

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 26, 2019

Board Chair David Trent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Emerald High School and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Board members present were Ken Cobb, Danielle Fields, Johanna Bishop, Hillary Craigo, Clay Sprouse, Lee Vartanian, and Claude Wright. Trustee Tony Bowers was absent from the meeting.

The following were notified of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting: *The Index-Journal*, Greenwood Today, Sunny 103.5, News Channel 7, *The Greenville News*, and Channel 4 News. Mr. Aleks Gilbert with *The Index-Journal* attended the meeting.

The *Minutes* from the July 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the July 24, 2019 Called Board Meeting and August 10, 2019 Board Retreat were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted.

Information Items:

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Johnnie Tolbert was named the District's 2019-2020 Support Employee of the Year.
- Ms. Meredith Schwendemann was named the District's 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.
- Mrs. Hillary Craigo and Mrs. Danielle Fields were recognized for reaching Level 1 in the SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute. Mrs. Johanna Bishop and Mr. Clay Sprouse were recognized for meeting Level 2 in the SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute.

Board Chair David Trent provided a Chairman's Report on the Board Retreat that was held on August 10, 2019 at the District Office. Mr. Trent assigned items for further discussion to the Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Trent responded to questions from the Board.

Board Chair David Trent informed the Board that the Board Evaluation has been held in October for the past several years and he would provide more information on the Board Evaluation soon.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration Mr. Gerald Witt gave the Board an update on security protocols for District 50. Mr. Witt responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Mr. David Loadholt gave a FY19 financial update for District 50. He stated that 3.09 percent of the budget has been expended as of July 31, 2019. Mr. Loadholt responded to questions from the Board.

Under Public Forum:

Mrs. Jonell Bolden Anderson spoke to the Board about changing the name of one of the District's elementary schools to Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

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Action Items:

On a motion by Trustee Danielle Fields, seconded by Trustee Lee Vartanian, the Board voted to approve the motion to revise Board Policy GBED. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Ken Cobb, seconded by Trustee Hillary Craigo, the Board voted to approve the motion to revise Board Policy JICG. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Lee Vartanian, seconded by Trustee Ken Cobb, the Board voted to enter into an Executive Session for Personnel Matters and Contractual Matters. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session 7:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session 7:47 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Lee Vartanian, seconded by Trustee Ken Cobb, the Board voted to approve the disposal of District Property located at 804 Gage Street and 807 Gage Street, Greenwood SC, 29646. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Ken Cobb, seconded by Trustee Danielle Fields, the Board voted to accept the Personnel Recommendations from the Administration with the exception of employee #5 on the personnel sheet. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Clay Sprouse, seconded by Trustee Ken Cobb, the Board voted to accept #5 on the personnel sheet. The motion passed with a 7-0-1 vote. Trustee Hillary Craigo abstained from the vote.

The meeting adjourned without objection.



David Trent
Board Chair



Danielle Fields
Board Secretary

September 16, 2019
Date Approved

Submitted by: 
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Administrative Assistant ~~Supt~~ Board