

Minutes of Meeting  
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees  
June 25, 2013  
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, Dr. Bill Crenshaw, Dr. Allen Kolb, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, and Mr. Buster Taylor; Mr. Tim Rhodes, Mr. Mark Burton and Mr. James B. Tisdale, Jr. were absent.

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

At 6:45, prior to the board meeting, a public hearing on the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget was held. There were no questions from the audience concerning the budget. Mr. Taylor closed this portion of the meeting.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approve Agenda – Mr. Buster Taylor**

**Mr. Taylor asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda which was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**4. Sign Claims**

**Claims were signed.**

**5. Approve Minutes**

**Mr. Taylor asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes that had been sent in their board packets. Mr. Taylor said that if no one had any comments or objections the minutes would stand approved.**

**6. Public Input**

There were no requests for public participation.

**7. Administrative Section**

**A. Maintenance/Construction Update – Mr. Sam Jones**

Dr. Randolph informed the Board that Mr. Jones was not able to attend the meeting and that his report had been sent to them in their packets, he asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Dr. Randolph told the Board that Core Construction, a company who had been awarded a project and had withdrawn their bid due to a math error, after having received a letter from Mr. Jones, issued the District a check for \$2,218.00 to cover the difference in their bid and the next bid. Dr. Randolph reported to the Board that the check would be deposited if there were no objections. There were no objections.

**B. Personnel – Ms. Betty Jo Hall**

**C. 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. Ms. Scott informed the Board that the administration recommends approving a resolution to issue a Tax Anticipation Note not to exceed 1.2 million dollars. **Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to approve the administrations recommendation to issue a Tax Anticipation Note. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

She continued with the final reading of the 2013 – 2014 Budget. She said the projected revenue/expenditures included a step increase for eligible employees, 25% reduction for retirees' salaries, and a 3.7 mill increase. **Dr. Crenshaw made a motion for approval of the final reading of the budget. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Ms. Scott informed the Board that the exit audit for Dr. Randolph had been completed and at their places was a copy of the audit. Procedures performed were: verified all revenues had been received and recorded and recorded properly; reconciled interfund transfers; all bank accounts have been reconciled; verified all debt and capital lease payments have been properly recorded and paid. There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying these procedures. Ms. Scott said Dr. Randolph had "a clean bill of health."

Ms. Scott continued that the career center house had been put out for bids. The minimum bid was \$24,000 and we had received only one bid, which was for \$24,000. The bid was from Ms. Penny Parisi, the administration recommends that we accept this bid and issue a bill of sale for the house. **Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve selling the Career Center house; this motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**D. Lunch Rate Increase – Ms. Wanda Thomasson**

Ms. Scott presented to the Board for Ms. Thomasson who was sick. In order to be in compliance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010, it is necessary to increase the school paid lunch prices for the school year 2013-14. The recommended increase in the paid lunch price is 20 cents. Elementary school paid lunch cost will be \$2.00 and middle and high school paid lunch cost will be \$2.25. Administration recommends approval of this increase in the cost for the school paid lunches in order to be in compliance with the Healthy, Hunger-free Act of 2010. **After some discussion, Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

**E. Sherwin Johnson**

Mr. Johnson told the Board that they had received in their packets a letter and a summary of the FY14 Title 1 Project. After some discussion, Mr. Johnson said that the administration recommends approval of the FY14 Title 1 Project application as presented and would ask that the superintendent be given authority to approve any amendments that may become necessary during the course of the

school year. **Dr. Kolb made a motion to approve the administrations' recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Johnson also told the Board that they should have received the amendments to the Rights and Responsibilities handbook, with only a few minor changes to the handbook. The administration recommends approval of the 2013-14 Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. **Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

#### **F. Ivan Randolph – Healthy Promotions' Dental Program**

Dr. Randolph told the Board that at the last meeting it was requested by the Board to look further into the dental program. Surrounding school districts were contacted concerning this program and all gave favorable recommendations. The only concern was that the claims would be filed with the private insurance companies as well as Medicaid. Dr. Randolph said that it is up to the Board whether to make this an action item. After some questions and answers and receiving a MOA from the representative of the company it was decided to table this item and send the MOA to our attorney and make this an action item at the July Board meeting.

Dr. Randolph also told the Board that he had taken Dr. Wall around to all the schools and he encouraged the Board to support her in what she does.

#### **8. Miscellaneous from the Board**

Dr. Crenshaw reminisced about Dr. Randolph and one of his first meetings where he recommended firing him; he then thanked Dr. Randolph for making an immeasurable impact on the school district.

Dr. Kolb echoed Dr. Crenshaw's comments and he also you don't know what you've got till it's gone. He was hired knowing he was a man of action, he has had to make some hard decisions some of which were not popular but were in the best interest of the children. He also said that Dr. Randolph was leaving us with a lasting impact and that he has been a positive influence.

Mr. Mitchell wished Dr. Randolph well in what his next endeavors were.

Mr. Brooks thanked Dr. and Mrs. Randolph for all they had done, that they had impacted a lot of children.

Mr. Taylor wished Dr. Randolph and Pam a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Dr. Randolph thanked the Lord for helping him through some hard situations and also to Pam for being so supportive. He said the teachers in this county are phenomenal and they are the reason Abbeville County is where it is now. He also thanked the administrative team who had done a fine job during adverse situations. And one last time Dr. Randolph quoted his three rules: do what's right, anything you do, do it well and treat people the way you want to be treated. He said he has honestly tried to follow these rules. He said he has no regrets over the decisions he made and if he had to do it over again he would do it the same way, that these decisions were the right thing for everyone. He said he appreciated the Board members that supported him and wished the District the very best of luck.

#### **9. Adjourn**

**At 7:36 p.m. Dr. Kolb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**