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## Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, February 24, 2020

6:00 p.m. - Central Office

### **I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The Rock Hill School District Three Board of Trustees met this date at 6:00 p.m. with members present as follows: *Windy Cole, Mildred Douglas, Terry Hutchinson, Helena Miller, Robin Owens, and Ann Reid.* *Brent Faulkenberry* participated via conference call.

Ja’Nyia Cunningham, a fifth grader at Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies, led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Miller stated that the local news media had been notified of the agenda for this meeting, in writing, on Friday, February 21, 2020.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented, 7-0.

### **II. Recognitions**

#### **A. Recognition of MLK, Jr. Essay Contest Winners**

Two Rock Hill High School students were recognized for placing first and second in the City of Rock Hill’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest at the recent MLK, Jr. Interfaith Community Breakfast.

#### **B. Recognition of Dr. Sylvia Berry, Dream Keeper Award Winner**

Dr. Sylvia Berry was recognized for being named the recipient of the 2020 Dream Keeper Award at last month’s MLK, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.

#### **C. Recognition of Board Math Counts Winning Team – Sullivan Middle School**

The Sullivan Middle School Math Counts Team was recognized for their win in the Catawba Chapter of the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers.

#### **D. Recognition of National Merit Finalists**

A Northwestern student and two Rock Hill High students were recognized as National Merit Finalists.

#### **E. Recognition of Cole Bitting, US Air Force Academy Appointment**

Rock Hill High School senior Cole Bitting was recognized for his recent acceptance of an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

#### **F. Recognition of All-State Band Students**

Students from Northwestern, Rock Hill, and Dutchman Creek were recognized for being selected for All-State Band. Thirty-three students also earned regional status.

### III. Citizen Participation - None

### IV. Consent Action Agenda

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, the following topics on the consent action agenda were unanimously approved, 7-0: the minutes of the January 13, 2020 work session; the minutes of the January 16, 2020 called work session; the minutes of the January 27, 2020 business meeting; the personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration; the Tuesday, April 24 work session date; and the July 20 combined work session/business meeting date.

### V. Action Agenda

#### **A. Approval of Section “L” Policies – Interorganizational Relations – 2<sup>nd</sup> and final read**

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve the following policies as a group for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final read:

*\*Policy LBA – Shared Services & Staff*

*\*Policy LDA – Student Teaching & Internships*

*\*Policy LH – Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

#### **B. Approval of Policy EEAE – Bus Safety Program – 2<sup>nd</sup> and final read**

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, to approve Policy EEAE – *Bus Safety Program*, for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final read.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

#### **C. Approval of Section “K” Policies – General Public Relations – 1<sup>st</sup> read**

A motion was made by Robin Owens, seconded by Windy Cole, to approve the following policies as a group for 1<sup>st</sup> read:

*\*Policy KA – School/Parent/Community Relations Goals/Priority Objectives*

*\*Policy KB – Parent Involvement in Education*

*\*Policy KC – Community Involvement in Education*

*\*Policy KCA – School-Community Relations/Goals*

*\*Policy KBB – Parent Rights and Responsibilities*

*\*Policy KCD – Public Gifts/Donations to Schools*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

#### **D. Approval of Section “G” Policies – Personnel – 1<sup>st</sup> read**

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Robin Owens, to approve the following policies as a group for 1<sup>st</sup> read:

*\*Policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation*

*\*Policy GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity*

*\*Policy GCE/GCF – Professional Staff Recruitment and Hiring*

*\*Policy GDF – Support Staff Hiring*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**E. Approval of Policy CBI – *Evaluation of Superintendent* – 1<sup>st</sup> read**

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy CBI – *Evaluation of the Superintendent*, for 1<sup>st</sup> read.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**VI. Communications - None**

**VII. Report of the Superintendent**

**A. Announcements**

Superintendent Cook made the following announcements:

- This week, we celebrate our bus drivers and entire transportation team as part of Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Our drivers transport more than 8,500 students daily to and from school while covering more than 10,800 miles in our community. We appreciate each and every one of our drivers for the very important job that they do for our students.
- District leaders hosted the sixth Teacher Listen and Learn informational session for teachers from across the district on Wednesday, February 12. This series of meetings is providing a rich opportunity to engage in dialogue with teachers about celebrations, issues and concerns for our school district. To view detailed responses to questions and concerns from past Teacher Listen and Learn sessions, you are invited to visit [www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/tll](http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/tll). Monthly sessions will continue each month through April.
- The online application for families interested in having their child attend a choice program for the 2020-2021 school year will remain open until February 28. Each choice program is application-based, and applications must be submitted by the deadline on our website, [www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/choice](http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/choice).
- We are nearing the full launch of our new GPS tracking service for our school buses. The Versatrans My Stop mobile app will give parents and guardians secure access to information on where their child's school bus is and what time it is expected to be at their stop. Similar to rideshare apps like Uber and Lyft, this will allow our students and parents to better plan for late or on-time arrival of buses and prevent missed pick-ups or waiting for extended periods at bus stops on cold, dark and rainy mornings. We believe this new feature will continue to improve the communication between our Transportation Department and our parents.
- Our district is honored to participate in a pilot program with 15 other districts in South Carolina to develop an eLearning program. Information about this unique learning opportunity for Rock Hill Schools has been shared with our students, teachers, and community. Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 13, 2020 – this scheduled make-up date will be used as an eLearning day and allow students to make up time lost during the water main break in October. For eLearning days, students will complete assignments at home, and school will not be open. To learn more and to view an overview video of the eLearning program in Rock Hill Schools, please visit our website [www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/elearning](http://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/elearning).
- The School Board will next meet on Monday, March 9 for a work session. The meeting will be streamed on our website and available for viewing on-demand immediately

following the broadcast. We invite our community to watch meetings and interact with the district during our live Facebook broadcasts.

**VIII. Review of School Board Work Session**

Chairman Miller reviewed, for the viewing audience, the topics discussed at the February 10 work session.

**IX. Other and Future Business**

The Board discussed other and future business.

**X. Executive Session - None**

**XI. Action as Required from Executive Session - None**

**XII. Adjournment**

On a motion by Windy Cole, seconded by Terry Hutchinson the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn the meeting.

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Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Submitted by:

Chris Gammons  
Executive Administrative Assistant to Superintendent  
and Board of Trustees