

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

**MONDAY – MAY 20, 2013 – 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, May 20, 2013. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contractual Matters. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified and present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alonzo Frazier, Vice Chairman  
Timothy Hall  
Willie Priester  
Wilda Robinson, Chairwoman  
Valaree Smith, Secretary

**FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE:** Dr. Walter Tobin, Interim Superintendent  
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel  
Charlie Tillotson, Interim Finance Director  
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Robinson called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Hall moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Frazier moved to go into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of Personnel and Contractual Matters. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Priester moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Frazier moved to approve the Minutes of the April 29, 2013 Special Called Meeting and the April 22, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chairwoman Robinson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and welcomed returning Board Member Terry Hall who was away for several weeks on military duty. She said they are pleased with the number of end-of-year activities at all schools such as, plays, graduations, moving up ceremonies and teacher's appreciation. She encouraged the community to attend some of these programs at the schools and asked Administrators to make use of all the media to inform the community of all the activities at your school. Chairwoman Robinson and Mr. Frazier participated in the Cooter Fest parade. They had a good time and had a number of units from all the schools in the parade. She said every opportunity we get we need to show case our children to the community. The parents and community appreciate seeing their children in the parade. Please note the quote on the Agenda from President John F. Kennedy.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Mr. Frazier reported on the request from the Allendale County Parks and Recreation on the land owned by the District. He reported: 1) the property in question is the football/baseball field at CV Bing; 2) Mr. Priester, Dr. Tobin and Mr. Frazier looked at the property; 3) he asked Ms. Jennings to bring back a proposal for the Board. Ms. Jennings said she would talk with County Council about this.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Laval Anderson highlighted the accomplishments of her daughter who is a rising gymnastic star. India Anderson is currently enrolled at Allendale-Fairfax High School. Ms. Anderson said her daughter will be traveling abroad this summer and asked for support because this is so expensive. She will be circulating a letter to the Board in regards to her daughter.

Mr. Mark Lott said he was speaking on behalf of the Girls Scout. He said Ms. Fields from Allendale Elementary School contacted him regarding a trip the Girl Scouts are planning to Washington, DC. He told her he would help with raising funds and he also read a letter from the Girl Scouts outlining their itinerary and the cost of the trip.

### **GOOD NEWS**

**Allendale Elementary School – Families Connection Grant** – Ms. Leath, Principal said they received a \$500 Home Town Connection Grant. Every dollar counts and the school will have Family Fitness Day involving parents and students. The Grant will be used to purchase healthy fruits, vegetables and water.

**Allendale-Fairfax High School – Denmark Tech Partnership Program/Welding** – Mr. Youmans, Principal said five students graduated from Denmark Tech Welding Program with a certificate. Ms. Carolyn McGay, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Denmark Tech said the Welding Program is a certificate program and the same program offered to students on the Denmark Tech campus. The Program is free to students and State Lottery and Grant funds are used to pay for tuition for students. Most students enrolled are 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, 10<sup>th</sup>

graders can be enrolled with permission from the Principal. Mr. Nelson is the instructor at AFHS for the Program. Also on display tonight are 2 barbeque grills made by the Welding students. If purchased the grills sell for about \$250-\$600. Mr. Frazier said with welding you look for details and you can see the details on the grills. He also said the free hand drawings on the grills were done by student Alexandria Gibbs.

Dr. Tobin said when you look at categorizing someone students will change jobs and vocation several times in their lifetime. Cosmetology and welding courses involve high level math skills and these are stepping stones to other careers. We must do a better job with to help parents and student. And thanks to Denmark Tech for the work they are doing.

Ms. Smith said since the students have graduated from the program what is the next step for them. Chairwoman Robinson asked if the certificate recent graduates received allows them to go directly into the workforce. Mr. Youmans said they can move on to the next level. Mr. Nelson said different jobs will provide different levels of training so when you go to different jobs they can train you for that particular job. The Board offered congratulations to recent welding student graduates Devin Love; Chareek Creech; Tyshawn Mitchell; Laquintan Garvin and Charlie Elmore.

