

**ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**MONDAY – MAY 24, 2010
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees was held on **Monday, May 24, 2010**. At **6:00 p.m.** the Board went into executive session to discuss Personnel and Contractual Matters. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified and present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Cave
Timothy Hall, Vice Chair
Cheryl Mole, Secretary
Willie Priester
Alexis Zeidan, Chair

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Terrance Alridge, Interim Superintendent
Charles Harney, Assistant Supt. Operations
Kedra Rivers, Personnel Director
Kevin Robinson, Finance Director
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

FROM THE BOYKIN LAW FIRM: Reagan Flemming
Shunna Vance

OPEN SESSION: Chairperson Zeidan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mr. Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Cave moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Mole moved to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

GOOD NEWS

AFHS Track Team – 4th Championship – Interim Principal, Mr. Brockington said he was pleased to talk a little about the 4th consecutive 1A Class Championship. He said working with the young men he grew attached to them and the program because he saw how hard they worked.

They have worked hard to win 4 consecutive State Championships. It is a daunting task because track is an individual sport – but to have so many individuals come together and form such a strong team – this is unparalleled. Only a few teams in the State have won as many State championships as Allendale. The team is senior laden this year – but they have guys that want to uphold the winning tradition.

AFHS Yearbooks – Principal Brockington said after a number of years they finally have a yearbook. He and Dr. Alridge said they could not let another year go by without the students taking those high school memories with them. The cost of the book is \$50 dollars and next year they are hoping for a bigger and better yearbook. They are proud to have this document available for the students.

Mr. Priester said he understands the hard work that goes into track. He tried to participate by being a spectator on a number of occasions. You see the work that goes into this and congratulations are in order for the work that is put forth day after day. Thanks to the parents and coaches for their hard work.

Clean Sweep Award – Mr. Harney presented this month’s Clean Sweep Award to AES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mark Lott said it has been a very good year, he has seen a lot of progress and the Board and Superintendent have done an outstanding job. A lot of people like what is going on and he hopes they keep moving in this direction. They have to make some tough decisions. The community is excited about the project they are getting ready to take on – coming to the table to make the track a reality. Several organizations have committed some funds and people in Columbia are lobbying for funds for the District for the field.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports – For information only.

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

The Intel-local Purchasing System (TIPS) Resolution – Dr. Alridge said this Resolution will allow the District to look at the bidding process as they look at how to spend some of the grant money. He would like the District to become a member – instead of going through the full bidding process when it comes time to get construction projections done – they can go through this consortium. This process is much quicker and efficient. Mr. Priester moved to accept the recommendation to become a member of the consortium. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Notification of the District Corrective Action – Mr. Harney said the information was in the packets – based on NCLB and must be done every year. Items #1 and #2 the District did with the

Anderson curriculum. Item #3 has been evolving for the last 3 years. The last page is based on the corrective action that is suggestion by the SDE. Basically, this is the same corrective action as last year. Mr. Priester said in terms of where the District is in the corrective action process are we seeing progress from the things that have been put in place. Mr. Harney said the District did make positive progress – even though the District did not make AYP – as was reported at an earlier Board Meeting.

Graduation Decorum – Dr. Alridge said one of the milestones in education is graduation – he and Principal Brockington wanted to make a plea to the community to have a very dignified service for the students. This is important to come up with a decorum for graduation. In the past during graduation students and speakers have been disrupted. Every child’s name should be heard and parents should hear their child’s name called. The enclosed ad was placed in the local paper. This is important to the community also to have a nice ceremony for the students.

Summer Hours – Monday-Thursday – 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – June 7th-August 6th – For information only.

MOA APPROVAL

Allendale County Parks and Recreation (FES Baseball Field) – Mr. Hall made a motion to table this item to discuss it further with legal counsel. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director reported Friday was the last day for contracts – 141 contracts were given out. Out of that number only 13 were not sent back because of resignations, trying to get closer to home or those seeking a higher salary. Once she meets with Dr. Alridge and Mr. Robinson they will determine the District’s vacancies. These vacancies will be posted on the District’s website, CERRA, SDE and newspapers. The CATE Director and AD advertisement have been closed. These applications have been submitted to the appropriate persons.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2nd Reading of the 2010-2011 Budget – Mr. Robinson, Finance Director said the information was in the Board’s packets. There are no significant changes to the budget revenue or no changes at all. The only change on the expenditures side was the different positions due to the reorganization – these costs were absorbed by funding some of these positions out of special revenue funds. So there was no increase in total expenditures. Mr. Priester said in terms of any allocated funds for track – is there other funding where this may come from. He would like to see some funds designated for this. Mr. Robinson said in this reading there are no funds for this designated – he and Dr. Alridge will sit down and look at this – but they will need to know what the total cost of the project is or how much funds they will need. It is very important to know the

