

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

**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, September 25, 2017. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the SC Department of Education Memorandum of Agreement. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax Middle/High School in the Multi-Purpose. The news Media, WDOG and WIIZ Radio Stations and the Barnwell Sentinel Newspaper were notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Patricia Jenkins called the Meeting to Order at 6:01 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

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

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Walter L. Tobin, Interim Superintendent
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

BOYKIN & DAVIS, LLC: Kenneth Davis, Esq.
Kiara Lewis, Esq.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Russell moved to approve the Agenda as stated. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Russell moved that the Board go into Executive Session at 6:02 P.M. to discuss the SCDE Memorandum of Agreement. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was any Action on the SDE Memorandum of Agreement discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Russell made the following motion: The members of the Allendale County School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") Board of Trustees ("Board") have previously entered into a Memorandum of Agreement

("Agreement") with The South Carolina Department of Education ("SCDE") for the purpose of supporting the District as a whole and all schools in the District, on July 28, 2017. The Agreement is still in effect. By request of State Superintendent Spearman on August 24, 2017, the Board suspended its superintendent search. On September 25, 2017, the Board is requesting Appendix A of the Agreement in the following particulars:

- The Board's duty under Paragraph a(i) to submit two nominees for the superintendent search within forty-five (45) days (by September 11, 2017) of execution of the MOA and Appendix shall be suspended until January 22, 2018.

Second by Ms. Jennings. The motion was approved by Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Russell and Ms. Jennings. Ms. Robinson abstained. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Robinson moved for the Board Information Packets, to achieve maximum Fiscal Accountability and maximize the effectiveness of the working relationship between the Board and the SCDE, I move to make a standing request that Superintendent Tobin provides the Board Chair with an information packet which will include but is not limited to: An annual organizational chart showing employee name, title, department, supervisor, and employment status (new or continuing); and Information regarding personnel and financial matters which affect the District's budget three days in advance of monthly meetings for review. This request is made pursuant to Board Policy BBA which requires the Board to hold the Superintendent responsible for the proper and efficient administration of schools. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Russell moved to approve the Minutes of the Monday, August 28, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting and Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Special Called Meeting. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Tawana Mole said she wanted to talk about Safety Concerns. She thanked Dr. Tobin and Dr. McCullough for helping her get services for her son who has some visual impairments. She said the District received a Bomb Threat on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at AFHS and parents were notified. On Friday, the same thing happened and parents were not called. She worked for emergency for almost 13 years and knows what it takes to clear a building. There is only one Resource Officer for the Middle and High School, who also teaches a class. Hire another SRO.

Mr. Wilbur Cave invited everyone to become a Volunteer for ACS. They are working with the school to develop a program with emphasis on tutoring to help improve test scores. He has the sign-up sheet tonight for those interested. October 9th is Orientation Training, give at least 1 hour a week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

AFHS Homecoming, Friday, October 13, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.