

Minutes of Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
September 25, 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, Ms. Corrinna O'Bannon, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, and Mr. James B. Tisdale, Jr.
Dr. Allen Kolb was absent

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. Sherwin Johnson, Mr. Dick Williams, Mr. Milton Scott and Mr. Steve Garrett

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. **Hearing none he said the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.**

4. Sign Claims

Claims were signed

5. Approve Minutes

Dr. Crenshaw said a copy of the minutes from the August 28th 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 approved by unanimous consent.

6. Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Hall asked Dr. Crenshaw and Dr. Randolph to join her for "Perfect PASS Score" recognition. Mrs. Hall recognized and commended the students and parents of the 22 who had achieved perfect PASS scores. Each student came up and was presented a certificate. Each school administering the PASS test was represented. One student, John Grady Bolt scored a perfect score in two categories.

7. Public Input

Ms. Regina Lee made a “fact or fiction, true or false” presentation to the Board concerning meeting with Dr. Randolph to be allowed to be put on the agenda for the “Public Input” section of the Board meeting and the lack of minorities being hired in the Abbeville school system.

Dr. Randolph responded to Ms. Lee’s presentation that since the 2005-06 school year we have cut our local budget over \$1,000,000, we have 26 fewer certified personnel today than we did in 2005-06, in this school year 5% of our certified employees were minorities and in the 2012-13 school year this has risen to 9%, we have closed the achievement gap, we have increased the graduation rate, dropout rate has been reduced and we have the 8th best performing school district in South Carolina. “These are the facts and I stand behind these facts,” he said.

8. Administrative Section

A. Maintenance/Construction Update

Mr. Jones gave a report on the following topics:

- Opening Day
- Facilities Projects – Capital Projects Plan General
 - Westwood Elementary School Re-roof and HVAC Replacement
 - Direct Digital Controls for HVAC
 - Security Camera Systems at High Schools
 - Computer Lab HVAC Modifications
 - Parking Lots at the Career Center, Cherokee Trail and Diamond Hill Elementary

Mr. Jones gave the Board information concerning an add change order for work that is being done on the roof at Westwood Elementary School. Due to unforeseen material problems that were not evident when the bid was given for the roofing job this add change order in the amount of \$9,918.00 is necessary. **Ms. O’Bannon made a motion to accept the administration’s recommendation for the additional work on the roofing contract at Westwood. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Jones also informed the Board that there were some other construction issues at Westwood Elementary concerning walls in a pre-engineered metal building that has settled and caused some cracks in the cement block walls. There is no danger to the students or employees at Westwood, but this does need to be repaired. Mr. Jones recommended adding this project to correct the foundation level to the current Capital Projects Plan not to exceed the \$3,700,000 that has been allocated.

Mr. Tisdale made a motion to approve the administration’s recommendation to add this project to correct the foundation level to the current Capital Projects Plan. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

B. Financial Update – Ms. 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.

C. 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 first reading.

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

Ms. O'Bannon made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation for approval of first reading of the policies. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. Dr. Randolph

Dr. Randolph told Board members that the South Carolina School Board Association's Annual Business meeting was being held in Hilton Head on December 1 and we need a Board member to be our representative. **Mr. Tisdale nominated Mr. Rhodes to represent Abbeville at the annual meeting and said he would be the alternate. This was approved unanimously by the Board.**

9. Miscellaneous from the Board

Ms. O'Bannon stated that she was "tickled" to see all of the kids from all the schools that made a perfect score on PASS.

Mr. Tisdale also congratulated the students for perfect PASS scores. He also said that he had been upstairs at the District Office and seen the work that had been done and he thought this was money well spent.

Mr. Rhodes also congratulated the students for the perfect PASS scores. He also stated that the Board never completed or reviewed the evaluations on the Superintendent. Dr. Crenshaw said that he would give the Board a report on the evaluations.

10. Adjourn

At 8:02 P. M. Dr. Crenshaw adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Williams".