

Minutes of Special Called Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
January 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.
400 Greenville Street
Abbeville, South Carolina

In accordance with the Code of Laws 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, The Press and Banner, The Index Journal, The Anderson Independent, and The Greenville News were notified of the time and place and were given an agenda of the meeting.

Trustees Present: Mr. David Brooks, Mr. Mark Burton, Dr. Bill Crenshaw, Dr. Allen Kolb, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, Mr. Buster Taylor (arrived at 6:45 P.M.), and Mr. James B. Tisdale, Jr.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Ivan Randolph, Ms. Julie Williams, Ms. Joyce Cunningham, Ms. Jean Smith, Ms. Betty Jo Hall, Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Mr. Sam Jones, Ms. Roni Scott, Ms. Wanda Thomasson, Mr. Matt Kimsey

1. Call to Order

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Randolph led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approve Agenda – Mr. Tim Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. He said hearing no objections he would consider the agenda approved.

4. Training Session for Board Members by SCSBA's Dr. Paul Krohne

Dr. Krohne presented a Power Point Presentation entitled "Understanding the Basics of School Board Service". During this presentation he covered many areas:

- Board members not "staying on their page"
- Board members acting as individuals
- Ineffective and chaotic Board meetings
- Not supporting the majority decision
- Powers and duties of the school board
- School Board's job versus the Superintendent's job
- Board – Superintendent relationship
- Board member authority
- Board/Staff communications
- Board Member code of ethics

There was discussion and questions during the presentation by Dr. Krohne from Board members. Dr. Krohne gave copies of some Board policies to the Board. He encouraged the Board to come together more often to talk about themselves.

5. Executive Session

At 6:40, Dr. Crenshaw made a motion that the Board enters executive session for the purpose of discussing a request from the Superintendent related to his contract. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. After a short break the Board went into executive session

6. Return to Open Session

At 8:12 the Board returned to open session where Mr. Rhodes read the following statement:

During tonight's executive session, Dr. Randolph approached the Board to present his request to retire from the district prior to the expiration of his employment agreement, which currently ends at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year. The Board and Dr. Randolph have discussed this matter and the Board has agreed to grant Dr. Randolph's request and release him from his contract effective at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year.

The Board wishes to thank Dr. Randolph for serving as Superintendent of the Abbeville County School District since 2005 and looks forward to working with Dr. Randolph for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year.

During Dr. Randolph's tenure, the district has accomplished many positive things, including an overall increase in academic standing. Significantly, while the district ranks 62nd out of the 85 South Carolina School Districts in terms of funding, the District is ranked eighth in academic achievement, with all but one of our schools rated as excellent.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to say that we wish Dr. Randolph much success and happiness in this next phase of his life.

Over the next several weeks, the Board will begin discussing the process for the hiring of a new superintendent. It is our hope that a new Superintendent will be selected prior to Dr. Randolph's departure.

7. Adjourn

At 8:15 Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn which was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Williams". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.