

# SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

District Administrative Offices

January 12, 2016

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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*Board members present were:*

David Garner  
Angie Horton  
Jack Mabry  
David Sereque  
Sarah Simmons

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 6:59 p.m. and welcomed the public and media. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Simmons offered the invocation and inspirational comments.

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

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

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

Newly elected Board members David Garner and Rachel Smith Yelton were given the oath of office by Board Chair Connie Smith.

Students from the ten schools who adopted Board members for Board Appreciation Month in January presented their adopted Board member a personal copy of a book that was dedicated to the school's library in honor of the trustee. Connie Smith was recognized for 15 years of Board service.

The following individuals/groups were also recognized:

- CHS Competitive Cheer Squad, 3X State 2A Champions
- OES and BSI – Golden Shoe Award, presented by Rebecca Parrish/Peggy Luther
- Mary Black Foundation (rescheduled for February)

#### ***1a-g Consent Agenda***

\*Mrs. Wright made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda for this meeting; with change noted to move item 20 in front of item 2, November minutes, trip requests, and personnel reports). The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

#### ***20 Graduation Exercises***

As a follow-up to recent conversations with both high schools and community members, administration recommends changing the dates/times of our graduation ceremonies to: CHS, Thursday, May 26 at 7PM and BSH, Friday, May 27 at 7PM. Motion was made by \*Jack Mabry, duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

\*Action

+Filed with minutes

### ***2-3 Instruction Report***

Dr. Hinton introduced a group of teachers and administrators from Chesnee Elementary to present their experience using the iHub initiative. Next, CFG 1<sup>st</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Taylor Finger presented a short video and entertained questions about how she uses Canvas to improve classroom learning.

### ***8:00pm ThoughtExchange Conference Call***

Clare Peacock and Iain Hackett from ThoughtExchange presented the compilation of information received from our recent surveys of staff, students, parents and community concerning facilities and growth. There was a strong preference to keep Boiling Springs students together at one large school. Next steps include a demographic study to predict future student populations for our schools and then have a consultant give us options and costs for implementation.

### ***4-10 Instruction Report***

Jason Paddock gave an update on the District's efforts to blacklist certain apps from our devices. These are apps that are deemed inappropriate and use a tremendous amount of bandwidth.

Troy Moore reported that the District received around \$1.2 million in erate money last year to be used to upgrade the District's bandwidth to 2.5 GB, which has had some delays but should be moving forward soon.

Dr. Hinton provided an update on the Federal School Climate Transformation Grant and the Autism Grant that were awarded to District Two, how funds are being used and the results that are being seen from these efforts.

Dr. Hinton reported that District Two has one new National Board Certified Teacher and eight teachers that received their renewal NBCT certification. Dr. Hinton presented a copy of the District's professional development brochure for Spring 2016.

### ***11 Facilities Report***

Dr. Mercer introduced Lori Long from 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. There have been 55 inches of rain on the project site since started. Crews are dealing with freezing temperatures and mud and are 30 days behind schedule. Roofs are going on, rock work is progressing nicely, and they plan to double up the work on the wings as needed. Ms. Long stated in reference to the District Office expansion that contracts with the modular company would probably be here in March.

### ***9:00 p.m. Executive Session***

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

### ***9:22 p.m. Return to General Session***

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

### ***12-14 Personnel Report***

Mr. Enloe shared information about the upcoming Upstate Educator Career Fair being held February 27 to recruit potential educators to our area. The event will be held at USC Upstate from 9 am to 12 pm.

Mr. Enloe presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Kristi Woodall, Asst. Principal	BSH 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campus (RP)
Lauren Williams, Grade 4 Teacher	Boiling Springs Intermediate (RP)

\*Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the certified appointments as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Mr. Enloe presented the following administrative appointment for approval:

Tabitha Talley, Coord. of Student Services	District Office (RP)
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\*Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the administrative appointment as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

### ***15-16 Finance Report***

Mr. Heron provided financial reports for December 2015 and a revenue sheet as information.+

Mr. Heron also provided a budget calendar for FY 2016-17 and briefly explained the upcoming budget process and timeline.

### ***17 Public Relations Report***

Mrs. Henderson shared guidelines to be in compliance with the Statement of Economic Interests which must be filed by noon on March 30, 2016.

### ***18-22 Superintendent's Report***

Dr. Mercer recommended for approval the updated 2015-16 District Goals that district administration and school administration plan to accomplish this school year. \*Mr. Sereque made the motion to approve the 2015-16 goals which was duly seconded and approved 9-0.

Dr. Mercer presented for approval a Request for Use of School Facility for The Garden Church to use the cafeteria and one classroom at Chesnee Elementary School for one year, ending December 31, 2016. \*Mr. Sereque made the motion to approve the request which was duly seconded and approved 8-1.

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

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriette Hipp, Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

### ***Approvals:***

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, November minutes, trip requests, and personnel reports)
- 2016-17 Calendar proposal
- Certified appointments

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- Administrative appointment
- 2015-16 District Goals
- Graduation Exercises date/time change
- Request for Use of School Facility - CES



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