

Minutes of Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
March 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.
John C. Calhoun Elementary School
Calhoun Falls, 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. Allen Kolb, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, and Mr. Buster Taylor; absent Dr. Bill Crenshaw 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, Ms. Dorinda Bell-Dunlap

1. Call to Order

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Rhodes led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approve Agenda – Mr. Tim Rhodes

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was made to amend the agenda to include 2013 – 2014 budget update by Mr. Reynolds and was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Sign Claims

Claims were signed.

5. Approve Minutes

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the 3 sets of minutes that had been sent in their board packets (February 26 {regularly scheduled}, March 5 and March 7, 2013 {special meetings}). Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the minutes as received; this motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Hall asked Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Randolph to join her in recognition of Miss Josie Parnell, a fifth grade student at John C. Calhoun, who had scored the highest ever MAP score in the history of John C. Calhoun Elementary in Math.

Dr. Randolph told the Board that the district had been notified by the SDE concerning the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards. In general performance, Abbeville High, Cherokee Trail Elementary (elementary), Cherokee Trail Elementary (middle) and Diamond Hill Elementary (elementary), Dixie High, John C. Calhoun Elementary, Westwood Elementary and Wright Middle all received the Gold

award; Diamond Hill Elementary (middle) received the Silver award. Also Cherokee Trail Elementary (elementary) and John C. Calhoun Elementary received the Silver award for closing the achievement gap.

Dr. Randolph read a letter that had been received from Roy Stehle, director of the Office of Federal and State Accountability announcing that Abbeville County School District on its on-site review of school district Title I, part A program there were no issues of non-compliance found. The letter continued to say that the district's Title I personnel were to be commended for their commitment in administering this vital educational program.

7. Career Center and Alternative School Presentation – Ms. Dorinda Bell-Dunlap

Ms. Bell-Dunlap gave an informative presentation concerning the programs offered at the Career Center. She said the completion rate of students at the Career Center is about at 100%. The return rate from 1st year students and second year students is at approximately 50% and that this is something that needs to be improved upon.

Ms. Bell-Dunlap after answering some questions from the Board moved on to a brief overview of the Alternative School which is housed at John De la Howe in McCormick County. There are approximately 12 to 15 slots that are available throughout the year for students in grades 6 through 12.

8. Administrative Section

A. Maintenance/Construction Update – Mr. Sam Jones

Mr. Jones gave a report on the following topics:

Grass mowing, 2013-2014 school year supplies

Facilities Projects – Capital Projects Plan

- o John C. Calhoun lighting and roof, Dixie High main entrance, Cherokee Trail Diamond Hill and Long Cane Primary media center shelving, Cherokee Trail, Long Cane and Career Center communication systems, John C. Calhoun, Westwood, Dixie and the Career Center building locks, Abbeville and Dixie High, and John C. Calhoun fire alarm systems, Adult Education child care building, Adult Education center dedication plaque has been ordered

B. Ms. Betty Jo Hall - First Reading of BEDH, Public Participation at Meetings

Ms. Hall told the Board they had received policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings. Ms. Hall summarized the policy for the Board and explained the procedure to be added to the agenda for Board meetings. **Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve first reading of policy BEDH. This motion was properly seconded and carried with a vote of 6 to 1 (Mr. Burton voted against).**

Ms. Hall also told the Board that they had in their packets a copy of the 2013-2014 calendar for second and final reading. **Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

C. Curriculum Update – Ms. Jean Smith

Ms. Smith gave the Board a summary of the procedure to adopt textbooks. She told the Board that the administration recommends the following textbooks for Math: K5-5th grade enVision Math by Scott Foresman and grades 6-8th Glencoe Math, Glencoe Pre-Algebra and Glencoe Math Accelerated by Glencoe McGraw Hill. **Mr. Burton made a motion to accept the**

administration's recommendation for the adoption of math textbooks. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. Financial Update – Ms. Roni Scott

Ms. Scott told the Board that in their packet they had received the financial update and the expenditure report and asked if there were any questions. She continued with the budget update advising that we are continuously receiving new information. Some of the items discussed: increase of \$314,717 from 2012-2013, BSC \$2,101, loss of Mohawk tax revenue, 2.07% allowable increase to millage – 3.7 mils (Act 388), step increase for teachers on scale, elimination of one district office position, 20 days restored to full time 240 day employees. There was some discussion concerning retirees pay that were answered by administration.

E. Mr. Sherwin Johnson – First Reading of Revised Policy JLCD – Assisting Students with Medications

Mr. Johnson summarized the changes in the policy which states that over the counter medications will now require parental and physician order before medication can be administered at school. Mr. Johnson said that administration recommends approval of policy JLCD. **Dr. Kolb made a motion to approve the first reading of this policy, which was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

F. Dr. Randolph

Dr. Randolph informed the Board of the graduation dates at the schools and invited them to attend:

- ~Dixie High School – June 1st – 1:00 p.m. – Erskine College
- ~Abbeville High School – June 1st – 11:00 a.m. – Lander University
- ~Career Center – May 23rd – 10:00 a.m. – Career Center
- ~Adult Education – May 23rd – 6:00 p.m. – AHS Multipurpose Room

A letter was received from Main Street United Methodist Church letting the Board know that a Baccalaureate Service for the county high schools will be held on May 19 at 7:00 p.m. and they will be extending an invitation to all seniors and their families to participate.

He also told the Board that there would be a presentation at the May Board meeting concerning a dental screening program. Mr. Brooks brought this information with him from the School Board Convention.

Dr. Randolph also informed the Board that a request from the Lion's club had been received offering health screening, free of charge to our students. The Lion's Club will be making a presentation at the principals' meeting on March 27. After receiving input from the principals a recommendation will be brought back to the Board at the April meeting.

9. Miscellaneous from the Board

Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Scott and his staff for having the meeting at his school.

Mr. Brooks also thanked Mr. Scott. Mr. Brooks asked that an item be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting a board policy discussion for hiring retirees. Dr. Randolph asked for more information; Mr. Brooks said he had looked at the Pickens County website and looked at their

policy, our policy does not say anything about rehiring of retirees. Mr. Brooks said that if he would like to bring a copy of the Pickens policy for everyone to look at that that would be fine.

Mr. Rhodes also thanked Mr. Scott and his staff. He also told the other members that he had received a letter from the SCSBA asking for nominations from the board for anyone from our district to be nominated to represent Abbeville for offices on the SCSBA. Let us know if there are any nominations from the Board.

10. Executive Session

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Reynolds made a motion to go into executive session. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

11. Return to Open Session

At 9:30 p.m. when the board returned to open session, Ms Hall said that the administration recommends:

237 Continuing contracts

5 Annual contracts

1 Induction contract

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hall continued that the administration recommends giving the authority to the superintendent to offer up to two contracts during the hiring season.

Mr. Brooks made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Scott said that the administration recommends awarding a 3 year contract for auditing for the fiscal year 2012- 2013 to Elliott Davis. **Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept RFP to Elliott Davis for auditing firm. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

12. Adjourn

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.