

**ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**MONDAY – JUNE 28, 2010
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 28, 2010. At 6:00 p.m. the Board held a Public Hearing for the 2010-2011 Budget. 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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

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: Charles Boykin
Reagan Flemming
Shunna Vance

2010-2011 BUDGET – 3rd READING – Public Hearing – No community/public was present for the Public Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mr. Priester.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mole moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Priester moved to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Wesley Hightower – SCSBA – Representing Region 10 which Allendale is a member. He said he is a board member from Aiken. One of his goals when he got elected to the SCSBA was to go by and visit the different districts. He believes in strong working relationships and building team. Communicate with each other and share what they are doing in Aiken – he believes in networking. He would like to let them know what the SCSBA can do for them. Ms. Gwen Hampton from the SCSBA does various seminars, training, help with goals setting, building relationships and help evaluate the effectiveness of a school board. Aiken is participating in the Premium and Risk Reduction Program. The PARR Program helps reduce injuries. It helps the students be safe, faculty and staff. If you participate in the program you could do a press release, a commitment statement and coordinate a safety committee. Doing these things gives districts a 5% reduction in the Works Comp programs. This is money that can be added back into the budget. He would like to put out newsletters – send suggestions to him – he wrote one a year ago talking about what they would like to do. He would like to see Region 10 set the stage for how they should be doing business with the SCSBA. Contact him and share your concerns and he will get them back to the SCSBA. Call him – come to Aiken and visit their board meetings and see how they do it.

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. Townsend, President – Denmark Technical College – was not present. Dr. Alridge said in his absence he wanted to talk about the relationship and partnership the District currently has with Denmark Tech. He met with Dr. Townsend and Dr. DeRienzo to talk about the partnerships they are forming with surrounding districts to offer courses like the Welding Lab, Denmark Tech will provide the instructor for this class. And an Industrial Mechatronics course and expanding the Nursing and Health Science courses thru Denmark Tech. He will talk later about core content and dual credit courses like Psychology and World Geography which students can take on Allendale campus and get dual credit. Students taking these courses will get a high school credit and a college credit. They look forward to the relationship with Denmark Tech and OC-Tech. Mr. Priester asked if these courses be offered by instructors’ on-site or virtual courses. Dr. Alridge said it will be a mixture. With the virtual courses they have to analyze it – virtual courses must have certified teachers – or someone on the other end to make sure the students do their homework. Virtual courses do not help the difficult learners. The District is trying to stay away from virtual courses – unless the students taking these courses are high achievers. But these are mainly courses where a teacher will come on the site.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: Mr. Hall said the principals are at conferences and if you have any questions direct them to Dr. Alridge.

DRAFT 2010-2011 Regular Scheduled Board Meetings – no questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

AFHS Track Proposal – Dr. Alridge said this proposal is an aha moment in the community. The community, the schools and the city wants to talk about the District getting a track. The Boys Track Team has won 4 State championships in a row – this track would provide a lot of benefits for the team and the community. Some of the different things they are looking at are: 1) where the track will be located – looking at 2 different sights – one behind the AFHS and one would be near AFMS. They will continue to research this. They have a steering committee looking at where to put a track; 2) fundraising – how will it be paid for. Options are grants thru USDA – 75-25 split. The cost savings over the long haul – currently the District spends about \$8-9 thousand per year transporting the track team to Voorhees. They looked at the possible revenue if the District hosts some track events. This is something that is needed in the community and for the students. They are looking at different options including approaching the State Legislature – who approached them. If you have questions – but there will be additional studies on this subject – and the steering committee will continue to meet and bring proposals to the Board.

APPROVAL – MOA

Denmark Technical College – Dual Credit Program – Dr. Alridge gave the Board a copy of the MOA and said entering the partnership with Denmark Tech – this agreement involves some of the core content or dual credit courses. Review the MOA and come back with a vote. This is a great opportunity for ACS students – they can get college and high school credits at the same time. Mr. Priester asked when they have to act on this MOA. Dr. Alridge said they have been discussing this for about 4 months and they would like the Board to act on this tonight. They are working on the master schedule at the high school and they can get some of the students signed up for these courses. Vice Chair Hall asked if they received a “Draft” copy of this MOA earlier in the month. Dr. Alridge said yes – but some things have been changed on the MOA – he and the attorney looked at the MOA and made several changes. Mr. Cave said this is presented tonight – and they need to have some discussion on this in executive session. Mr. Priester said if they did this they should add contracts to the Board Agenda. He would like to have some time to review the MOA – and because of time and getting it ready for the students – it would be great to approve it tonight and have the students get this on their schedules.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

