

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 30, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 30, 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
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
W. Scott Brawley, Vice Chairman
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
David J. Gundling
Rebecca Davis, Ex-officio
Cynthia S. Holland
Robert H. Morrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda C. Sellars
Dr. Steven R. Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Page McCraw, President
Linda Coon
Scott Falcone
Darlene Gathers
Mary Hayes
Sam Hook
Jolene Madison
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
Trad Robinson
Dr. Eric Weber

INTERPRETERS

DEAinitely Taking Requests

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Bible
Kristin Barber
Donnie Love
Susan Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 board meeting (see attachment #1 to the April 30, 2019 agenda) was made by Mr. Brawley and seconded by Mr. Gundling. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCraw opened her report by reminding the Board that the Upcoming Events were included in the board packet. She pointed out that there were two event changes in the packet. The first being the

location of the SCSDB Prom that will be held at the Spartanburg Country Club and the second being the date of SCSDB Graduation that will be held on May 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pulliam Auditorium. Additionally, she explained the employee recognition event that was listed on the Upcoming Events list has changed to an ice cream social instead of a lunch which allows the teachers additional time in their classrooms. Lastly, Dr. McCraw recognized Linda Coon, the Director of Student Services, thanking her for the many years of service to SCSDB and wishing her well upon her retirement in June.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the Board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 to the April 30, 2019 agenda). Mr. Brawley posed several questions regarding the net amount on the accounts receivable list which Mr. Riddle explained were related to various invoices and the timing of the services rendered. Questions regarding salaries and fringe benefits in comparison to other districts were answered as well. Mr. Riddle also introduced a new document that better explained the areas of revenue received including state and other funds. Lastly, Mr. Riddle answered questions regarding the projected expenditures and revenues in the budget for the 4th quarter.

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2019-2020

Mr. Riddle presented the draft of the projected departmental budgets for the 2019-2020 year to the Board (see attachment #3 to the April 30, 2019 agenda). He explained the budget documents were estimated departmental breakdowns totaling roughly \$34 million which are dependent upon funding availability and the authority to spend as afforded by the South Carolina Legislature. He mentioned the state has proposed a 4% increase for teacher salaries and a 2% increase for state employees which if passed could affect the final numbers in the projected budget. However, Mr. Riddle explained the funds for the increases would be appropriated from the state.

LEGISLATIVE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE/CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Mr. Ramsey relayed to the Board that the Budget process continues to move through the Legislature. He added that the Legislative sessions for the year would be nearing an end over the next few weeks, and the Budget being currently in the Senate would be finalized soon. Switching gears, Mr. Ramsey explained that by working close with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture, and various SCSDB employees, a Campus Master Plan was currently underway. Donnie Love and Susan Baker of McMillan, Pazdan Smith Architects unveiled the rough draft of the plan over PowerPoint, explaining the reasoning behind the proposed campus layout. Dr. McCraw assured the Board that this was just the beginning of a long and thoughtful process which would better SCSDB's future for students, staff and the State of South Carolina. Lastly, Ms. Baker provided each Board member with a folder that included the renderings of the proposed plan.

SCSDB FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Hook updated the Board on the most recent event, "Sounds of the Heart with Mandy Harvey," hosted by the SCSDB Foundation, thanking Mr. Brawley for his sponsorship, and reading a letter of appreciation from a concert attendee. Mr. Hook concluded his update by thanking the Board for their continuous support.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jolene Madison, Director of Education and Special Education Services, presented the 2019-2020 School Calendar (see attachment #4 to the April 30, 2019 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Madison pointed out the teacher work days that were added in January due to SCSDB hosting the Mason Dixon Basketball Tournament. Additionally, she referenced the display of the state

mandated testing dates which were displayed in the center column on the calendar. Mrs. Madison proposed those dates be removed due to the propensity to change. After reviewing the calendar, a motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Morrow, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented with the exception of the removal of the testing windows.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Mrs. Madison introduced the 2019-2020 SCSDB Student Code of Conduct (see attachment #5 to the April 30, 2019 agenda) to the Board and referenced the minor changes throughout that included the update of personal titles. She referenced an important change on the second to the last page regarding the safety of students and staff. Mr. Brawley, as well as Mr. Gundling, suggested multiple changes which included:

Page 3, 1st paragraph under Disorderly Behaviors

“Teaching and residential staff, through the application of positive behavior intervention and management principles, will manage behavioral incidents of this nature which include, **but not limited to:**”

Page 6, 1st bullet point

“**Intentionally** violating SCSDB and legal policies....”

Page 7, 1st sentence under Trespassing: Unlawful Presence on SCSDB Property

“The principal is empowered to take appropriate action against non-students who trespass on school grounds will be taken.”

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed Student Code of Conduct with the additional amended changes.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS

Mrs. Madison presented the school textbooks that are recommended for adoption for the 2019-2020 School Year (see attachment #6 to the April 30, 2019 agenda). She explained that although funding was not available at the time the following books would be purchased if this was to change:

Mathematics

Algebra I, II, and Geometry

Carnegie Learning – High School Math

Fundamentals of Computing

Exploring Computer Science

National Geographic/Cengage

The recommended textbooks were unanimously approved as submitted.

SCSDB BOARD POLICY

The following proposed revised SCSDB policies (see attachment #7 to the April 30, 2019 agenda) were reviewed with the board by Linda Coon:

Section K: School-Community-Home Relations

KA: Agency-Parent-Community-Statewide Relations Goals/Priority Objectives

KDB: Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
KDD: Media Relations
KEC: Public Concerns and Complaints about Instructional Resources
KHC: Distribution /Posting of Promotional Materials
KI: Visitors

Ms. Coon informed the Board that the policy updates were due to a language change and recommendations from the SC School Board Association. The presented Board Policy was unanimously approved as submitted.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- September 17, 2019.....Outreach Center, Columbia
- December 10, 2019.....SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg
- February 18, 2020.....Outreach Center, Columbia
- May 5, 2020.....SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Vice-Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary