

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

**ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
MONDAY – JUNE 29, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, June 29, 2015. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Student Release Requests and Act 155 Petition. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

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

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

**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:** Mr. Frazier moved to approve the Agenda. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #1:** Mr. Frazier moved to go into Executive Session #1 at 6:12 P.M. for Personnel/Contracts, Student Release Requests and Act 155 Petition. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Frazier moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:14 P.M. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Russell moved to approve the Minutes of the Budget Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2015, Budget Workshop, Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and the Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, May 18, 2015. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Allendale County Sheriff, Tom Carter said he received a letter on June 18, 2015 in reference to cutting one of the SRO from the District. He is kind of confused. There was

a Resource Officer for the middle and one for the high school. The schools have merged, but the number of students has not changed. Ms. Robinson said what Sheriff Carter is talking about is considered personnel and not for discussion in Open Session. Chairman Hall said this is a Personnel and Contractual matter. Ms. Robinson asked if Sheriff Carter could join Executive Session #2. This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**GOOD NEWS:** Superintendent, Ms. Williams said Summer School is in process and is going well and everyone has graduated. Summer school was for enrichment purposes. She is waiting for the ACT and Aspire scores. Once they are received she will put together a presentation for the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Robinson said she attended the "Poverty Conference" in Florence, SC. The keynote speaker was Kenneth Griffin. The conference was geared toward teachers from Headstart, early childhood and community programs, but for Boards also and anyone who worked with children. Mr. Griffin talked about how we interact with children, parents and the community. He also talked about the team concept. State Superintendent Molly Spearman also attended the conference. Ms. Robinson said she has information for Supt. Williams and would like to consider having Mr. Griffin come in and do some professional development.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**DRAFT 2015-2016 Board Meeting Calendar:** Ms. Williams will be out of the District on July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> and asked if the Board could meet on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frazier said he would like to consider August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Williams said she would not have enough information to share on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Russell is not available on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Board members will be available on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The TBA Meetings on the Board Draft Calendar will be held at the Elementary Schools. Ms. Robinson moved to accept the 2015-16 Board Meeting Calendar with the amendments. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Basics of Boardmanship Workshop:** Ms. Williams said she wanted to make sure all Board Members received the letter and notes from Ms. Hampton, from the SCSBA on the Board Workshop.

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

**Profile of SC Graduate/New Tech Network:** Ms. Williams said the Board would be hearing about the Profile of the SC Graduate as they ventured throughout the State. She received a call about the New Tech Network, emphasis on STEMs education and the early college component where students can enhance the number of dual credits they take. The funds provided for the group from Allendale to attend the conference in Chicago, July 20-25, 2015 is from the Department of Education. The sessions are for schools that are exploring the concept and dialogue schools that are doing this. When they return she will share the information with the Board and see if this is something the District wants to explore. The concept could be used District-wide. Ms. Robinson asked if the funds would cover the total costs. Ms. Williams said yes, travel, lodging and incidentals. Attending will be the high school principal, assistant principal, guidance

counselor, 2 teachers and the superintendent. If the District implements this project the New Tech Network gives Districts a year to plan and New Tech comes down and does presentations for the Board.

**Updates:** Ms. Williams said they are working with the contractors and the architecture on the capital projects and will have a meeting with them to get an update to make sure they are on track and everyone is on the same on page. Ms. Robinson said in a previous meeting they talked about work being done on the campus near the old Middle School. Ms. Williams said that was the drainage and at the Retreat the information was given to the Board. At the meeting tomorrow with the architect and contractors they will have more information.

### **APPROVALS**

**Student Release Requests:** Ms. Robinson moved that the Board approve the 7 Student Release Requests. Mr. Frazier seconded. He asked that when the Board gets Student Release Requests they are filled out completely and not include personal opinions. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Act 155 Petition:** Mr. Frazier moved to approve the 1 petition received. Ms. Russell seconded. Mr. Frazier said they talked about making the announcement to make sure students have heard about the program. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**PERSONNEL:** Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director asked the Board to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session #1. Mr. Frazier moved to accept the recommendations. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Chairman Hall, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Russell and Mr. Frazier voted to approve the motion. Ms. Robinson abstained. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Ms. Grant, Director of Finance said information was included in the Board's packet. The Budget Changes Report – May 1-31, 2015 reflects changes thru the general fund budget, which did not increase or decrease but moving funds from one account to another. Ms. Russell asked about the new computer for the high school principal. Ms. Grant said funds were transferred from travel to budget to purchase the computer. Ms. Williams said the former principal's computer belonged to the CATE program and needed to be put back in the CATE program.

**2015-2016 Budget – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:** Mr. Frazier asked about special funds on different projects and not reflected on the salary. He would like to see exactly how much each employee is paid. Ms. Williams said you want a report on salary in general or each employee. Mr. Frazier said on each employee and if employees get stipends or supplements. Mr. Frazier moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Budget. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Ms. Robinson said when they started the budget process she made several requests for information in regards to the budget and to date she has not received the information. Ms. Grant said she has the information tonight and it could be reviewed in Executive Session. Ms. Grant gave the Board the requested information. Ms. Robinson said she asked about the hearing officer and the funds from the games. Ms. Williams said

in the budget and with Boards approval, in 2011 the State gave Boards certain perimeters to balance the budget and this included freezing the salary of certified staff. This budget does include catching up certified staff salaries that are 2 years behind and if you reached 22 years of experience the salary was frozen. But this budget does include a 1% increase for these staff members. Mr. Frazier, Chairman Hall and Ms. Jenkins voted to approve the budget. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Russell abstained. The budget was approved by a 3-2 vote.

**Funding Flexibility – FY 2014-15:** Ms. Grant said this report is to be submitted at the end of the year for special revenue funds not spend and put into the general funds. Mr. Frazier moved to approve the request. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Ms. Russell asked about the K-8 Science Kits, why were these funds not spent? Ms. Grant said she is not sure why the funds were not used. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SCSBA School Law Conference – August 28-30, 2015 – Myrtle Beach

Promise Zone Meeting – Science Building USC-Salk – Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 P.M.

Ms. Williams will attend the Abbeville Equity Lawsuit Meeting in Columbia with State Superintendent Molly Spearman on July 7th. Chairman Hall will also attend the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION #2:** Ms. Russell moved to go into Executive Session #2 for Superintendent Contract and Contractual Matters at 7:55 P.M. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**OPEN SESSION:** The Board returned to Open Session at ???

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned ????