Agenda***

\*Mr. Mabry made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting, January minutes, trip requests, a student release, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 7-0.

#### ***2 Project Update***

Lori Long from Jumper Carter Sease Architects and Hal Turner and members of the Thompson Turner Construction team gave an update with aerial photos of the progression of work on Shoally Creek Elementary. Painting of classrooms has begun and also some interior detail work. Although they still are about 30 days behind schedule due to weather issues, they have brought additional

\*Action

+Filed with minutes

supervision and have crews working weekends to catch up. Brad Vanvick is retiring, but Hal Turner and Scott Spigener will fill the gap and Trevin Thompson is now Asst. Project Manager on site.

### ***3-5 Instruction Report***

Dr. Hinton introduced Pamela Brackett, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from from Rainbow Lake Middle, who presented a short video of “Genius Hour”; a time where students engage in self-selected research projects and deepen their understanding of real-world knowledge while implementing the use of the state standards. Next, Jason Paddock gave a brief update on the District’s EXCEL initiative and our technology infrastructure status.

### ***7:41 p.m. Executive Session***

\*Mr. Sims made the motion, which was duly seconded, to move to Executive Session for personnel, legal and/or contractual issues. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***8:30 p.m. Return to General Session***

\*Mrs. Wright made the motion, which was duly seconded, to return to Open Session. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***6-8 Personnel Report***

Mr. Enloe presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Nina Hendrix, Teacher, SpEd	Boiling Springs Middle (RP)
Amber Hughes, Teacher, SpEd	Mayo Elementary (RP)

\*Mr. Sereque made the motion to approve the certified appointments as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Enloe presented a revision to Policy IC for first reading. The revision concerns presenting the school calendar to the board as information in the spring of each year, rather than for approval. A change to be made in the wording was noted and will be included in second reading which will reflect the current state law regarding make-up days lost due to inclement weather.

\*Mr. Mabry made the motion to approve as first reading the revision to Policy IC, with the correction to make the Policy current with state law. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Enloe presented a list of school and district-level administrative appointments for the 2016-2017 school year.+

\*Mrs. Wright made the motion to approve the list of appointments which was duly seconded. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

### ***9-10 Finance Report***

Mr. Heron provided financial reports for January 2016 and a revenue sheet as information.+

Mr. Heron shared information from the State Department of Education concerning a mid-year budget reduction of about \$200,000 due to a difference in weighted pupil units and base student cost. This was considerably less than the first reported figure of \$380,000. Mr. Heron also presented for approval a request for funding of additional teachers and staff for the new Shoally Creek Elementary and also to convert Boiling Springs High 9<sup>th</sup> Grade to a four-block schedule next year. The estimated cost for these positions is \$840,000.

\*Mr. Sereque made the motion to approve the request for additional positions which was duly seconded, and carried unanimously 7-0.

### ***11-13 Public Relations Report***

Mrs. Henderson shared with the Board that our District Teacher of the Year and other Spartanburg County District Teachers of the Year would be recognized at the annual Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce banquet in March. She also presented the list of attendees for the upcoming SCSBA Annual Convention and asked to be notified of any change of plan. Mrs. Henderson provided information on the incorporation of the “You Had Me at Hello” Award into the Ambassador of the Year Award which will include all support staff members.

### ***14-16 Superintendent’s Report***

Dr. Mercer commented that the House and Senate are back in session and the focus is on roads and education. Dr. Mercer presented a PowerPoint showing the attendance line changes and present/projected student populations at Boiling Springs Elem., Carlisle-Foster’s Grove Elem., Hendrix Elem., Boiling Springs Intermediate and Shoally Creek Elem.

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

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriette Hipp, Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

### ***Approvals:***

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, January minutes, trip requests, student release, and personnel reports)
- Certified appointments
- Policy IC, 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- School and district-level appointments 2016-17
- Budget Update/additional positions