

ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY – JULY 25, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 2016. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session #1 for Personnel/Contracts and Student Release Requests. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax Middle/High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Catherine Russell called the Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A Moment of Silence was held.

**ROLL CALL:** Alonzo Frazier  
Terry Hall, Vice Chairman  
Patricia Jenkins, Secretary  
Wilda Robinson  
Catherine Russell, Chairperson

**FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE:** Leila W. Williams, Superintendent  
Angela Grant, Director of Finance  
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel  
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as written. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #1:** Ms. Jenkins moved that the Board go into Executive Session #1 at 6:04 P.M. to discuss Personnel/Contracts and Student Release Requests. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:05 P.M. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Monday, June 27, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting and Thursday, June 23, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dwayne Ennis said over the weekend his daughter said she did not get her report card. He came to the school today and asked about report cards. He was told

that report cards were not sent out because the Spanish grades were not recorded. As a parent he does not see how this can be going on, we will be at August 1<sup>st</sup> next week. It is rumored in the community that grades are being fixed. He is asking why are they not getting things in a timely fashion? For several years they have talked about different mentoring programs and what is the school doing about this. And setting up things to get the Reading, Math and Science scores up.

Pastor Earl Morrell, Sr. said he is sponsoring a Back-to-School prayer for the community and children on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. at the AFHS Football Field. Gates will be open and the program starts at 11:00 a.m. He invited the Board to be his guest on this day. Keith Wonder Boy Johnson will be one of the guests. Ms. Williams said about 3 groups are coming with school supplies and book bags and they will have enough for all children.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Renewable Energy Program – Presentation:** Pat Hutchinson, gave the Board a proposal about a week ago and he is prepared to answer any questions. Mr. Frazier asked Mr. Hutchinson to explain to the community what they are doing. Chairperson Russell asked how this would affect the planned renovations being made to AES. Mr. Hutchinson said they would use the formula provided by SCE&G. Mr. Hall asked about the sites. He responded there are 4 sites, the District provides the land and they would provide all other resources. The new elementary school is not included in the plan, only the 4 sites already in place, and they must use the school electrical data from the past 12 months. The SCE&G program is on a first-come, first-served basis. New buildings will not cost the district additional money. Ms. Williams said one questions from the last meeting was about the future expansions for the Track and Field area. With the Renewable Energy Program, they would like some accommodations or adjustments because of future District expansion projects. Mr. Hutchinson said the application would have to be submitted to SCE&G for approval. How are the sites decreased? Decrease the site by 10% you would get 10% less in returns. Takes about 60-90 days for SCE&G to approve the project and construction does not take that long. Audience member Rev. Mole asked is the proposed project already on school property and have they talked with the local Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Hutchinson said they would be regulated by State zoning laws and regulations. Ms. Williams said a detention pond is on the property. Mr. Hutchinson said they could accommodate that detention pond. Mr. Frazier moved to go forward with the project pending the attorney looking at it to determine if it is a good contract. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Duffie Stone – 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Solicitor:** Mr. Stone said he is a community prosecutor. The prosecution works with everyone in the community, school board and ministers, etc. They are putting community prosecutors in all counties, with the goal of not just prosecuting people, but finding solutions to the problems all the counties face. The local contact person is Corey Williams and he is just asking that you work with him.

**Request from SCSBA Black Caucus:** Ms. Robinson said in November 2014 the Supreme Court ruled that the State of SC was not providing students with a minimum adequate education. In the case of Abbeville vs. SC, the lawsuit started in the mid-90's and Allendale was one of the original districts. In the past legislative session 8 bills referred to this case and only 4 were approved or acted upon. The Black Caucus would like to hold a summit/type meeting on how they can put pressure or become more active on what they would like to see happen in the next session. Maybe have this meeting in October 2016 and get more involvement from the school districts involved. If the Board wants to appoint a representative to work with the caucus, she will be glad to act in this role. Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the request from the Black Caucus for the summit to be held in October in Allendale. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Board Goal Setting Meeting – Saturday, July 30, 2016**

### **Board Retreat – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

**AES Summer Program:** Ms. Peggy O'Banner said they participated in the SDE Summer Reading Camp. They tried to nurture a love of reading; wordsmith is creating experts in the use of words; had about 75 students each day for the program.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**2016-2017 Board Meeting Calendar –** Ms. Robinson asked when would the High School host a meeting. It was decided that AFHS would host in August 2016. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Meeting Calendar as presented. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

**Single Gender Classes –** Ms. Hall, Principal AFMS: 1) last year they implemented Single Gender Classes at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level; 2) the students were more focused; lessons were geared on a more theme approach; they had a class on budgeting and let the young ladies go to the mall and they had a budget to stick by; 3) the discipline drop was not what she expected; 4) the average referral for 7<sup>th</sup> grade was 45, but one teacher had 95; 5) summer school had 39 students – 7<sup>th</sup> grade; this year had 29; 6) she read the comments from teachers on Single Gender Classes; 7) two 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers want to do Single Gender Classes; 8) all students will have interactions during lunch. Ms. Robinson said if the students and staff are already acclimated to Single Gender Classes, even though it was not 100%, it was still successful. She would like to see the program expanded. Mr. Hall asked if it was too late to do Single Gender for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Hall said no, they are still working on the schedule. Mr. Frazier said he would like to have the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at one school. Ms. Robinson asked Ms. Hall to share her data. Ms. Robinson moved to expand Single Gender Classes for 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Frazier said he would

like to add to the motion to move the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to AFMS. Ms. Robinson said to bring the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to AFMS if we have the space to expand. Ms. Hall said they have no vacant classes and they are using 2 classes on the 200 Hall and the High School does not have any classes. To bring the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to AFMS they would need a wing.

**Adult Education Update** – Ms. Rivers: presented a Power Point presentation and they will bring the CNA students to be recognized for earning certificates. Ms. Robinson said she would like the Board and Superintendent to pledge their full support to the Adult Education Program. Ms. Williams said Ms. Thompson from the SDE Adult Ed called her and asked them to continue the program.

**ACS 2016-2019 Technology Plan** – Ms. Jamison, Director: presented a Power Point and highlighted 1) they had to rewrite the Technology Plan based on the SDE framework; 2) explained the 4 categories; 3) also a Disaster Recovery Plan had to be written. Ms. Jamison said students at the high and middle school will still have to pay the \$25 per year to take the iPads home. To repair an iPad costs about \$49. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Plan for 2016-2019 as presented. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Children’s Internet Protection Act – CIPA Compliance:** Ms. Jamison presented the CIPA Policy.

Mr. Frazier asked the superintendent to develop a letter with Board approval to thank Apple for their support in Allendale.

**AES Renovations Update:** Mr. Barry Morgan highlighted 1) showed the floor plan of the design; 2) LNS will have their own dining area and outside access is limited; 3) area for separation of cars and buses; 4) outlined the schedule – the architect should finish the design by August 15<sup>th</sup> and submit to the office of OFS; 5) he will bring the design back to the Board for a final review – a complete set of documents designs, finishes, etc.; 6) send to Pepco for final pricing; 7) may start construction the last of October or first of November 2016; 8) looking to occupy the building in July 2017. Mr. Frazier said do not let them bring messed-up drawings, but drawings they can read and see. He asked the Superintendent and Mr. Morgan to let the Board know so they can have a special called meeting to review the project. In reference to the Track Field, will the buses interfere with the field? Mr. Morgan said no. Ms. Jenkins asked for a copy of the presentation. He will submit the proposal to the Board.

Mr. Morgan said: 1) there was an issue with the inspection for OSF – the kitchen hood at AFHS, the vendor responsible for the hood was on site today and he said everything was good. Will have the fire marshal return to look at the hood; 2) doors at AFHS need repairs and they are working on these; 3) update on the Track, waiting for the Track consultant to give him a date to come back with the modifications and budget components.

**Policy IKE Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ms. Williams said the Board of Education has revised the State Board Grading Scale,

to be more equitable with States across the country. For a student to earn a high school diploma in SC they are required to have 24 Carnegie units. Ms. Robinson moved to accept the Policy as presented. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Frazier said on page 3, information to parents and guardians – PTA, PTO Meetings, how will this information get out. Ms. Williams said she shared with the Board a brochure she is working on and this is included and will be ready for parents at Open House. Information will also be available at the Allendale First Friday and at the Back-to-School Bash.

**Dress Code:** Ms. Williams said some parents were concerned about the shoes. Quite a few parents were surprised at how cheap uniforms are. Little students should be able to wear colored shoes.

**Act 207:** Ms. Williams said with Act 155 students could apply for their High School Diploma because they did not pass the Exit Exam. This new Act 207 follows the same process. This Act also applies to Special Education Students who had IEP's.

#### **APPROVALS**

**Student Release Requests:** Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Student Release Requests included in the Board packet. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Field Trip Approval – CSRA College Night:** Ms. Robinson moved to approve the trip as presented. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **PERSONNEL**

**Approval of Personnel Recommendations:** Ms. Rivers, Director of Personnel asked the Board to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session #1. Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the recommendations as presented. Ms. Robinson seconded. Mr. Frazier, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Robinson and Chairperson Russell voted to approve the recommendations. Mr. Hall opposed. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Ms. Grant said included in the packet were 3 documents from the Finance Department. Mr. Hall said the Operating Statement attachment would not open. Mr. Frazier asked about the \$8,000 for the tractor. Ms. Grant said it was additional cost so it was in last year. Ms. Robinson said she remembered approving the purchase of a tractor, but not sure of the size of the tractor.

**Budget Change Report:** Ms. Grant said this was to the general fund budget. The changes did not increase or decrease the budget. Funds are just being moved from one account to another.

**School Board Travel Expenditure:** for information.

**Operating Statement:** budgeted revenue vs. actual revenue

Mr. Frazier asked about Federal monies being part of the Financial Reports each month. Ms. Jenkins asked if Ms. Grant had access to the Federal Funds. Ms. Grant

said they come across her desk, these funds come in throughout the year and goes to the coordinator of that program. You have to spend the money first and submit a claim to be reimbursed back. Ms. Robinson asked for a quarterly report of Federal and State funds, when the grant notification arrives. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Mr. Frazier said they should see these things. He is concerned about it and will stay concerned about it. Ms. Jenkins said it is okay to be concerned about some things, but when you are constantly asking the same questions toward the same person, you are being hostile. Chairperson Russell said that was the purpose of the Auditor being here last week. Ms. Jenkins, Mr. Hall, Ms. Robinson and Chairperson Russell voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Frazier abstained. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 abstaining.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Tech Orientation – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade AFHS – Monday, August 1, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Orientation – 10-12<sup>th</sup> Grades AFHS – Monday, August 8, 2016 – 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Open House – AES – Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

Open House – AFMS – Thursday, August 11 2016 – 5:00 P.M.

Open House – FES – Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

District Wide Convocation – AFHS Cafeteria – Friday, August 12, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #2:** At 9:10 P.M. Ms. Jenkins moved that the Board go into Executive Session #2 for Personnel. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Hall moved that the Board return to Open Session at 10:40 P.M. Ms. Jenkins seconded.

Secretary Jenkins reported no action was taken on the Personnel Matter discussed in Executive Session #2.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 P.M.