

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners was held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Gundling 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. Before beginning the meeting in prayer, Vice-Chairman Gundling explained that he would be chairing the meeting for Chairman Brawley, as he recovers from a recent procedure. Vice-Chairman Gundling formally introduced Dr. Julie Fowler, the newly appointed ex-officio board member, with a brief bio and thanked her for her willingness to serve.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes
Sam Hook
Scott Falcone
Jolene Madison
Michele Moseley
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
Trad Robinson

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Gundling presented the minutes from the meeting on March 22, 2022 (see attachment #1 to the May 17, 2022 agenda) to the board. A motion was made by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, and unanimously approved to submit the proposed minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Madison opened her report with an overview of the return of several spring events around campus, including the SCSDB Prom that took place at the Spartanburg Country Club and the much anticipated Field Day scheduled for May 24th. She announced a Summer Edition of The Buzz that would be published, as well as the arrival of the 2021-2022 SCSDB Yearbook. President Madison reminded the board of the two graduation ceremonies scheduled for 10:00 am and 11:00 am on Friday, May 27th. She explained that although masks were not a requirement on campus at this time, there would be no outside visitors attending graduation, aside from family members of the graduates, in order to better manage the crowds. Additionally, President Madison explained that despite an uptick of covid cases on campus, SCSDB was well under the 10% threshold that would require any additional measures such as contact tracing or close contact quarantine. She announced a new Principle at the School for the Deaf who was scheduled to begin during the summer. Lastly, President Madison answered Mrs. Price's question regarding the yearbook being printed in braille and assured the board she would look into the option moving forward. Switching gears, President Madison presented the Reaccreditation Engagement Review Report (see attachment #2 to the May 17, 2022 agenda) from the Cognia visit on March 14-16. She explained that the review included findings that were organized around themes guided by evidence, with suggestions for SCSDB's continuous improvement efforts.

FINACIAL REPORT

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #3 to the May 17, 2022 agenda).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey explained that the 2022 legislative session was coming to a close as the house and senate entered the Conference Committee phases. He assured the board of his confidence in the budget process and in the granting of the \$4 million in extra funds requested by SCSDB.

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. Mr. Hook reminded the board of the upcoming Foundation event to be held in Charleston on May 31st during Spoleto, featuring an interactive art exhibit that would assist in creating an "I Love You" sculpture that would be erected in Marion Square in the future. Lastly, Mr. Hook spoke about the 10th Annual Bobby Dobson Aim High Event scheduled for August.

2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

President Madison outlined the goals for the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan being submitted to the SC Department of Education (see attachment #4 to the May 17, 2022 agenda).

STRATEGIC PLAN WAIVER REQUESTES

President Madison explained that The State Board of Education has the authority to waive regulations pursuant to (SBE Regulation 43-261) (C) District and School Planning. She presented the board with the three following waiver requests (see attachment #5 to the May 17, 2022 agenda) for the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan that would need approval prior to submission to SCDE:

- Teachers teaching more than 1500 minutes (SBE Regulation 43-205)
- Teachers teaching more than 4 preps (SBE Regulation 43-205)
- High School Principal over two schools or grades more than 9-12 (SBE Regulation 43-205)

A motion was made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and unanimously approved to submit the requests as presented.

ROBERT H. MORROW OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Mrs. Alexander presented the proposed criteria for the newly created Robert H. Morrow Outstanding Alumnus Award. She explained the first recipient would be Mr. Morrow and it would be presented during the 2022 graduation ceremony on May 27. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and unanimously approved to adopt the award criteria as presented.

SCSDB TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Mrs. Moseley presented the school textbooks recommended for adoption for the 2022-2023 School Year through the South Carolina Department of Education (see attachment #7 to the May 17, 2022 agenda). The following textbooks were recommended for adoption:

School for the Deaf

Title: *Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices, K-5*

Title: *STEMscopes South Carolina 3D*

Title: *Social Studeis Alive! K-2*

Title: *South Carolina, myWorld Interactive, World History Survey, 1st Edition*

Title: *South Carolina Economics*

Title: *Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition*

School for the Blind

Title: *South Carolina Inspire Science, Grades K-5*

Title: *South Carolina Inspire Science, Grades 6-8*

Title: *South Carolina, myWorld Interactive, 1st Edition K-2*

Title: *South Carolina, myWorld Interactive, World History Survey, 1st Edition*

Title: *South Carolina Economics*

Title: *Contemporary Human Geography, 4th Edition*

After abrief discussions regarding braille production and human geography, a motion was made by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously approved to submit the proposed textbooks.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 20, 2022.....SCSDB Outreach, Columbia
- December 13, 2022.....SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gundling, Vice-Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary