

Minutes of Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
August 27, 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. Mark Burton, Mr. David Brooks, Dr. Bill Crenshaw, Dr. Allen Kolb, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes and Mr. Buster Taylor, Mr. James B. Tisdale, Jr.

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

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. He said hearing none the agenda would be considered approved.

4. Sign Claims

Claims were signed.

5. Approve Minutes

Mr. Rhodes asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes that had been sent in their board packets. Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to accept the minutes as received; this motion was properly seconded and carried with a vote of 8 to 1 (Mr. Burton abstained).

6. Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Hall gave the following presentations:

Ms. Hall gave a special thanks to Solicitor David Stumbo and his staff and

United Christian Ministries for their donations of school supplies and to the Greater Abbeville Credit Union for sponsoring the Opening Day Breakfast for teachers!

The following Six (6) students from Dixie High School received the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's "New-Era Sustainable Farming Scholarships" - Mr. Calvert Sherard, Instructor and Ms. Lori Brewton, Principal - R.J. Risner, Bryson Poore, Alyssa Ashley, Andrew Robinson, Anna Nelson and Ashton Lee. Scholarships were available to students who are in the 10, 11, 12th grade. Students must be active in their school's FFA, Vocational Agriculture, or Environmental Studies program or in the Upstate 4-H. The New-Era Sustainable Farming workshop will provide an introduction to modern sustainable and organic practices, including cutting edge production methods and thoughtful, creative marketing strategies that make small, family farms viable, profitable, and sustainable. New-Era Sustainable Farming will

feature short presentations by the best and brightest of South Carolina's young and successful farmers, highlighting their innovative production techniques and profitable business practices. Only 100 scholarships for the entire upstate were awarded!

Abbeville Career Center - Ms. Dorinda Dunlap, Director - *The South Carolina STEM Education Innovator Award* – Mr. Terry Hogston.

Mr. Hogston received a grant from the Clemson University Center and Workforce Development and Duke Energy Foundation Board grant in the amount of \$5,000
These funds will be used to purchase VEX kits and for the Project Lead the Way Program!

Perfect PASS Scores

ACSD has 17 students who made perfect scores on at least one area of the PASS.
Of those 17 – five (5) students had perfect scores in two different areas of the assessment.

Ethan Angel – 3rd Grade Math – Cherokee Trail Elementary
Savannah Smith – 4th Grade ELA – Cherokee Trail Elementary
Cara Cooley – 3rd Grade Math – Westwood Elementary
Christopher Fisher – 4th Grade ELA – Westwood Elementary
Dawson Glenn – 5th Grade ELA – Westwood Elementary
Madison Hall – 3rd Grade Math – Westwood Elementary
James Nickles – 5th Grade Writing – Westwood Elementary
Jade Stone – 5th Grade ELA – Westwood Elementary
Kendall Timmerman – 5th Grade Writing – Westwood Elementary
Micalyn Burdette – 6th Grade Writing – Wright Middle School
Michael Southard – 7th Grade Social Studies – Wright Middle School
Robert Stackhouse – 7th Grade Math – Wright Middle School
Andrea Bannister – 6th Grade ELA AND Math – Cherokee Trail Elementary
Luke Hopkins – 6th Grade ELA AND Math – Cherokee Trail Elementary
William Mann – 6th Grade ELA AND Math – Diamond Hill Elementary
Samuel Parnell – 4th Grade ELA AND Math – Diamond Hill Elementary
Isabelle Stichnoth – 6th Grade Writing AND Math – Wright Middle School

7. Administrative Section

A. Maintenance/Construction Update – Mr. Sam Jones

Mr. Jones said that his report had been sent to them in their packets, he asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Jones informed the Board that there was an electrical underground line problem at Dixie High School and that we were working with the town of Due West to get this problem resolved.

B. Personnel – Ms. Betty Jo Hall

Ms. Hall informed the Board that the administration recommends ratification of 1 continuing contract. **Dr. Kolb made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation; this motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

C. Instruction update- Ms. Jean Smith

Ms. Smith told the Board that they had received in their packets the 2012-13 PASS scores, and also the percent of students passing both parts of the HSAP and the AYP report. Ms. Smith said that our school district has a lot to be proud of with the great test scores our students have received. Dr. Wall said that according to the reports Abbeville was above the state in every standard in every

subject, which is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are doing something right, this is something to be extremely proud of.

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.

Ms. Scott informed the Board that she and Dr. Wall had met with a group in Due West concerning the rate increase in utilities and the surcharge in Due West. The Board members received a report concerning this information.

E. Mr. Sherwin Johnson – Home Instruction Applications

Mr. Johnson told the Board he had two applicants for home instruction and since both applicants have completed the application and submitted the necessary information, the Administration recommends that the home instruction applications for the students be approved for the 2013-14 school year. **Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

F. Dr. Sharon Wall – Miscellaneous

Dr. Wall informed the Board that the carpentry class at Abbeville Career Center requests to construct another house this school year. Administration recommends approval of this request. **Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the request for the Career Center to construct a house on the school property for the 2013-14 school year. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Dr. Wall informed the Board that if there were no objections, the meeting dates in November and April need to be changed due to conflicts with Thanksgiving and spring break. The November meeting date will be November 19, 2013 and the April meeting will be April 15, 2014. **Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation to change meeting dates. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

8. Miscellaneous from the Board

Mr. Tisdale gave a brief summary of the School Law Conference that he had attended in Charleston.

Mr. Brooks congratulated the kids for the perfect PASS scores they received. He also thanked Dr. Wall for the great start to the new school year.

Mr. Mitchell said he was proud to see all of the children here this early in the school year. He appreciated the hard work from everyone.

Mr. Burton said that he was impressed with the perfect scores and congratulated the children.

Dr. Kolb said it was great to see that many kids have perfect scores and he congratulated them.

Mr. Reynolds said he was looking forward to a positive school year.

Mr. Rhodes reiterated all that had been said concerning the perfect PASS scores. He also said he enjoyed the opening breakfast and looks forward to a great new year.

9. Executive Session – Contractual Matter

At 7:52 p.m. Dr. Crenshaw made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. This motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

10. Return to Open Session

At 8:10 p.m. the Board returned to open session. Dr. Kolb made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation on the contract that was presented with two changes being made in wording, ("up to ten days" and "working with") this motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn

At 8:11 p.m. Mr. Tisdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.