

ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTESS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY – MARCH 20, 2017 – 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, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. The Board went into Executive Session for Personnel and Superintendent Contract. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax Middle/High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Patricia Jenkins called the Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

ROLL CALL: Terry Hall
Patricia Jenkins, Chairperson
Willa Jennings, Vice Chairperson
Wilda J. Robinson
Catherine Russell, Secretary

BOYKIN & DAVIS: Imani Newborn, Esq.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Agenda. Ms. Russell seconded. Ms. Robinson asked if Executive Session #2 was on the Agenda to complete what is not completed in Executive Session #1. Chairperson Jenkins said they should be able to complete all items in Executive Session #1. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1: Ms. Russell moved to go into Executive Session #1 for Personnel and Superintendent Contract at 6:05 P.M. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:10 P.M. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Russell moved to approve the Minutes of the Monday, February 27, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Carl Love said he was pleading with the Board, Superintendent and everyone to work together. What have we learned from the State Takeover? He was on the Board when the State gained control of the District. Board Members set the tone, be more visible in the schools, do not listen to the street committee, come out and see what is going on for yourselves. There are a lot of problems, but the students are working hard. For students who are trying to get their education they have that right, and those students who don't want an education that is why they have the AFLC. Everyone should be held accountable. When he was on the Board they went through a lot of superintendents, principals and teachers. The Board hires the superintendent. Have you tried working together and getting to know each other? Everything is about the students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SCSBA 2DAC – MARCH 7, 2017 – COLUMBIA: Chairperson Jenkins reported: 1) the General Assembly must meet its commitment to fully fund K-12 Education; 2) they met with Rep. Hosey and shared their position on funding with him; 3) Senator Bright-Matthews was not available to meet with them.

Ms. Russell reported: 1) they shared their concerns with Rep. Hosey; teacher step increase and retirement for teachers; 2) legislators should have started working on the budget last week. They should be out of recess in April.

Playground Equipment at Former AES Building: Ms. Robinson said the request was from Allendale County Administrator Mr. Pinkney to donate the Playground Equipment at the old AES for use in one of their parks they are planning to erect. She moved to approve this request. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Per Diem for Board Meals: Mr. Hall said it should read Per Diem for All District Staff. Ms. Grant, Finance Director reported: 1) Policy DKC Expense Authorization/ Reimbursement was approved by the Board in February 2015; 2) SDE per diem in-state \$25 and out-of-state \$32; 3) Dept. of Education for Federal funds, in-state \$25 and out-of-state \$32; 4) Bamberg #1 in-state \$32 and out-of-state \$42; 5) Barnwell School District 45 in-state \$25 and out-of-state \$32.

Ms. Jennings said the last report the Finance Director gave spoke of the budget for the school board and putting more funds in their travel budget. Who budgeted the amount for the Board? Ms. Grant said this is the amount that was carried over from year to year. Ms. Jennings said if you can change one thing at a Board Meeting, why can't you change another. Ms. Grant said the Board requested a budget transfer moving funds from one object to another. Ms. Jennings said she was speaking for the Board and others in the District. Going to Colorado \$32 is not enough. Ms. Robinson said she agrees with the concern, but would like for this item to be part of the budget building for next year. If they went up on the per diem it would be a policy change. The transfer of funds from one account to the Board's account is not a policy movement. Chairperson Jenkins said they will look at it from the prospective of the District, not the Board.

GOOD NEWS

JROTC Advance Ed Accreditation Inspection: SFC Tyler said this is a new inspection for them. Some things changed and they had to make some radical changes and decisions and the cadets came through. Student R. Doe put the slides together and made sure everything was on task. SFC Tyler said they wanted to see the students' hands and foot prints working on the continuous improving project. They selected the Michelle Obama Healthy Eating and it had to mirror and connect to show how it benefits the community and school and they had to provide data on how the program was put together. On the Service Learning Project MAJ Howard said out of all (about 300) schools Jiri Baines was the only freshmen to get 100%. The overall score was 90%. The Gold Star is going away in the near future, but schools JROTC had to pass the Accreditation process. All the JROTC leaders present tonight were females.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: For information only. Ms. Jennings said for AFMS the Suspension-Out-of-School listed 581 Days. Principal Hall said she would email all Board Members the information once she researched it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Track/Construction Update: Superintendent Mrs. Williams said Mr. Morgan was in the District today. They wanted to get the numbers under the \$1-million-dollar mark and they were able to do this after today's meeting. The District received \$150,000 towards the Track Project from the SDE and another donation was received from funds that were being held. They are waiting on the revised track documents. They would like to attend the April Board Meeting and have the Board discuss, get approval and get the bids out and start construction. This is not part of Pepco. Mrs. Williams said this project was bid out and the Board met with CHA to do the design. Ms. Russell said she talked to Attorney Boykin about Mr. Morgan, Pepco, spending money and no ground has been broken. She asked to put a hold on funds for the wing of the school.

