

Minutes of Meeting  
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees  
November 27, 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. David Brooks, Mr. Mark Burton, Dr. Bill Crenshaw, Dr. Allen Kolb, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, Mr. Buster Taylor, 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. Dick Williams, Dr. Charles Costner, Ms. Lori Brewton, Mr. Chester King, Mr. Milton Scott, Mr. Steve Garrett, Mr. Todd Ramey, Mr. David Nixon

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Randolph led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Induction of New Board Members**

Dr. Randolph asked the new Board Members to stand to be sworn in. Each Board Member repeated the oath of office. New Board Members are Mr. David Brooks, Mr. Buster Taylor, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, and Mr. Joseph Reynolds who was reelected.

**4. Election of Board Officers**

Dr. Randolph said the floor was open for nominations for the chair of the Abbeville County Board of Trustees for the 2012-2013 school year. **Dr. Crenshaw said he would like to nominate Dr. Allen Kolb for chair. Mr. Reynolds nominated Mr. Tim Rhodes for chair. Mr. Taylor made a motion to close the nominations which was properly seconded and carried unanimously. Dr. Randolph asked for a show of hands of those in favor of Dr. Kolb (Dr. Crenshaw voted in favor of Dr. Kolb). Dr. Randolph asked for a show of hands for Mr. Rhodes (Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tisdale, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Brooks voted in favor of Mr. Rhodes). Mr. Rhodes was elected as the Chairman of the Board.**

Mr. Rhodes opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman; **Mr. Brooks nominated Mr. Buster Taylor. Dr. Kolb moved that the nominations be closed which was properly seconded. Mr. Rhodes said since there was only one nomination, Mr. Taylor is the Vice Chair. Mr. Rhodes opened the floor for nominations for the secretary. Mr. Taylor nominated Dr. Kolb as secretary. Mr. Tisdale made a motion to close the nominations which was properly seconded. Mr. Rhodes said since there was no other nomination Dr. Kolb would be secretary.**

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.**

#### **5. Approve Agenda – Mr. Tim Rhodes**

**Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. He said a new agenda had been placed at their seats, changing the sequence of the induction of new members, adding a home school request and including school recognition. He said hearing no objections he would consider the agenda approved.**

#### **6. Gold Star Highlights**

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Randolph to join her in recognition of schools for their accomplishments as reported on the S.C. Annual School Report Cards. Mrs. Hall said the ratings for Growth and Absolute ratings range from At-Risk, Below Average, Average, Good and Excellent. Long Cane Primary received an excellent in Absolute Rating; primary schools do not receive a growth rating. Cherokee Trail received an excellent in elementary and in middle for growth and an excellent in elementary and middle for absolute rating. Diamond Hill received an excellent in elementary and good in middle for growth and an excellent in elementary and average in middle for absolute rating. John C. Calhoun received an excellent for growth and an excellent for absolute rating. Westwood received an excellent for growth and an excellent for absolute rating. Wright Middle received an excellent for growth and an excellent for absolute rating. Abbeville High School received a good for growth and an excellent for absolute rating. Dixie High received an excellent for growth and an excellent for absolute rating. The Abbeville County School District Growth rating is good and the Absolute Rating is excellent.

Ms. Hall showed a video of John C. Calhoun Elementary, the school that was named as one of three finalists as a Title I School of the Year. John C. was named as National Title I Distinguished School winner by the Sate Department of Education.

Mr. Milton Scott thanked the Board for their support and encouraged the Board to visit all of the schools in the district.

#### **7. Approve Minutes**

**Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes, hearing none he said the minutes would be considered approved.**

#### **8. Administrative Section**

##### **A. Maintenance/Construction Update**

Mr. Jones gave a report on the following topics:

Installed handrails at Abbeville High School, repaired the wellhead at Diamond Hill.

Facilities Projects – Capital Projects Plan General

- Westwood building footing
- Continuing to meet with DSP Architects on requirements for completing remaining projects in the current Capital Projects Plan
- Energy Conservation Projects

**B. Report Cards – Ms. Jean Smith**

Ms. Smith explained the differences in Absolute Ratings and Growth Ratings on the State issued report cards. Ms. Smith also told the Board that the link for viewing the report cards is on the School District website. Ms. Smith answered questions from Board members concerning testing for next year and the change in standards.

**C. 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. Ms. Scott answered questions from Board members. She told Board members that a more detailed finance report would be sent for the next meeting. Ms. Scott told Board members that the draft audit has been completed and would be addressed in January.

**D. Home School Request**

Mr. Johnson told the Board that they had received in their packets a home schooling request and that the administration recommends approval of the request. Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to approve the administrations' recommendation this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

**E. Dr. Randolph**

Dr. Randolph told the Board that there will be a Board workshop on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. Dr. Paul Crone with the South Carolina School Boards Association will be handling the special called meeting.

Dr. Randolph informed the Board that the Abbeville High School football team will be playing in the state championship game on Friday.

**9. Miscellaneous from the Board**

Mr. Brooks told the Board that it was humbling to be a part of a group that will be shaping the future of Abbeville County. He said he looks forward to working with the group and having a very successful year.

Mr. Mitchell said it was an honor for him to serve on a Board where he attended school and he was ready to work hard.

Dr. Kolb welcomed the new people to the Board and he commended the teachers, school administrators and administration for what they have done in order for our schools to be rated excellent. He also recommended that the Board hold some of their meetings at the different elementary schools one month and then the district the next. He suggested the first meeting be held at John C. Calhoun.

Mr. Reynolds directed a question to Ms. Hall. He said that since we do not have an Interim placement policy what was she going to do? Ms. Hall told the Board that she had contacted the SCSBA and they do not have a sample policy that covers interim placement. Dr. Randolph said that he felt this would be an excellent topic to be brought up at the special called meeting in January.

Mr. Taylor asked that Board Policy BEDH – public input be placed on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion and possibly changing or amending.

Mr. Tisdale said he would like to “ditto” what Dr. Kolb said concerning the faculties and administration and all involved with our schools to achieve an absolute rating that was so high. This says we are doing a whole lot with a few dollars. He also said that a policy was presented on interim placement to Dr. Randolph which was sent to our attorney for her opinion.

Dr. Crenshaw welcomed new Board members. He also congratulated the school district for the excellent job that is being done to achieve the excellent scores.

Mr. Rhodes welcomed the new Board members and congratulated John C.

**10. Executive Session**

At 8:00, Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to go into executive session. This motion was properly seconded.

**11. Adjourn**

At 8:50 P. M. Dr. Kolb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

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