

Minutes of Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
October 23, 2012
7:00 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. Samuel Bell, Mr. Mark Burton, Dr. Bill Crenshaw, Dr. Allen Kolb, Ms. Corrinna O'Bannon, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, 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. Sam Jones, Mr. Matt Kimsey, Ms. Roni Scott, Ms. Wanda Thomasson, Mr. Dick Williams, and Dr. Charles Costner

1. Call to Order

Dr. Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Crenshaw led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approve Agenda

Dr. Crenshaw stated that the agenda had been distributed and asked if there were any suggestions or revisions to the agenda. **Mr. Rhodes asked that there be an executive session added to the agenda in section E. Dr. Crenshaw said this would be added to the agenda and would be voted on at that time. Dr. Crenshaw asked if there were any other amendments, hearing none he said the agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.**

4. Sign Claims

Claims were signed

5. Approve Minutes

Dr. Crenshaw said a copy of the minutes from the September 25 meeting had been sent in packages. He asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, hearing none, Dr. Crenshaw said the minutes would be accepted by unanimous consent.

6. Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Hall asked Dr. Crenshaw and Dr. Randolph to join her for "teacher recognition. Mrs. Hall recognized and commended teachers who teach subjects tested by the End of Course exams for the 2011-12 school year and who scored the Highest Mean Scores on these exams. Math - Abbeville High School, Krystal Brown, Hayes Richter, Willeen Gunnells; Biology - Dixie High School, Joe Nickles, Chris Cade; U.S. History - Abbeville High, Don Chappell, Tecoya Brantley; English - Dixie High School, Elizabeth Crocker and Sherry Duncan.

7. Administrative Section

A. Maintenance/Construction Update

Mr. Jones gave a report on the following topics:

Westwood Elementary School building footing and fire alarm signal at Dixie High School

- Facilities Projects – Capital Projects Plan General
 - Awning for kindergarten pickup at Cherokee Trail Elementary
 - Security Camera Systems at High Schools
 - Computer Lab HVAC Modifications

B. Board Policies – Betty Jo Hall

Ms. Hall told Board members that they had received in their packets 6 Board policies that were either new or revisions that were being brought to them for second and final reading.

- Policy IHBH - Charter Schools
- Policy JJ - Student Activities
- Policy JLDBB - Self-Esteem Promotion/Suicide Prevention
- Policy ADB - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and Schools
- Policy GBEC - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and Schools
- Policy JLCF – School Nurses

Mr. Tisdale made a motion to accept the administration’s recommendation for approval of final reading of the policies. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hall told Board members that the Administration recommends the Board ratify classified positions that have been filled by action of the Superintendent in accordance with Board policy. Dr. Kolb made a motion to accept the administration’s recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

C. EOCEPT Test Scores – Ms. Jean Smith

Ms. Smith told the Board that the end of course testing results were above state in all areas as a district and that we were very proud of the results of the schools.

D. Financial Update – Ms. Roni Scott

Ms. Scott told the Board that in their packet they had received a budget report she asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Ms. Scott also informed the Board that districts are now responsible for reporting to the Internal Revenue Service contributions, withdrawals, loans, rollovers, etc associated with each individual’s 403(b) retirement plan. Because of the complexity of administering and reporting, the Abbeville County School District chose to contract with CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc. to take of this responsibility beginning January, 2008. We recently received a request from CPI for certification of Board adoption of the plan in accordance

with IRS regulations. The administration recommends that the Board adopt the Plan Agreement and authorize the Finance Director to execute the Plan Agreement. Mr. Tisdale made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried with a vote of 7 to 1 (Mr. Reynolds did not vote).

E. Dr. Randolph

Dr. Randolph gave a presentation on the revenue per pupil for FY 2012-13. He said there are 83 school districts listed in this report. The Abbeville County School District is the 50th largest school district in South Carolina. There are 28 school districts that have lower Federal Funding than us. There are 61 school districts with a lower per pupil expenditure from State funds. There are only 16 districts in South Carolina that have a lower per pupil expenditure from local funds. There are 21 districts that have a lower total per pupil expenditure than the Abbeville County School District.

He continued that this means that we are funded at the lower quartile as compared to other school districts across the state but we are achieving in the highest quartile. In the business world that is high productivity with low initial cost. He said that he is very proud of the academic achievement in our school district. Our school employees are really doing a good job. These facts are also indicative to a supportive Board of Trustees who spends our taxes dollars wisely to maximize the impact in our classrooms for our students. This information is hard data that proves that our schools in the Abbeville County School District are achieving at a very high level with very limited federal, state, and local funds.

Executive session

At 7:45, Mr. Rhodes made a motion to go into executive session to get more information and have some questions answered concerning the personnel recommendations by the administration. This motion was properly seconded and carried by a vote of 5 to 2 and one abstention (Mr. Tisdale, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Reynolds, Dr. Kolb and Mr. Bell voted in favor; Ms. O'Bannon and Dr. Crenshaw voted against and Mr. Burton abstained).

Return to Open Session

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made to return to open session.

Dr. Randolph told the Board that the Administration recommends the District hire Ms. Dorinda Bell-Dunlap as Director of the Abbeville County Career Center effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Tisdale made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried 7 to 1, Mr. Bell abstained.

Dr. Randolph told the Board that the Administration recommends the District hire Mr. Dick Williams as principal of Wright Middle School effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Burton made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried 7 to 1, Mr. Bell abstained.

Dr. Randolph also informed the Board that under their direction he had contacted the SCSBA and set up a date and time for a Board workshop. Dr. Paul Krohne will conduct this workshop on Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 6 to 8 P.M.

8. Miscellaneous from the Board

Dr. Kolb thanked Ms. O'Bannon for her service to the Board. This was Ms. O'Bannon's last meeting since she was not seeking reelection.

Mr. Rhodes said he was very proud of John C. Calhoun who would be competing for the top Title 1 School in the state.

Mr. Tisdale asked that the administration check into a Board policy for interim appointments.

Ms. O'Bannon told the Board that it had been an honor to serve on the Board and that this has been a wonderful experience for her. She said that the schools have excelled under the administration team and the teachers and she was proud to have been able to be a part of that.

Dr. Crenshaw also commended Ms. O'Bannon for her service.

Dr. Randolph thanked Ms. O'Bannon on behalf of the faculty, staff and schools for her service.

9. Adjourn

At 8:25 P. M. Dr. Crenshaw adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page.