School Nutrition Program Update: Ms. Johnson, Director gave the Board a handout. She reported: 1) the hood is working at AFHS and they are now cooking; 2) they are in the bidding process for the food this year, \$1.50 storage cost, per package; 3) \$84,000 in commodities and \$74,000 going to brown boxes which are meats and vegetables; 4) the Wellness Policy is being addressed. She received a survey, was evaluated and got a 30 out of 100; need to bring the 30 up to 60 by June 30, 2017; \$42,000 per year will be loss if they do not get up to 60; 5) Started on the Summer Feeding Program and will incorporate the Farm to Summer Program; 6) this week is Health Tip Week – adopt a no dump zone for employees – no cakes and left over desserts; take the elevators instead of the stairs. Ms. Robinson asked about the greenhouse, they have been working on it for 3 years. Ms. Johnson said it needs a design engineer to put it together. It is not a simple process. Need someone who knows what they are doing. Ms. Robinson asked if funds were available for the program. Ms. Johnson said they have used the funds for the greenhouse and there

are no funds to hire someone to finish the project. But looking at new funding in April. She said Mr. Felder said he may be able to help by using his students. Chairperson Jenkins said keep the Board updated on the progress of the greenhouse. Ms. Robinson asked about the food lost during Hurricane Matthew. Mrs. Williams said FEMA have been meeting with the District frequently. Mr. Moses said they are still working on the process and they receive weekly updates. Ms. Grant said FEMA will only reimburse for food that is only non-USDA. They are waiting on the claims from the insurance company and FEMA will pay if only the insurance carrier denies the claim or what was not paid.

Senior Class Dinner – Update: a handout was given by Assistant Principal Bryan. The suggestion was to have the Senior Dinner coincide with Baccalaureate on May 28th the Sunday before Memorial Day. More students will participate if the date is changed, having Baccalaureate a week earlier. Mr. Bryan said the budget for the Senior Banquet is \$17,000. They will take a hit the first year because they have no tables usable for a banquet. The idea is to buy these items and keep them at the school for future years; let the tables and chairs make money for the school, renting these out for community events. Ms. Robinson said the tables the Democratic Party had during the MLK Banquet were the old ones from the cafeteria and they were able to seat about 350. Mr. Bryan said they had 82 Seniors and each would get 2 tickets. He said the idea was for the high school to have their own furniture and store them. He thinks the high school has the money. Chairperson Jenkins asked the high school to look at this and see how they can come down on the price of \$17,000 for chairs, food and decorations. Ms. Jennings said she would provide the tablecloths if they cleaned them afterwards. She asked if they spoke with the Foodservice Dept. about catering. Mrs. Williams asked for feedback on the Baccalaureate Program being held a week earlier. Baccalaureate is currently scheduled for May 28th and graduation is June 2nd. Chairperson Jenkins said in the past a large number of seniors were not required to and did not attend Baccalaureate. Mr. Bryan said Memorial Day weekend something big goes on in Beaufort and seniors flock to this. Ms. Russell moved to change Baccalaureate to May 21, 2017. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Accreditation Status Update: Mrs. Williams reported the District has not received any update from the SDE on the preliminary. And no information from the SDE on the AdvancEd Accreditation. Ms. Jennings asked if all corrections needed were made and forwarded to the SDE. Mrs. Williams said yes, and the information was submitted by Ms. Rivers. Ms. Rivers is absent tonight because changing the Board Meeting conflicted with her Board Meeting in her District.

New Tech Update: Mrs. Williams said funding was received. The SDE is requiring Palmetto Priority Schools to adopt a reform model. New Tech is the District's Reform Model and the SDE says the District must have some type of reform model. A few weeks ago the Coach for New Tech was in the District and would like to do a presentation to the Board. He can return the 1st week of April for the presentation.

Multi-District Agreement with Hampton District #1: Mrs. Williams reported they are waiting on information from the SDE and other guidance on sample Multi-District Agreements.

Board Budget Draft Calendar: the Board was presented a draft calendar. Mrs. Williams said Ms. Rivers would email the Board all classified and certified staff by location and position. The Board will email the Chairperson of their availability for the budget meetings.

2017-2018 Draft Calendars: Mrs. Williams said the Board voted at the February 2017 Board Meeting to follow the General Assembly recommendation to start school on August 17th and be out on August 21st the day of the eclipse. Ms. Robinson said last year they asked the faculty and staff to do a survey and receive input on the calendar choice. Mrs. Williams said she wanted the Board to see the calendars first before having the staff survey and vote on the calendars.

Principal-for-A-Day: Mrs. Williams said this will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2017 followed by a 1-hour debriefing breakfast on Thursday, April 2nd. A letter went out to the community and many community leaders chose to participate. They will be asked to walk the building, monitor student traffic, greet car riders, read to student, attend professional development, eat lunch with students and principals will share what some of the schools needs are.

APPROVAL

Voluntary Sick Leave Donation Policy – 1st Reading: Chairperson Jenkins read the “Purpose” of the Policy. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the 1st reading as presented. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Change Report: Ms. Grant, Finance Director reported: 1) before anything could be submitted to FEMA it had to be submitted to the insurance company first; this is the first time they heard of the information Ms. Johnson reported; 2) pages 1-5 are revenues thru the end of February 2017; 3) the District received \$5,017,631 in revenues.

Ms. Russell said on page 27, sub fund #326, what is the purpose of this? Ms. Grant said this is for refurbished Science Kits. Ms. Russell said she wanted to make sure we are spending the money. She asked about sub fund #392. Ms. Grant said this is a program thru CATE. There is only 1 National Board Certified teacher at AES. Ms. Robinson said on page 5 the deficit. What is this attributed to? Ms. Grant said the District have received no local taxes yet and waiting on more revenue from the State. We only receive tax revenue from the County until the end of the year.

Also included with the Financial Report: 1) School Board & Superintendent Travel, 2) Boykin & Davis, LLC – Paid-to-Date and 3) EIA & EFA Reports for February 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCSBA 2DAC – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Columbia

Ms. Russell asked about the fence at AFHS. When will something be done? Mr. Hall asked if the razor wire on the side of the fence will be removed. Mrs. Williams said they are working on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2: Ms. Robinson moved to go into Executive Session #2 at 8:43 P.M. for Personnel. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was Adjourned at 9:12 P.M.