APPROVALS

3rd Reading of the 2010-2011 Budget – Mr. Robinson, Finance Director said the 3rd reading is in the Board packets for approval. An overview of the changes since the 2nd reading: 1) revenue no significant changes to the total revenue. In the summary \$90,000 was mentioned – the Legislators approved the final reading of the budget and the District will receive the \$90,000; 2) expenditures will remain the same as in the 2nd reading. He found out health insurance for employees will increase to 10.3%. They were told it was going to be 9.5%. This will result in

\$4,000 additional cost – but some of the expenditures was moved to some of the grant funds to offset some of these costs; 3) created an account for construction of the track - \$20,000 was set aside; 4) funds in the budget for student clubs - \$8,000 for student organizations. The Debate Club \$3,000; JROTC \$3,000; AFHS Band \$5,000; AFMS Band \$5,000; Chorus \$4,500; SGA \$3,000 and Beta Club \$3,000. Some of these additional costs are being funded by transferring some of the expenditures in the grant funds; 5) due to legislation that has been passed the Board – if they approve the 3rd reading of the budget – should note that there is no step increase for teachers included in the budget. This must be noted in the minutes that the Board is approving the budget with no step increase for this fiscal year. Mr. Priester said thanks for getting them to the table with a line item for some funds for the track team. Mr. Priester moved to accept the 3rd reading of the budget as is – with no step increase for teachers noted in the minutes. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Funding Flexibility Form – Mr. Robinson said the SC Legislation allows districts to have some flexibility in some of their State grant funds. Due to the fiscal crisis they have increased the amount of flexibility that is allowed during the 2009-2010 year. In doing so they require the Board to approve the amount and transfers of some of the State grant funds to other grants. This is important – other than the June 30th deadline for submission to the SDE is that – see 3rd page of handout – documents the funds that are being transferred. In the 2nd column – prior year carryover – these are funds that we would lose if we don't move them to be used in other funds. In the 1st columns are the programs from which funds are being transferred and the 2nd column lists if these funds are actual carryover from a prior year that has not been used – the 3rd column lists the amount being transferred and the 4th column is the programs to which the funds are being transferred to avoid losing them. The 2nd page is a form – Staffing Flexibility/Maximizing Resources – some line items the SDE requires them to fill out. What affects the District is #2 – the District delayed teachers contracts until May 15th - #3 during the 2009-10 year the District had 23 retirees salaries that were negotiated. These are flexibility measures the District used during the year and must be reported. Mr. Cave moved to approve the Funding Flexibility Form. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

INFORMATION:

Budget Changes Report – May 1-31, 2010 – Mr. Robinson said most of the changes in the budget transfers reflect their efforts to eliminate some of the negative accounts. They still have other accounts they need to adjust during the month of June. This will come at the next Board meeting.

Budget Report by Function – May 1-31, 2010 – Mr. Robinson said the total revenue page 2 – \$897,580 and year-to-date \$11,523,262. The total expenditures is \$788,342 and the year-to-date expenditures is \$10,088,875.

Mr. Priester asked Mr. Robinson if the District had any carry over funding that will go for next year funding – being the end of the fiscal year – will any additional funds be left over from this year. Mr. Robinson said the District should have about \$100,000 – this is conservation – this still holds. Mr. Robinson said for information at the Board meeting in July he will bring the General Obligation Bond Resolution – same as last year – he met with Ross, Sinclair – some of this can help fund some of the capital expenditure projects – like maintenance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel, contractual matters and legal updates.

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 9:05 p.m.

Secretary Mole made a motion to approve the following: 1) the MOA for Denmark Technical College Dual Credit Program; 2) to accept and approve the personnel recommendations from Interim Supt. Dr. Alridge; 3) to appoint T.A. as Executive Director of Student Services. Mr. Hall seconded. The motions were approved by acclamation.

Mr. Priester made a motion to employ Dr. Harold McClain as Superintendent of Allendale County Schools upon the signing of the contract. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.