

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the SCSDB Outreach Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman Dobson 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 for the introductions of any guests in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert A. Dobson III, Chairman
W. Scott Brawley, Vice Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
David J. Gundling
Cynthia S. Holland
Robert H. Morrow
Dr. Steven R. Ross
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rebecca C. Davis, Ex-officio
Dr. Linda Sellars

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Page McCraw, President
Linda Coon
Scott Falcone
Darlene Gathers
Mary Hayes
Sam Hook
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle

INTERPRETERS

Dr. Eric Weber

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney
Julie Bible

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2018, (see attachment #1 for agenda dated February 19, 2019) was made by Mr. Brawley and seconded by Mr. Bible. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCraw's report began with a special guest performance by the SCSDD Chorus which included an original song "I Love South Carolina," that the students helped write during a SC History focused workshop held earlier in the year. Dr. McCraw received requests for the lyrics and web links to the Student State House Performance, and she assured the board that she would send both of these items. Dr. McCraw briefly updated the board on the most recent House and Senate Budget Hearings and expanded on the specifics of the requests. Additionally, Dr. McCraw commended Mrs. Phyllis Alexander for her 20 years of service on the board and presented her with a certificate and pin given by The SC School Boards Association. Lastly, Dr. McCraw made the board aware of various events that would be taking place on campus and around the state involving SCSDB students and staff.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 for agenda dated February 19, 2019). Mr. Riddle assured Mr. Brawley he would conduct a review to determine a cause for the decrease of Medicaid and Grant reimbursements and report back to the board. Additionally, Chairman Dobson suggested to Mr. Riddle that it would be helpful to have a breakdown of funding by federal sources, state sources and private sources. Mr. Riddle assured the board that he would provide this information for the April meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey updated the board on the status of our 2019-2020 state budget requests. He informed the board that the full House Ways & Means committee was in full session speaking on the budget. He believes the presentations were well received from the House and Senate sub-committees. Additionally, Mr. Ramsey spoke about the SCSDB student performance at the State House that took place on February 6, 2019. Mr. Ramsey concluded his report by updating the board on the Master Plan that was currently being worked on by McMillian Pazden Smith Architects and assured the Chairman that he would have the board's approval of the plan before moving forward with any decision making pertaining to the campus.

2018 SCSDB BOARD AWARDS

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the nomination information for the 2018 SCSDB Board Awards (see attachment #3 for agenda dated February 19, 2019). A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously approved to award the 2019 Hearts and Hands Award to the BSA, Palmetto Council and Alex Forrest, Spartanburg Downtown Sertoma Club as the recipient of the 2019 SCSDB Charitable Giving Award, and to name Mrs. Ann Akerman Beard as the recipient of the 2018 Douglas F. Dent Award.

BOARD POLICY

The following proposed revised SCSDB policies (see attachment #4 to the February 19, 2019 agenda) were reviewed with the board by Linda Coon:

AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

GBA: Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action

CGE: Recruitment Job Vacancy Posting and Advertising

GCF: Professional Staff Selection

Ms. Coon informed the Board that the policy updates were due to a language change in accordance with the SC Pregnancy Accommodation Act. A motion was made by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously passed that the policies be approved as presented.

THE SCSDB FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Hook updated the board on the work of The SCSDB Foundation on behalf of the agency. He informed the board that the most recent fundraising event, "So You Think You Can Cook Chili Cook-off" was a record breaking year in terms of guests who attended and the amount of funds raised. As for upcoming events, he made the board aware of the "Sounds of the Heart with Mandy Harvey" Event that would take place at the Charleston Music Hall on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm to benefit SCSDB students. He encouraged board members to attend and to help spread the word regarding the event.

MAKEUP DAYS

Dr. McCraw reviewed the current law by the SC General Assembly concerning school make-up days (see attachment #5 to agenda dated February 19, 2019). She explained at this time, SCSDB has missed five (5) school days for students due to inclement weather (hurricane/flood conditions and snow/ice). In accordance to South Carolina Law, students must make-up three (3) school days to allow local school boards to forgive three additional school days. Student make-up days for the 2018-2019 school year are October 26, 2018, February 18, 2019, and March 29, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously approved for three additional days to be afforded to SCSDB in the event of more weather related closures before the end of the school year.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- April 30, 2019..... Outreach Building, Columbia, S.C.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Dobson, III, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary