

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
Rebecca C. Davis, Ex-officio
David J. Gundling
Robert H. Morrow
Dr. Steven R. Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes
Scott Falcone
Sam Hook
Jolene Madison
Monique Mosley
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
John Reynolds
Trad Robinson

INTERPRETERS

Amy Garlington
Robin Burgess-Mack

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney
Jennifer Bazer
Kelly Birmingham
Helen Morrow
Charlie S.
Liz S.
Lee Speer
Debbie West
Andrea White, Attorney
Sherry Williams

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Brawley made reference to the revised agenda for March 16, 2021 that was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. He explained the new addition to the agenda included the need to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda for March 16, 2021, by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brawley presented the minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2021 (see attachment #1 to the March 16, 2021 agenda) to the board. A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Gundling. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

AGENCY UPDATE

Chairman Brawley introduced each directing staff member of the Leadership team at SCSDB that is comprised of Jolene Madison, Education Services, Trad Robinson, Information Technology, Scott Ramsey, Operations, Scott Falcone, Outreach, Services, and John Reynolds, Residential and Transportation Services. The directors gave brief reports on their departments and allowed for questions from the board following their presentations.

FINACIAL REPORT

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 to the March 16, 2021 agenda).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey shared with the board that SCSDB had currently cpmpleted the budget hearing process in both the House and the Senate. He reminded the board that no new funds were requested for the 2021-2022 year.

SCSDB FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Hook updated the board on the recent activities of the SCSDB Foundation and the many ways they continue to assist the school and more specifically the students and staff on campus and throughout the State. He highlighted the success of the recent Chilil Cook-off Fundraiser that netted more that \$78,000. Mr. Hook also spoke about upcoming events such as the Aim High Event on August 29, 2021, and the Lion's Golf Tournament to take place on September 25, 2021. Lastly, Mr. Hook informed the board that the Bookworm Vending Machine project was completed for all the schools on Campus.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Brawley read the resignation letter (see attachment #3 to the March 16, 2021 agenda) sent to the board by former SCSDB Board member, Cynthia Holland, who served for 29 years. He explained that due to Mrs. Holland's resignation an election for Vice-Chairman would need to take place.

Chairman Brawley opened the floor for Vice-Chairman nominations.

A nomination for Mr. Gundling was made by Chairman Brawley and seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

A nomination for Mr. Bible was made by Mr. Morrow.

A motion was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Bible to close the floor for nominations.

After a vote of 4-2 by a show of hands, Mr. Gundling was approved as Vice-Chairman for the remaining 2020-2021 term.

Chairman Brawley congratulated Mr. Gundling and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

Jolene Madision presented the 2021-2022 School Calendar (see attachment #4 to the March 16, 2021 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. After reviewing the calendar, a motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented.

2021 SCSDB BOARD AWARDS

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the nomination information for the 2021 SCSDB Board Awards (see attachment #5 to the March 16, 2021 agenda). A motion was made by Chairman Brawley, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously approved to award the 2021 Hearts and Hands Award to Dr. John Dunbar. A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously approved to name Mr. Jimmy Wilson posthumously as the recipient of the 2021 Douglas F. Dent Award. Lastly, a motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously approved to name the CW and Dorothy G. Love Foundation as the recipient of the 2021 SCSDB Charitable Giving Award,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, and unanimously passed to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

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

REVIEW OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY ADMISSIONS TEAM

Chairman Brawley stated that during Executive Session the board heard advice from legal counsel regarding a family's request for their child to be admitted to SCSDB.

A motion was made by Chairman Brawley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gundling, and unanimously accepted that the SCSDB Board of Commissioners would direct the SCSDB admissions team to consider all the information relevant to the application for admission including a report from an independent evaluation from December 2020 that was obtained by the family and then make a decision whether the child meets the criteria for admission to SCSDB. Being that the family revoked the consent for SCSDB to use the said report from the independent evaluation the family would need to provide written consent for the report to be used. Should the family not provide that consent the SCSDB admissions team's decision denying admission from August 2020 will be final. If the family provides the consent for the report from the independent evaluation to be used the SCSDB admissions team should make its decision whether to admit the child and then notify the board of their decision at which time the board's consideration of this matter shall be final.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Chairman Brawley, seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously approved to postpone choosing a date for the next SCSDB Board of Commissioner's meeting until after the SCSDB Presidential Search Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously approved to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary