

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

**MONDAY – AUGUST 22, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 22, 2011. At 6:00 p.m. the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel. 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, Vice Chairman
Terry Hall
Cheryl Mole
Willie Priester, Chair
Valaree Smith, Secretary

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Harold McClain, Superintendent
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Priester called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Hall moved to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Cave moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Ms. Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Mole moved to approve the Minutes of the August 1, 2011 Special Called Meeting and the July 25, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCSBA Certificates of Achievement – Recognitions: Dr. McClain said in an effort to improve the skill level of board members and to help them stay abreast of current trends in education the SCSBA offers workshops and trainings. Ms. Mole reached level 3 in her training and Ms. Smith reached level 2 in her training. They received certificates of achievement and pins. Chairman Priester congratulated Ms. Smith and Ms. Mole for a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Back-to-School Expo/Health Screenings: Dr. McClain said Mr. Everett was not able to speak on this item tonight. He said last Saturday at the Expo the District had the overwhelming support of the community in the way of providers. Providers came from Low Country Health Care Systems, Beaufort/Jasper/Hampton Comprehensive Health, Aiken and locally to help with some of the screenings for blood pressure, vision, hearing, diabetes, BMI, asthma and dental. About 700 children and adults were screened during the Expo. They handed out school supplies, backpacks about 500 or 600 hundred and the local prison provided stuffed backpacks. The District partnered with SC Primary Health Care Association, Henry Schein Pharmaceutical Supply Company and Low Country Health Care Systems and Beaufort/Jasper/Hampton Comprehensive Health. He asked that they repeat the event next year and Henry Schein has committed. Dr. McClain thanked the community for the support they provided for this activity.

Opening of School – Report by Principals

Mr. Youmans, AFHS Principal gave the Board a handout of information: 1) the new Freshmen Academy; 2) grade level parent nights – to be more informative with parents and help with parent skills to help facilitate student achievement and to focus on study skills; 3) focus teams are part of the HSTW initiatives – data team; afterschool team; professional team; school climate team; 4) Technical Assistance visit this year looking at HSTW will occur in February 2012 – making sure everything is in order; 5) restructured with department halls – math hall or language hall or science hall, except for the Freshmen Academy which is on the Vocational side of the building; 6) looked at attendance and on the 145 days last year the student count was 427. On the first day of school this year the count was 367 – today we are at 399 then jumped to 405 – so students are coming in – we are looking at about 12 students down from last year; after Labor Day looking for attendance to jump up; 7) looking for great gains in scores this year and 8) copies of the football and volley ball schedules are included.

Mr. Holiday, AFMS Interim Principal: 1) their vision is to make sure achievement in young people don't suffer because the older people don't have their stuff together; 2) ROS Works the program assists teachers in the areas of ELA, Math and Social Studies and allows teachers to make instructional decisions based on data; 3) focus teams – PBIS, data and climate teams; 4) embedded in student schedules – interventions through computer labs, targeting bubble students and those that are close to proficiency and those that are above and are within 10-15 points; 5) character education – the guidance counselor is going into the classroom to talk about bullying and gang awareness; 6) last year they had 288 students and right now the total is 302 students and 7) extended day program would like to start in September – offering about 6 hours per week for 24 weeks to enrich students in ELA and Math.

Mr. Rawlinson, FES Interim Principal: 1) the school has enormous potential and a staff that is caring and they can make a difference in the lives of students that are there; 2) fully staffed on the first day of school – except for a kindergarten teacher doing work in China over the summer; 3) new 5th grade teacher; 4) attendance last year the enrollment was 255 students – the first day

number this year was 219; 15 students transferred to Allendale; 6 moved out of state; 6 are in Hampton County; 1 in Beaufort; 2 are in Richland County and 1 in Barnwell; today had 229 students; 5) had no problems with the bus in the morning or afternoon – had no referrals to the office this week or last week; 6) shared with the staff that they will be concerned with the whole child both academic and social; 7) focusing on bullying; 8) looked at the schedule – fine arts teachers who had a lot of free time – he has met with these teachers and they will be teaching children in small groups or 1-on-1 in their free time.

Ms. Leath, AES Principal: 1) very smooth opening – 1st two days made sure students understood the PBIS rules – demonstrated the rules and gave out tiger bucks for those who understood the rules. Teachers will reiterate positive behavior; 2) had enough textbooks for all the students – every student was issued a text books; 3) no new programs – they felt like teachers were getting overwhelmed because so many new programs were added; 4) we eliminated some programs that were not working like we would like them to – tweaking the programs left to make them greater; 5) enrollment they had 38 no shows – accounted for 29 of these students and are still looking for 9; 8 students transferred to Barnwell; 1 Charleston; 6 Aiken; 1 Beaufort; 1 Colleton and 6 Jasper and 6) encouraged Board members to come in and visit them this year.

Dr. Jonathan Francis, Interim Director AFLC/Adult Education: 1) trying to expand the program out in the community and areas in Fairfax and Kline; 2) the Alternative Program – some students enjoy a smaller school setting; 3) want to make sure they are not just a discipline school but improve social and academic behavior of students and making students are responsible for their behavior and putting them back in school in a much better frame of mind; 4) the staff is great – they are ready to go; 5) need to look at the community consumer skills – how to do their taxes and working on their computer skills.

Extension of School and Bus Schedule for 2011-2012: Dr. McClain said last April a principal presented this proposal to the Board and the motion was tabled for further study. The purpose of this is to provide additional time in the school day – for instance when Success-For-All (SFA) was implemented in the elementary schools last year it took away from the ELA block. The same at the middle school and high school can provide more academic assistance to students not passing HSAP and improving the graduation rate. Mr. Hall asked how this will affect the master schedule at AFMS and AFHS. Will this be adding another period? Dr. McClain said this time should have been provided in the schedule. Mr. Youmans said they would have to go in and redo their schedule and must do 8 periods instead of 7 periods. Mr. Hall asked what classes will be offered to these students with the additional period added, elected or core classes. Mr. Youmans said it would benefit them to add an HSAP class, but they would have to go back in and look at the numbers and how many students they would have to serve with the 8th period. Chairman Priester asked how much time it would take to make this work. Mr. Youmans said it is not impossible, but it would be a lot of work. Dr. McClain asked if the principals still needed the extension of the school day. Ms. Leath said AES still needed the extension of the school day – must fit in all the ELA standards that SFA does not address. They cannot find the time. Mr. Holiday, AFMS said they have extended periods without SFA – if they put this in for about 60

minutes – he likes what they have right now. Putting this in will cut back on ELA and Math. Mr. Youmans said extended day would have to be on a school by school basis. Dr. McClain said the elementary schools were asking for 20 additional minutes on the school day, AFMS was asking to dismiss at 3:15 which would add 5 minutes to day; AFHS starts at 7:45 ending at 3:00, the extension would have the high school ending at 3:30. The extension would eliminate all the down time where children are sitting on the school bus in the afternoon. Mr. Youmans suggested flip-flopping of the bus schedule and how they pick up students. Pick up the high school students first and this would give the elementary schools the time they need. AES students currently sit on the bus for about 20 minutes. Ms. Smith asked if principals met and came up with the enclosed proposal. The answer is yes the principals met and discussed the extension of the school day. Dr. McClain said they will go back to the drawing board on this item.

Charter School – Notice of Appeal: Dr. McClain said this item is for information only. The attorney has filed an appeal. Hampton 2 has also filed an appeal on the charter school.

PERSONNEL REPORT: Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director asked the Board to accept the recommendations made in executive session in regards to personnel. Mr. Hall moved to accept the recommendations. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by all.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Tillotson, Interim Finance Director said they are looking forward and back settling accounts for fiscal year 2011; the auditors were in the District and will return in late October or early November. They are finishing final claims on federal funding; will reconcile the books with the County Treasurer; balance sheet reviews still going on and the District has a surplus of about \$250,000 to \$300,000 for next year.

Budget Change Report – July 1-31, 2011 – information received – what the Board has been getting in the past, open for suggestions in reporting. None of the budget changes are increasing or decreasing – just moving money for services and supplies.

Budget Report by Function – July 1-31, 2011 – Mr. Tillotson said the report reflects payroll for 12 months employees and payment for homebound services during the summer. Revenues from the Education Finance Act and Education Improvement Act \$385,272 and expenses are \$423,363. A big chunk of this was paying property insurance at the beginning of the year. In August the District will receive funds from EFA and EIA.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference – Dec. 2-4, 2011 – Hilton Head (Hotel Reservations Open September 9, 2011)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.