

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

**MONDAY – OCTOBER 25, 2010, 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 25, 2010. 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  
Terry Hall, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Mole, Secretary  
Willie Priester  
Alexis Zeidan, Chair

**FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE:** Dr. Harold McClain, Superintendent  
Ms. Kedra Rivers, Personnel Director  
Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director of Finance  
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

**FROM THE BOYKIN LAW FIRM:** Reagan Flemming

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Zeidan called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mr. Priester.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Hall moved to amend the agenda for item #14 for Personnel and item #15 Adjournment. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Secretary Mole reported no action was taken in executive session. She moved to approve the following trips: the Debate Team going to North Carolina, the Special Education class to Georgia and the HSAP takers from last year to Carowinds, NC. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting with the necessary corrections. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**GOOD NEWS**

**Clean Sweep Award:** In the absence of Mr. Harney, Dr. McClain presented the “*Clean Sweep Award*” to Fairfax Elementary School. Principal Chandler accepted on behalf of the school.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SCSBA 2010 Certification of Delegates for Delegate Assembly:** Chairperson Zeidan and Mr. Priester are scheduled to attend the conference, but both of them are up for reelection. The Board tabled the item until after the election.

Chairperson Zeidan said she had information on attendance to the Palmetto Priority School Meeting in Colleton County on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board tabled the item until after the election.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**Discipline Reports:** Mr. Hall said he had a question for AES and AFMS. At AES “letters send by administrator” is 80 and “phone calls by administrator” 50. Explain the difference which is “30”. Ms. Leath said the letters include attendance and discipline letters. Mr. Hall asked if the report could be given in such a way that distinguished between attendance and discipline letters. Ms. Leath said yes. The person who does discipline can do this. Dr. McClain said he and Dr. Alridge talked about the report. Just looking at the numbers doesn’t tell the whole story. A more complete report will be available. Mr. Hall thanked Mr. Chandler for keeping his numbers down.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE**

**Action**

**Palmetto Priority Schools – Memorandum of Agreements (SDE):** Dr. McClain said this document was signed at an earlier Board Meeting. The MOA is that the school district will provide the resources and support for the schools to improve and the Board embraces the report the schools are putting forth. Mr. Cave moved to accept the MOA. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – SCSBA Criminal Checks – Policy GBEBDA:** Ms. Mole moved to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of this Policy. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**Code-of-Conduct Handbook:** Dr. McClain said based on information received, the Code of Conduct Handbook is to be tabled until corrections have been made. Mr. Hall moved to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**Volunteer Application Procedures Handbook:** Ms. Mole moved to approve the Volunteer Application Procedures Handbook. Mr. Hall seconded, but asked if once the handbook is approved, will the District as a whole provide training or will each school provide training. Dr. McClain said in some cases the District will provide training, but situations will dictate that individual schools provide training. Or schools can get together and provide common training. Chairperson Zeidan said one school was supposed to provide training last week but it was postponed. How soon can volunteers be trained? Dr. McClain said principals were waiting on approval of the procedures from the Board. The motion was approved by acclamation.

### **Discussion**

**SIG Grant Update** – Ms. Kennedy provided in the Board packets an update on the SIG Grant. She reported: 1) in September there were a lot of activities supporting best practices; 2) Ms. Kay Gooding of Pearsons Learning Team worked with AFMS teachers to discuss the progress of the teacher workgroup meeting; 3) they addressed the components of each of the activities; 4) October 6<sup>th</sup> had an implementation of the New Teacher Academy, facilitated by the schools Teacher of the Year; 5) the New Teacher Academy addresses teachers who are new to the District, or new to the teaching profession. They are provided mentors to assist them throughout the school year; 6) Success-for-All consultants worked with each school; 7) one of the concerns was “pacing” in the classrooms, most of the students can work at a faster pace; 8) October 12, Ms. Shauna Vance from Boykin and Davis facilitated a training for all staff on “Discipline and Bullying” and 9) the 1<sup>st</sup> Transformation Advisory Board Meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the District Office. Eighteen members attended, which included parents, community members, businesses, higher education and District Office Staff. Included in the packet is a Success-For-All schedule outlining when lessons are taught.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director asked the Board to accept the recommendations made in executive session. Mr. Priester moved to accept the recommendations. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Budget Change Report – September 1-30, 2010** – Mr. Robinson, Finance Director reported the report is in the Board packets and is for information only.

**Budget Report by Function – September 1-30, 2010** –Mr. Robinson said the first page is the revenue for the month, which is \$360,127 from State funds. The total year-to-date is \$1,113,164 from State funds. The next 6 pages is the budget report of expenditures by function. Page 6 the total expenditures for the month is \$912,882 and year-to-date is \$1,787,793. The next pages are the budget report by function listed in a detailed format.

**Executive session:** Ms. Mole moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**Open Session:** Secretary Mole reported the Board returned to open session at 8:27 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Priester made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.