

Minutes of Meeting
Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees
February 24, 2015
6:00 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Session
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. David Carter, Ms. Joyce Cunningham, Mr. Brad Evans, Mr. Stacy Mitchell, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Mr. Tim Rhodes, and Mr. James B. Tisdale, Jr; Mr. Buster Taylor was absent.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Ms. Julie Williams, Ms. Jean Smith, Ms. Betty Jo Hall, Ms. Roni Scott, Ms. Wanda Thomasson, Ms. Kathy Bernard

Executive Session

1. Call to Order

Mr. Tisdale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Mr. Rhodes made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters.**

At 7 p.m. the board came out of executive session and Mr. Brooks made a motion to return to open session; motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Evans left the meeting at this time.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Tisdale led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approve Agenda – Mr. James Tisdale

Mr. Tisdale asked the Board if they had had an opportunity to review the agenda. **Mr. Tisdale said hearing no objections the agenda would be approved and used as the guide for the meeting.**

4. Sign Claims

Claims were signed at this meeting.

5. Approve Minutes

Mr. Tisdale asked the Board if they had had an opportunity to review the minutes of 11-18-14 **and asked if there were any changes. He said hearing none these minutes would be approved as submitted.**

6. Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Hall asked that Dr. Phipps and Mr. Tisdale join her; they recognized the following students: Abbeville High School **Inductees into the Latin Honor Society** - Jocelyn K. Pace and Jonathan D. Wilson

Eligible students who score 50 or higher on the PSAT in verbal, math, **or** writing will be identified as South Carolina Junior Scholars, **or** eligible students who participated in Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) during their seventh-grade year.

This year's **South Carolina Junior Scholars** from Dixie High School:

Elizabeth Ashley
Jeremiah Boyd
LeRoy Hill
William Mann
Susannah Murphy
Cameron Smith
Isabelle Stichnoth

Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Qualifiers

Palmetto Fellows Qualifiers – in order to qualify for this prestigious award the following criteria must be met: must be ranked in the top 6% of their class at the end of their sophomore or junior year, must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and must score at least 1200 (math and verbal) SAT and 27 (composite) on ACT.

The scholarship is for \$6700 the first year and renewable for \$7500 year for the following three years. Students receiving this recognition are:

Matthew A. Hoover – AHS
Larissa J. Oakley – AHS
Alexander B. Palmer – AHS
Jonathan D. Wilson – AHS

Wendy's High School Heisman Winners

Students are chosen for excellence in academics, athletics, and community leadership, and will move on to the next round of judging to compete for the coveted national award.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Award, created in 1994, celebrates the achievements of the nation's top high school seniors both in and out of the classroom. Just as the collegiate Heisman is known for being the highest award in college football, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award is recognized as the most esteemed award at the high school level, as it encourages future leadership by acknowledging the most well-rounded students.

Bethany K. Bonds – AHS
Alexandria M. Temple – AHS
Jonathan D. Wilson – AHS

7. Comments from the Board Related to Gold Star Highlights

Ms. Cunningham said she was proud of all of the students; they make us proud. She also congratulated Casey Ashley, one of our Dixie graduates, for winning the Bass Tournament this past weekend.

Mr. Reynolds said he would like to thank our children for what they are doing; this implies that they are getting good support from their parents and our teachers and with this kind of cooperation our children are doing well.

Mr. Tisdale said "we are proud of all of our student's achievements."

8. Public Input

There was no public input this month.

9. Ms. Jean Smith – Middle College Presentation – Piedmont Technical College

Amanda Richardson gave a presentation on Middle College and our high schools. She said that the traditional dual enrollment classes are for high school students and are taught at the high school or career center by a qualified high school or career center instructor. The on-deck classes are for high school students and are taught at a Piedmont Technical College campus by a Piedmont Tech instructor. She said that students must be classified as a high school junior or senior, have a legal presence in the U.S., and meet any prerequisite course or test score requirements for the course(s) they wish to take. Also the Early Admission (Traditional PTC course) is where students receive college credit, but do not need the course for high school graduation. There would be a set of courses designed in partnership with the school district to allow students to earn 48+ credit hours over the course of their junior and senior years of high school. We will have another presentation by Tech at the next Board meeting.

10. Administrative Section

A. Maintenance/Construction Update – Dr. Phipps

Dr. Phipps (in Mr. Jones' absence) discussed with the Board the cold weather conditions and how the schools had power outages and delays due to this. He also told the Board about the property adjacent to the district office that is for sale.

B. Ms. Betty Jo Hall

2015 – 2016 Calendar – First Reading

Mr. Mitchell asked the administration why we were out so often in January, that he did not understand and had had thousands of calls asking this same thing. Ms. Hall explained to him that this was the 90th day and teachers needed turn around time at the end of the semester and then the MLK holiday comes in to play. **Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve first reading of the 2015-2016 calendar; this motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Locally Board Approved Course Request

Ms. Hall informed the Board that the administration recommends the approval of a Locally Board Approved course for Service Learning for the 2014-15 school year. This is an elective course primarily for juniors and seniors. **Mr. Rhodes made a motion to approve the administration's recommendation; this was properly seconded and carried unanimously.**

Board Policy Updates – Final Reading

Ms. Hall informed the Board that there were three policies that were being presented for final reading. After some discussion, Mr. Tisdale said that the following policies were up for final reading:

Policy ADC Tobacco-Free School District, Policy GBED Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff, and Policy JICG Tobacco Use by Students; Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation to approve final reading on these policies brought before the Board. This was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

C. Financial Update – Ms. Roni Scott

Ms. Scott told the Board that they had received their financial report and budget report through the month of January; she asked the Board if they had any questions.

D. Dr. Phipps – Miscellaneous

Dr. Phipps thanked Piedmont Tech for coming and for all the help they had given with the Middle College discussions.

He informed the Board of the inclement weather and our school delays. He also told the Board of the great job Mr. Johnson had done keeping up with the weather and helping to make the decisions on school operations.

11. Adjourn

At 7:45, Mr. Tisdale asked if any Board member objected to adjourning the meeting, hearing no objections he said this meeting stands adjourned.