total cost of the project. Chairperson Zeidan said looking at the student accounts she did not see BETA Club or Student Council in the budget are clubs from the middle or elementary schools. Is the District looking at funding any of these clubs? Mr. Robinson said the only changes he puts in the budget are the changes he is directed to put in. They can look to see if these clubs can be funded in the budget but he has received no directives. Mr. Priester said if as a District they can allocate funding – looking at other people participating (with the track project) – the District must show they are interested and they are a player – need to know the cost and work to this end. If we are working with others and the District does not show they have funding this may hurt the District in terms of gathering funds. Chairperson Zeidan asked Mr. Robinson if he will be meeting with the group about the track field to get an idea about the funding to be allocated. Or other avenues the District will have to go through such as seeking grant or state funds. Mr. Robinson said this is the first time they have had a tangible discussion about the steps to take going forward. Dr. Alridge said they were looking at for the 1st and 2nd reading was balancing the budget on last year's cost. This project has evolved – played around with a few ideas on where they might get some funds – on June 7th they are having a meeting with the groups involved – get some initial cost – may have to pull from supply funds. If the District gets its' own track this will save on gas, drivers, may be able to host events. Mr. Cave asked about a grant for this project. Chairperson Zeidan said they will have to research and see if grants are available for this. Dr. Alridge said most of the grants they have seen are for road pavement, entrances, etc. Mr. Priester said they could sit down at the table with the potential persons – look at the current budget and carve some funds out – go back and look at the budget and amend it. He would like to see something on the table now to make sure the District is represented. Chairperson Zeidan said they want to see something in the budget so the community will see they are moving forward with the track field. Mr. Priester moved to accept the 2nd reading of the 2010-2011 budget with the expectations to have something in place for the 3rd reading for the track field. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Budget Changes Report – April 1-30, 2010 – Mr. Robinson said some of the negative balances – will be working on this for the following month. Chairperson Zeidan asked if the changes will address most of the negative balances they talked about last month. Mr. Robinson said you will be seeing these changes next month.

Budget Report by Function – April 1-30, 2010 – Mr. Robinson said the total revenue for the month is \$357,609 and year-to-date revenue is \$10,125,681. Expenditures for month are \$1,059,840 and year-to-date are \$9,300,533.

Changes in Fund Balance Classifications – Mr. Robinson said the information is in the Board packets. The fund balance how it is classified will change next year. They are now classified as restricted and unrestricted funds. The new categories included are: 1) Nonspendable – inventories that cannot be spend; 2) Restricted – resources in the fund balance that is restricted to

legal reasons or a debt agreement that would restrict a portion of the fund balance; 3) Committed – resources that are designated for use by the governing body – and can only be undesignated by that same governing body. The 3 categories for the funds to be committed are: a) by the highest level of authority; b) by a formal action; c) must be taken by the end of the reporting period. 4) Assigned – does not have to come from the governing body and no formal action is required; 5) Unassigned – what remains in the fund balance after the other 4 categories have been determined. The relevance of this for the Board is if the Board decided they wanted to commit some funds – you have the guidelines to do so. One change is in June we need to have a fund balance policy – it does help if at some point the District develops a fund balance policy – (after getting clarification) Mr. Robinson said this does not have to happen by June 2010.

Mr. Priester said on the fund balance – in light of the cuts and down turn in the economy – will the fund balance look any different this year from last year – any increases in the fund balance. Mr. Robinson said they are hoping for a small increase – about \$90,000 to \$75,000 – he does not anticipate a large increase. Mr. Priester said with a small increase would that be one other area to tap for the track field. Mr. Robinson said yes – he will talk to Dr. Alridge about this. If you add \$50,000 to \$60,000 to the fund balance – that is money you would have to commit towards the track itself – once the audit reports is done – you can look at this and commit the resources to the track field. Instead of trying to guess, the District may only have \$30,000 so we need to wait until the District has a clearer picture of the fund balance. Dr. Alridge said the base student cost is lower this year – the District is walking in caution – next year we may not get the same amount of stimulus money next year – some of this may have dried up. Chairperson Zeidan said the District is still not looking at a TAN for next year. Mr. Robinson said the District is still not looking at a TAN at this time. There are a lot of variables that affect cash flow – unless grants don't come in on time. With Federal grants districts would receive a slight advance ahead of spending the money – they are not doing that this year – but he will constantly monitor this situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baccalaureate – AFHS Gym – Sunday, May 30th – 5:00 PM

FES Graduation – Tuesday, June 1st 9:30 AM

AFMS Graduation – Wednesday, June 2nd – 6:00 PM

Staff Recognition Day – Friday, June 4th – 8:00 AM – AFHS

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.