

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the SCSDB Outreach Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman Brawley called the meeting to order and stated that proper notification of the meeting had been made according to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Mr. Ramsey to open the meeting in prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
Robert H. Morrow
Dr. Steven R. Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Page McCraw, President
Scott Falcone
Mary Hayes
Monique Moseley
Scott Ramsey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
Rebecca C. Davis, Ex-officio
David J. Gundling
Cynthia S. Holland, Vice-Chairman

INTERPRETERS

Scott Falcone

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney
Julie Bible
Helen Morrow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. McCraw presented the minutes from the meeting on March 4, 2020 (see attachment #1 for agenda dated August 25, 2020) to the board. She made them aware of an updated copy that could be found at their seat which included a change to signature name on the last page. A motion was made by Mr. Bible and seconded by Mrs. Alexander. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCraw provided the board with an overview of the Covid-19 pandemic's impact on SCSDB school operations since March 15, 2020. Dr. McCraw commended staff members for their dedicated efforts to make possible all that was accomplished. She informed the board that the weeks of August 10th and August 17th were professional workdays. Students began school on August 24th for one week of virtual instructions and SCSDB planned to begin classes on campus on August 31st. Dr. McCraw also informed the board that the majority of Outreach staff members would begin after the Labor Day Holiday in accordance to individual school district schedules.

As part of her update, Dr. McCraw recognized Monique Moseley, SCSDB Human Resources Director, to provide an update on the current impact of Covid-19 on employee work schedules. Additionally, Dr. McCraw asked for questions from the board related to updates included in the board packets.

Mr. Brawley requested more information be provided about two items noted in the most recent financial audit. Dr. McCraw noted this request and communicated that the information would be gathered.

BOARD POLICY

The following proposed revised SCSDB policies (see attachment #2 to the August 25, 2020 agenda) were reviewed with the board by Dr. McCraw:

Section C: General School Administration

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed that the policies be approved as presented.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Brawley presented the 2020-2021 School Calendar (see attachment #3 to the August 25, 2020 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. He made the board aware that an updated school calendar could be found at their seats which reflected necessary changes due to Covid-19. After reviewing the calendar a motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Dr. Ross and unanimously approved that the future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- December 7, 2020..... SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg, S.C.
- February 22, 2021.....SCSDB Outreach Center, Columbia, S.C.
- May 7, 2021.....SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg, S.C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Bible and unanimously passed to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and to receive legal advice.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to move out of Executive Session.

Chairman Brawley stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

RESUMED REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Brawley resumed regular session by announcing that the first order of business would be to establish a presidential search committee. After a brief discussion the present board members all agreed to serve on the presidential search committee.

Chairman Brawley opened the floor for nominations to name a chairman of the presidential search committee. Mr. Morrow nominated Chairman Brawley, followed by Chairman Brawley asking for the withdrawal of his name due to his current active role as chairman.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Alexander nominated Mrs. Holland (in absentia) as chairman of the presidential search committee and with all board members in agreement, Chairman Brawley announced he would contact Mrs. Holland to find out her willingness to serve.

Lastly, Chairman Brawley opened the floor for nominations to name an acting director. He stated the current slate of Directors who would be considered. Nominations were taken for acting director and Scott Falcone was nominated with a vote of 3-2. Chairman Brawley shared that an inquiry would need to be made to determine Mr. Falcone's willingness to serve in the role.

Further discussion followed regarding the role of superintendent. The board agreed that Jolene Madison met the certification requirements and would be named as superintendent dependent upon her willingness to serve.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary