

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 28, 2023**

The regular meeting of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 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 for the introductions of any guests in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
Andrew Dobson
David J. Gundling
Robin Price
Dr. Steven R. Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes
Scott Falcone
Sam Hook
Jolene Madison
Scott Ramsey
John Reynolds
Ben Riddle

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney
Peter Keup, Department of Education

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brawley presented the minutes from the meeting on December 13 2022(see attachment #1 to the March 28 2023 agenda) to the board. A motion was made by Mr. Gundling and seconded by Mr. Bible. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Madison opened her report with an update on a handful of exciting things happening at SCSDB. She highlighted the recent 1st place win for the Robotics team that would be traveling to the National convention next month, the opening of the long anticipated campus pool and bowling alley, as well as SCSDB's Got Talent Event and the upcoming Applied Academic Green house sale. She informed the board that the copy of The Buzz was handed out and would be sent electronically to all members. President Madison also reminded the board that they would receive their copy of the 2022-2023 yearbook in the Spring. President Madison highlighted the handful of SCSDB seniors receiving College acceptance letters with more anticipated to follow. She encouraged all board members to attend Graduation on May 25th on the SCSDB campus where for the first time in years the ceremonies would be returning to normal schedule. Lastly, President Madison reviewed the 5 year Strategic Plan submitted to the Department of Education and emphasized the area of growth, such as accessibility and staff morale, and the campus master plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 to the March 28, 2023 agenda). Mr. Riddle explained that the Statement of Net Assets page included in the packet was incorrect. He updated the board on the newly calculated numbers as of March 1, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey informed the board that SCSDB was currently at the finish line regarding the budget process for the 2023-2024 cycle. The budget was currently in the Senate, after passing before The General Assembly months prior. Additionally, Mr. Ramsey announced the annual SCSDB Student Performance at the State House would take place on April 19 2023, where the SCSDB students would return to perform in person for the first time since Covid restrictions were lifted. As a follow-up, Mr. Ramsey reported the Governor's office has confirmed three new members would be joining the SCSDB Board of Commissioners in the 3rd and 5th district seats and the member-at-large seat. Lastly, Mr. Ramsey explained the monthly staff awards given by the HR department, incentivizing employees to continue to work hard. Chairman Brawley asked that additional letters be sent to these individuals from the board acknowledging their stellar performance.

SAFETY PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey introduced the newly updated SCSDB Safety Plans and Drills Model to the board (see attachment #3 to the March 28th, 2023 agenda). Mr. Ramsey explained that the document needed two edits. One being that all mentions of "District" would be changed to read "SCSDB." Second, the "district safety director" would be changed to read the "Public Safety Director." A motion was made by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Bible and unanimously approved as submitted with the above changes to be made.

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 informed the board that the SCSDB Foundation raised \$96,000 from their annual "You think You Can Cook Chili Cook-Off" event that was held in January. Additionally, Mr. Hook spoke about an upcoming ribbon cutting event to be held on the Spartanburg campus on April 12th for the Bookworm Vending Machine and the Teacher of the Year luncheon that was sponsored by the Foundation and held at The Piedmont Club in Spartanburg. Lastly, Mr. Hook

mentioned the planned Foundation events next fall, such as the 10th Annual Bobby Dobson Aim High Event scheduled for August and the 175th celebration of SCSDB in 2024.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE UPDATE

Mr. John Reynolds, Director of Residential Life Services, highlighted a number of upcoming activities scheduled on the SCSDB campus and the upstate during the spring. Gem mining, mall excursions, as well as airport and college tours were just a few outings the students enjoyed. Mr. Reynolds emphasized the importance of character education and how those lessons play a role in the dorms and after school hours. Additionally, he mentioned the on campus recreation available and the excitement surrounding the addition of the bowling alley and the newly opened pool.

SCSDB BOARD AWARDS

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the nomination information for the 2023 SCSDB Board Awards (see attachment #4 to the March 28, 2023 agenda). A motion was made by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Mrs. Price, and unanimously approved to award the 2023 Hearts and Hands Award to Ms. Judy Pitts, the 2023 Douglas F. Dent Award to Mrs. Valerie Barnett, and the 2023 SCSDB Charitable Giving Award to Dave and Martha Edwards.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

President Madison presented the 2023-2024 School Calendar (see attachment #5 to the March 28, 2023 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. The calendar was reviewed and President Madison reminded the board that aligning dates with close districts surrounding Spartanburg, as well as taking into account SCSDB is a residential facility, helped determine dates when developing the proposed calendar. A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Price and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 25, 2023.....SCSDB
- August 8, 2023.....TBD
- December 12, 2023.....TBD
- March 26th, 2024.....TBD

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary