

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

**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 – 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, September 26, 2011. At 6:25 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, Vice Chairman
Willie Priester, Chairman
Valaree Smith, Secretary

ABSENT: Terry Hall
Cheryl Mole

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Harold McClain, Superintendent
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel
Patricia W. Pringle, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Priester called the Meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Cave moved that the Board return to Open Session. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion was approved by all.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mr. Cave.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Smith moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Cave moved to accept the Minutes of the August 30, 2011 Special Called Meeting and the August 22, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion was approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joey Espinosa from the Boys and Girls Club asked if he could mention names in a positive way. He said he wanted to say thank you to the District and Administrative staff who have made things easy. He thanked Mr. Everett, Mr. Davis and Ms. Johnson for all their support.

Mr. Mark Lott said he is a community member and tax payer. Back in the spring he asked to have some discussion with the Board and Superintendent and he has not been allowed that opportunity. He has given about 12 years of his time to the school district. There are some things that concern him. He is concerned about the community and Allendale County School District. We have gotten relaxed and to complacent. He gets a lot of phone calls, but he believes in protocol and sending people to the proper channels. Things have gotten out of hand and we will find this out in a few days. He has gotten 3 calls about bullying. Are we going to wait until some kid gets so fed up and some child takes their life? A parent called him today and said she is not allowed to have lunch with her child at school. He is requesting a meeting in executive session with the Board. He understands things are going on with personnel. People are tired and distressed, times are hard. As a volunteer he has had to endure some things he should not have had to. Trouble making is not his style. This is his last time asking to meet with the Board.

Ms. Smith said the Board could only go in executive session to discuss certain things. She asked if they could get a letter stating the reasons for going into executive session, who and what they could go into executive session about. Could this letter be passed on to Mr. Lott so this could be addressed? Chairman Priester said the Superintendent will respond to this request.

GOOD NEWS

Clean Sweep Award – Mr. Everett, Interim Coordinator of Facilities and Maintenance presented the first award for the 2011-12 school year to Fairfax Elementary School. No one from Fairfax Elementary was present to accept, but he will make sure they get the award.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCSBA School Law Conference Report – Ms. Smith attended the conference and said they talked about the laws and changes taking place. The Special Needs workshop talked about the proper procedures for taking care of these students and making sure they receive a good education. The presenter went step-by-step on things they need to look for and if it is not in place what needs to be done. They talked about ethics, what should and should not be done. And they talked about the invocation and praying at Board meetings. We are in the South and I am a praying woman and will be until someone complains.

Chairman Priester also attended the conference and said one of the things they talked about is nation agenda items and changes that impact the District. For example, the earth shattering lawsuit Brown vs. Board of Education and the impact this had on public schools. The presenter was a judge, who talked about the impression this decision left on him. In the ethics workshop they talked about things they as elected officials should and should not do and providing documents in a timely fashion. They stressed the importance of Special Education and how districts should follow all the guidelines. Even the State is in a little hot water in reference to

Special Education funds. Lots of lawyers attended the conference and gave their opinion on specific items.

SCSBA 2011 Certification of Delegates for Delegate Assembly: Chairman Priester said the Board needs to make a decision on who will be the voting delegate. The District has 1 vote. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Chairman Priester as the voting person for Allendale County Schools. Ms. Smith will be the alternate for the Delegate Assembly. Mr. Cave seconded. The motion was approved by all.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: for information only.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

"Smiles For A Lifetime" Dental Clinic – Request – Dr. McClain said the District has provided them with assistance in transporting students to and from schools to the Clinic. Because of the cuts in their budget this year they need a backup driver and they are requesting if their driver is out sick the District will help by providing a driver from the bus driver crew to help them for that day. They are asking for about 10 days in the year that this may happen. Their current driver is very good and does not miss a lot of time from work. Mr. Cave asked if this request is being made with information from the bus drivers. Dr. McClain said the Dental Clinic would give us a least a days notice to try and arrange a driver. Ms. Smith asked what vehicle will be used. The one set aside for them or one of the District's vehicles. Dr. McClain said the driver would use the Dental Clinic current vehicle. Ms. Smith said she was asking because of liability and insurance purposes. Dr. McClain said the District provided the vehicle the Clinic is currently using, so it is the District's car. Mr. Cave made a motion to assist the Dental Clinic with a substitute driver on a part time, as needed basis. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion was approved by all.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Change Report – August 1-31, 2011 – Mr. Tillotson, Interim Finance Director said the August report was in the Board packets. It is a busy time for finance, but non-eventful for reporting purposes. They are working on payroll schedule for teachers. Expenses show 1 bi-weekly payroll. Large numbers for one of the federal programs, but this is reclassifying for supplies and services.

In revenues they are waiting for the Treasurer's office to settle up their books and report vehicle taxes and other small miscellaneous revenue sources that comes from the Treasurer's office. Most of the money arrives in December, January, and February, which are peek months. The

District is receiving monthly allocations from all the State funds. At the end of August the revenue was \$757,000 and about \$1.1 million in expenses which is about normal for this time.

Chairman Priester asked about any projections for the amount of taxes this year – he knows it is early in the process – any increases from last year. Mr. Tillotson said he has not heard anything yet, but he has been playing phone tag with the auditors and he spoke with the former finance director about this. He will get this report to the Board.

NEWSLETTERS

AES Parent/Student Handbook & “Tiger Tales”

FES “September Newsletters”

“What’s Happening in ACS?” This is a two week forecast of what is going on across the District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCSBA “It’s sooo 21st Century” – Preview Upcoming Legislative Session – October 6, 2011 – Live 6:30-7:45 p.m. or Richland. Dr. McClain said this session will be set up at AFMS and open to the public.

NSBA Convention – Boston, MA – April 21-23, 2012

Ms. Smith said any principal or interim principal needs to attend the Board Meetings. They only meet once a month and she wants to look in their faces. Dr. McClain said Mr. Rawlinson is on loan from the SDE, but was tied up in Columbia and Mr. Holiday is in Baltimore at the Success For All training.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.