**Project Lead the Way** – Mr. Youmans, Principal asked Ms. Hall, CATE Director and Mr. Mason to come up and talk about this project. Ms. Hall said this Program is for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and is part of the STEMs Program. Three students from AFHS have been identified to work at industries in or close to Allendale for 10-20 hours (Grant Allendale or Georgia Pacific). Mr. Mason, the teacher from Denmark Tech said this is a pre-engineering program (gave the Board a handout). A lot of high schools are participating in the program and this is provided thru a grant and is free to the students. There are a total of 6 classes and these credits are transferable to any college or university. It is a very hands-on program and they have some very expensive equipment used in the program. They are offering paid internships to students and 3 students are working at Masonite in Denmark. Mr. Priester asked if the internship count as course credit. Mr. Mason said yes. Mr. Mason said Continuing Ed scholarships are available for citizens of Allendale to take multi-skills maintenance and they come out of the program with a 1 year certificate and work experience. The starting pay for these jobs in this area is about \$15 per hour and if you are willing to move, the starting pay is about \$25.

**Boys and Girls State** – Mr. Youmans said Youshi Kirkland, Tyler Gill, Denzell Washington and Quendrell Williams will be attending Boys State. Imani Johnson, Govanna Chaney and Dysheeka Chisolm will be attending Girls State.

Mr. Lott made a presentation for Boys and Girls State. When he joined the American Legion he met with Attorney Morgan Kearse and he lobbied for several slots. This is a national recognized program. Several students from Allendale have attended in previous years.

**AFHS Band News** – Mr. Youmans said the Band is growing tremendously. AFHS Band has been invited to the 2013 Russell Athletic Bowl (in Orlando, FL on December 27<sup>th</sup> and this event is televised) and to march in the Macy Day Parade. Ms. Gates, Band Director said the Band Banquet is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> at AFHS Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. and she will be asking for

donations to help the Band in the upcoming year. Band enrollment for next year is 83 students. The Band will be getting uniforms which will show a sense of pride and the uniforms are unique. Delivery should be within the next 120-150 days. She would like to have the uniforms by homecoming. Mr. Youmans said one of the pictures is for uniforms for the Band and the other is for the Drum Majors.

**Junior Leadership thru USC-Salkehatchie** – Ms. Brodus, Coordinator. The students presented a PowerPoint which highlighted some of their many activities for the year.

**Clean Sweep Award:** Mr. Tillotson said this award will be presented at Staff Recognition Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**Discipline Reports:** For information only.

### **APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Carolina** – Ms. Jeteseya Dennis, Executive Director (also present from the Board of Directors were Mr. Wilbur Cave and Mr. Thomas Williams). A handout was given to Board Members. Ms. Dennis said she would be working with Dr. Tobin to expand the services offered by the Boys and Girls Club throughout the Allendale community. They are working as a consortium on a 2013-2014 Community Learning 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. After the presentation by Ms. Dennis, Chairwoman Robinson asked for a motion to continue and expand the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Carolina. Mr. Frazier moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**Palmetto Green Schools** – Mr. Kendall Corley and Ms. Jenni Asman, Program Director gave the Board a handout on the Program. Ms. Asman reported: 1) the Palmetto Green Schools Network is a State-wide, non-profit; 2) the grant is funded thru the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation; 3) Asthma is one of the leading causes of children being absent from school in SC and one of the goals of the grant is to improve indoor air quality; 4) they like to find grants/money for schools and there is a solution to everything; 5) to help schools with energy/green projects, energy efficiency revolving loan fund are available; 6) SCE&G has a great rebate program. Mr. Frazier said he would love to see Dr. Tobin meet with Ms. Asman and see if the program can work for ACS in looking at the facilities studies.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

