# **SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

District Administrative Offices March 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

Board members present were:

David Garner Harriette Hipp Angie Horton David Sereque Craig Sims

Sarah Simmons 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 led by Boy Scout Troop 211, Mrs. Simmons 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**

 Ann Hunter, with the BSH Band Boosters, described issues with equipment and the concession stand/outdoor cooking area.

# Who's Who in

The following individuals/groups were recognized:

- Spelling Bee Champions
- Lorraine Calwile with Spartanburg Regional's American Heart Assoc. unit recognized a BSI student for saving a fellow student from choking and thanked the District for allowing the free CPR and First Aid training to be taught in District Two schools.
- BSH and CHS State Wrestling champions

#### 1a-h Consent Agenda

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

#### 2 Project Update

Lori Long from Jumper Carter Sease Architects and several members of the Thompson Turner Construction team gave an update with photos of the progression of work on Shoally Creek Elementary. The plan is to have the instructional and administrative wings ready first, with the finishing touches being completed on the 500 wing last. At this point, we are on schedule to open on time in August, though the gym/cafeteria will likely be 30 days later.

#### 3-8 Instruction Report

Dr. Hinton introduced 2 members of CHS's Beta Club with videos from the State Convention of their campaign speech and 2nd place group talent skit. They qualified to compete at the National Convention in New Orleans this summer. She also recognized the District Spelling Bee winners and noted that their names would be displayed at the District Office for the month of March. Steven Olejnik, a science teacher from Boiling Springs High, presented a short video showing his use of Classflow in his classroom. Jason Paddock gave a brief update on the District's EXCEL initiative and Troy Moore spoke on our ongoing issues with our technology infrastructure and upgrades.

Dr. Hinton requested board approval to apply for the annual Title I grant which is expected to be \$1.8 million for the 2016-17 school year. \*Mrs. Simmons made the motion which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

#### 9-11 Personnel Report

Mr. Enloe presented the following certified appointments for approval:

Marian Flowe, Part-Time Teacher, Sp. Ed
Lindsay Hurley, Part-Time Teacher, Sp. Ed
Caleb Ruppe, Teacher, Music

Boiling Springs High (RP)
Boiling Springs High (RP)
Mayo/Cooley Springs Fingerville (RP)

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

Mr. Enloe presented revisions to Policy IC for final reading. The revision concerns presenting the school calendar to the board as information in the spring of each year, rather than for approval, and conforms our policy to state laws concerning weather make-up days.

\*Mrs. Wright made the motion to approve as final reading the revision to Policy IC. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Mr. Enloe presented the list of teacher contract recommendations+ for the 2016-2017 school year for approval.

\*Mrs. Hipp made the motion to approve the list of contract recommendations which was duly seconded. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

#### 11-14 Finance Report

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

Mr. Heron shared information from the House Ways and Means Committee stating they passed their version of the State Appropriations Bill on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Some highlights include an increase of \$130 to the base student cost, a 2% increase in the state minimum teachers' salary schedule, and the addition of a 23<sup>rd</sup> step to the state minimum teachers' salary schedule. He also shared information regarding Spartanburg County Council discussions to allocate FILOT funds to the seven districts differently.

#### 15-17 Public Relations Report

Mrs. Henderson shared with the Board that our Day at the Capitol visit will be on May 11, 2016, for those who would like to attend. She also reminded board members that their Statement of Economic Interest report is due by noon on March 30 and must be filed electronically. Mrs. Henderson shared that Public School Volunteer Week is April 18-22 and schools will be presenting certificates, signed by Dr. Mercer and Board Chair Connie Smith, to their volunteers.

#### 18-20 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercer commented on two bills that are before the House: H.4718, which would exempt teachers from recertification after 20 years, and H. 4395, which would require school boards to display in every school lobby "In God We Trust." He also shared concerns that the Senate's Roads Bill pulls \$400 million from the general fund to pave roads.

Dr. Mercer recommended for approval the attendance line changes for Boiling Springs Elem., Carlisle-Foster's Grove Elem., Hendrix Elem., Boiling Springs Intermediate and Shoally Creek Elem.

\* Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the attendance lines as presented, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously. 9-0.

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

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriette Hipp, Secretary

Carla Horton, Recording Secretary

#### Approvals:

- Consent agenda (Agenda for this meeting, February minutes, trip requests, student releases, and personnel reports)
- Title I Grant
- Certified appointments
- Policy IC, final reading
- Contract Recommendations 2016-17
- Shoally Creek Attendance Lines

