

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

**MONDAY – OCTOBER 29, 2012 – 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, October 29, 2012. 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
Timothy Hall, Vice Chairman
Cheryl Mole
Willie Priester, Chairman
Valaree Smith, Secretary

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

7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Priester called the Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Cave moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of Silence was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Hall moved to approve the Agenda. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Mole moved to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2012 Regular Monthly Board Meeting. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Paul Morse, former teacher made the following comments: 1) he is in support of the Bus Drivers; 2) Bus Drivers received 1 pay raise in 4 years; 3) behavior on the buses have improved over last year; 4) he asked the Board to read some of the referrals and not just look at the numbers and 5) 2 Bus Drivers have been hurt trying to break up fights. Consider having an aide on each bus to help with discipline. Bus Drivers cannot be responsible for 60 or more students

and drive the bus. We do not have any substitute Bus Drivers. If a driver is sick, other Bus Drivers must drive a double route.

GOOD NEWS

Student Recognitions – Allendale-Fairfax Middle School – Mr. Hemby, AFMS Principal recognized Carolyn Mew; Shaquill Phoenix; Shavontay Elmore; Craig Smart; Infiniti Frederick and Rashad Brantley and Art Teacher, Ms. Jeri Jeffcoat. These students art work was on display at the Orangeburg State Fair. He asked the audience to take a few minutes and view the art work on display tonight in the back of the room.

Clean Sweep Award: Mr. Tillotson presented the Clean Sweep Award for the month to Allendale-Fairfax Middle School. Principal, Mr. Hemby accepted on the school's behalf.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: for information only. Mr. Hall asked about AFHS report. He said looking at the total number of 13 offenses in September and the number of Letters written, In-School Suspensions (17) and Out-of-School Suspensions (60). Are these referrals or days? Mr. Hall asked for clarity if the numbers mean 1 student can have multiple referrals. You see a number like 60, but nothing shows the number of students (10 or 20) that actually got a referral or days out of school. Is there a report that shows this? Mr. Youmans said multiple referrals can come from the same student. Board members may want to see the page in Educators Handbook, this shows students getting multiple referrals, how many they are and what the referrals are for. Mr. Hall said they would like to see the “dashboard”, a breakdown or something more detailed. This same thing is occurring at all the schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Facilities Studies – Brownstone Construction and Design Architects: A copy of the Power Point is on file with the Minutes. Chairman Priester asked for a short/printed version of the presentation. As part of the process he asked about creative financing. Mr. Lawrence said they will present ideas for creative solutions to the selection committee and they will have a public meeting on the presentation. Ms. Mole said it needs to be known that this study is part of the School Improvement Grant and part of the recommendations from the State Dept. of Education.

Paperless Board Meetings – Update – Ms. Jamison reported: 1) on October 9th she and Mr. Hall made a visit to Richland 2 School Board Meeting because their Board Meetings are paperless. They use Boarddocs Pro because it keeps the servers updated; 2) the board secretary and IT person expressed a high level of satisfaction with the implementation and ease of use; 3) they used 2 screens, 1 had the Board Agenda and the board secretary drove the iPad with the Agenda. This helps keep everyone on track. The other screen had the public comments with a 3 minute time limit; 4) items that required motions, when the board member made a motion, the

secretary typed the motion in and this was noted on the screen; 5) their board meetings are screened live and posted on You-tube; 6) she looked at information from other vendors, Electronic School Board, E-Scribe and SchoolBoard.net; 7) all of these work with laptops and iPads; 8) the cost range from \$1,500 to \$12,000 and 9) suggested the Board view a webinar and training at some point to see how this service works.

Mr. Hall said: 1) the board secretary said it saved about 75% in time; 2) if a board member is absent they can Skype in and see what is going on at the meeting and 3) when the Agenda is approved, it is sent to board members and they can log-in and view the Agenda.

Ms. Jamison said Electronic School Board maintains the server and this is less work for the District and it pays for itself in 2 years. The District's Policy Manual will be available and tools to search other district's policy manuals. Chairman Priester asked where the Board would like to go from here. Board Members said they would like training and view a webinar.

Common Core Standards – Atlantic Research Partners (EMO): Dr. Sherald said the information was included in the Board packets. She highlighted: 1) timeline of implementation, this is the transition year. In 2013-14 schools will be putting the standards in practice and Common Core should be implemented in 2014-2015; 2) check the resource listed on the back of the information; 3) a session on Common Core will be presented at the NSBA Conference; 4) the District have aligned the Pacing Guide with Common Core and State Standards and 5) last week training was held for District Administrators and Principals.

Dr. McClain said this was Mr. Cave's last Board Meeting after 40+ years. He presented Mr. Cave with the sign-in booklet from the drop-in held on October 15, 2012. Mr. Cave said: 1) thank God for allowing him to serve these many years; 2) he cannot find the words to express how God has been with them; 3) to the Board thank you for the spirit that has existed between the Board; 4) thank you to the staff of Allendale County School District; 5) some things may not have always been acceptable with the staff, but look to please God and 6) thanks to the community who have encouraged him over the years.

School Facilities Use Request (April 1-4, 2013) – Mr. Espinosa requested: 1) use of Allendale-Fairfax Middle School to host a Day Camp during Spring Break; 2) last year 45-50 children from Allendale signed up for camp; 3) about 38 people and organizations gave time or money to support the camp last year; 4) children were served breakfast, lunch and dinner and 5) activities will include sports, soccer, arts and crafts and nutrition. Mr. Cave moved to accept the request for use of the facility. Ms. Smith seconded but asked about the cost. He said it was no cost to the District, just use of the facility. Mr. Hall asked about an Agenda and will it be the same from last year. Mr. Espinosa said it will be about the same. The parents did incur a small cost of about \$10 per student. This was used to buy materials for the students. The motion was approved by all.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Tillotson, Interim Finance Director said the information was in the Board's packets. He reported: 1) the District has received the State Education Finance Acts Funds; 2) ad valorem taxes will come in December and 90% of the property tax relief funds will come in December; 3) the District has about a \$3.1 million dollar cash balance, but should be in a position to not dip below \$800,000 to \$1 million dollars and 4) the District does not expect any delays in funds from the Treasurer's Office.

Budget Change Report – September 1-30, 2012: 1) changes were very minor and were associated with the School District Activity Funds; 2) the Audit rapped up this month and the presentation will be ready in November. He will have to check with the Auditors to make sure there is no conflict in their schedule. The District will receive a copy of the "draft" audit later this week. Chairman Priester asked will the District need a TAN. Mr. Tillotson said no, but the District did sign-up with the group that processes TAN's just in case there is a need.

NEWSLETTERS

AES Tiger Tales – October 2012

FES – The Wildcat Paws – October 2012

AFHS – Tiger Times – October 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCSBA Annual Conference – February 21-24, 2013 – Myrtle Beach (Hotel & Registration Opens November 16, 2012)

Ms. Smith said at the next Board Meeting she would like to hear something from the Band and uniforms for the Band. What is the status on this?

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hall moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion was approved by all.

OPEN SESSION: Mr. Cave moved that the Board return to Open Session at 10:28 p.m.

Ms. Smith moved that the Board authorize Chairman Priester to draft, sign and send a letter to the Superintendent which reflects our Executive Session discussion and concludes his evaluation for this year. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

ADJOURN: The Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.