#### **Instructional Activities Update**

**Summer Programs & Professional Development:** Mr. Flowers, Director of Curriculum and Instruction said included in the Board's Packets is the information on Summer Programs and Professional Development being offered for students, teachers and administrators. Mr. Hall asked if any administrators or the leadership team from AFHS was going to SCASA. Dr. Tobin

said no, but they will be attending the SC Education and Business Conference in Greenville and HSTW in Charlotte instead of SCASA. Mr. Hall said AFMS Principal, Mr. Hemby is also going to Charlotte and SCASA. AFHS should be represented at SCASA Summer Leadership. Chairwoman Robinson asked about teacher's compensation for attending the District's Summer Institute workshop. Mr. Flowers said teachers will receive a stipend and lunch.

**Summer Institute** – Mr. Flowers said the District's Summer Institute is scheduled for June 11-13 at Allendale-Fairfax High School. Some teachers will also be attending training at USC-Aiken, Ruth Patrick Science Center and other professional development. Ms. Smith said it looks like the staff will be attending a lot of conferences and how does this look budget wise. Dr. Tobin said funding for teachers to attend some of these conferences are coming from CATE funds.

**AFHS Report – Senior Class** – Mr. Youmans, Principals gave the Board a handout and reported: 1) the number of high school seniors eligible for graduation based on Carnegie unit credit and attendance is 77 (for diplomas not certificates); but only 68 are classified as senior, but they used the AND Program and Plato to move some of these students up; 2) 115 students started out as 9<sup>th</sup> graders, but some we cannot find, others have moved out of state, etc.; 3) the number and percentage of high school seniors eligible for LIFE scholarships is 16 out of 77; 4) the number and percentage of high school seniors who participated in work-based experience {going out in the community; nursing home; jobs; work based classes; on-line} is 52 out of 77; 5) scholarships for the senior class is \$1.125 million. This number may go higher because we are asking students to report their scholarship offers. Chairwoman Robinson said she sent Dr. Tobin a request for information on the senior class. Mr. Youmans said this information will also be reported on the School Report Card. Ms. Smith said she would like to request that Seniors not get out of school so early next year.

**Summer Hours – Mon-Thurs 7:30am-5:30pm – June 10-August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dr. Tobin said the District have been working 4 days and longer hours during the summer for several years. Mr. Priester moved to approve the summer period as stated. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

## **APPROVALS**

**Promotion & Retention Policy IKE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Dr. Tobin said the Policy was worked on by the teachers and staff. See the copy at your seat instead of your packets because State Codes are listed. Mr. Flowers said the Policy needed to be completely revised because the old Policy was outdated. Mr. Frazier moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Promotion and Retention Policy. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**Use of Technology Resources in Instruction Policy IJNDB – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ms. Jamison, Technology Director reported that in order to meet E-Rate requirements and to keep up with Technology the Policy needed to be updated. Mr. Hall moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Use of Technology Resources in Instruction Policy. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**Student Release Requests:** Dr. Tobin said there are 2 requests for student releases. Students A and B are requesting that their children be released from ACS and transferred to Barnwell 45. The parents making the requests are employees in Barnwell 45. Barnwell 45 is now requiring them to get released from the home school district. Mr. Priester moved to approve the release of students A and B to Barnwell District 45. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**PERSONNEL:** Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director asked the Board to accept the recommendations of resignation and recommendations made in Executive Session. Mr. Frazier moved to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session. Mr. Priester seconded. The motion was approved by all.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Tillotson said the 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget reading is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June and the Board will be getting an in-depth report at this time. The District received the Homestead exemption money in April and Tier 1 Tax Relief funds just came in. He said he met with the Band Director who got 3 written quotes on Band uniforms. This number is not reflected in the budget, but for 100 Band uniforms it will cost about \$25,000. The District may possibly lease vehicles next year.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

AFHS Baccalaureate – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 P.M.

2013-2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Reading – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 P.M.

AFMS Completer Ceremony – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 P.M.

Staff Recognition Day – Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 A.M. – AFHS

AFHS Graduation – Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M.

SCSBA School Law Conference – Charleston – August 24-25

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.