

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

**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CAFETERIA**

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, September 26, 2016. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation with School District Attorney, Charles Boykin. The Meeting was held at Allendale Elementary School in the Cafeteria. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Catherine Russell called the Meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

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

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Leila W. Williams, Superintendent
Angela Grant, Director of Finance
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

BOYKIN DAVIS & SMILEY, LLC: Charles Boykin, Esq.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Hall moved to approve the Agenda. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board enter Executive Session #1 at 5:46 P.M. for the purposes of Superintendent Evaluation, Personnel Recommendations and the Early Head Start Contract. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Mr. Hall moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Chairperson Russell said no action was taken on the Personnel item discussed in Executive Session.

ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Ms. Suggs, Interim Principal welcomed the Board and the audience via a technology presentation by students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Robinson moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting, Wednesday, August 17, 2016; Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, August 22, 2016; Special Called Meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2016 and Board Retreat, Saturday, September 17, 2016. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Russell asked that comments be limited to 3 minutes.

Ms. Katrina Youmans: presented a handout and said she visited FES on Friday, September 23, 2016 and provided pictures of the girl's bathroom. As Board members would you want your children subjected to conditions like these? What are we going to do to improve the conditions of the schools and restrooms? She requested copies of qualifications, degrees and certification, for all full time and part time positions. She requested a waiver of the fees for all information requested.

Ms. Inga Ferguson: requested information under the FOIA for all on-line program/courses, software subscription, cost, funding, number of years used and benefit of using.

Ms. Vivian Riley: a parent said she is sponsoring a forum and invited the Board to come on October 18, 2016 at the Allendale Community Center at 6:30 P.M.

Ms. Murlene Ennis: said there are some serious injustices over the years concerning the children. The District has failed the children. Why are students not being educated? Not because we are poverty stricken and we do not have the resources. Under the FOIA she is requesting the total number of professional leave days for all employees, the intended outcome of each training and how is it implemented in the District.

Mr. Mark Lott: said he has been volunteering in the District 20+ years. He went somewhere and people were talking about what they were reading about Allendale. This affects our children. We must do a better job of working together. He does bus duty and monitors the halls, but outside the gate he is a businessman. For every problem there is a solution. Every time we have issues do not call Channel 12. To the Board, as a leader, and elected officials 3 minutes is not long enough to discuss and resolve issues.

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Allendale County Education Foundation: Ms. Sally Branch, said she is a member of the Allendale/Fairfax Advisory, a 301C created in July 2015. The goal is to help fund educational roots and promote education in Allendale and Fairfax. They are not affiliated with any schools, just volunteers. She asked anyone interested to join them at the next meeting on Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at the USC-Salk Arts Center. They have volunteers ready to bring the chess club back to AES. Bring them ideas on how to use the funds they have raised. They will get brochures to the schools by next week. On October 29th they will have a Fall Festival. Ms. Jenkins asked about the funds mentioned, specifically how can you partner with the District to benefit students. Ms. Branch said if a school has a program they would like the association to help sponsor, let them know. They would like to hear from teachers on what they need. Teachers can reach out to her directly at 686-1416 or Fran at 686-5477.

St. Mark Baptist Church: no representative present.

Promise Zone Meeting: Chairperson Russell asked about the Forum held at the Brandt Building. What is the liability as far as the school? Ms. Robinson said the meeting was a public forum to receive information from the community. The Promise Zone came to the Board, asking for a partnership letter of support to look at the old AES campus to do the feasibility grant application to submit to the Federal Government. The Board did not make a commitment to the Promise Zone, the letter said they could review the building and take pictures. At this point the study application is ready to be submitted, and to the municipal association a similar packet for money to get the feasibility study. The study will help the Action Team see where they should go from there. At the Forum they received comments from citizens about the plan and developing a portion of the complex into a health/wellness complex.

AFHS Class of 1975 Letter: Mr. Frazier said in reference to the letter, this was a special time in Allendale. The Basketball Team were 4AA Champions. He asked Ms. Williams to look into this and come back to the Board, in terms of the request in the letter. Ms. Williams said she spoke with Mr. Owens, and once they receive a basketball schedule they will move forward.

SCSBA Certification of Delegates for the 2016 Assembly (due November 11, 2016)

GOOD NEWS

Mt. Hope Sunday School Convention – iPad Funds Donation: Ms. Williams said last year they donated funds to AFHS to help with iPads and again this year they made a donation to help AFHS and AFMS. Ms. Edna Youmans is a member of the Association. Ms. Williams will send a letter of thanks to Mt. Hope.

Roper Mountain Science Center Participants – Ms. Hicks, FES and Mr. Sahu, AFHS: Ms. Williams said the teachers mentioned attended Roper Mountain this summer and represented Allendale County Schools.

Ms. Williams said at the Promise Zone Meeting James Pinkney and Bill Robinson from County Council and Mayor Jackson wanted to help clear the grounds at the old AES and old CV Bing. They have trimmed trees, cut the lawn and removed the dead grass from around the fence. Mr. Frazier said County Council requested the old playground equipment from the old AES to use in Martin.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: Ms. Williams said the program used to run the Discipline Reports was upgraded and it looks a lot different than usual. They will work on getting a more reader friendly report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Old AES – School Liability: this item was discussed under the Promise Zone Meeting.

Old AES – Building #3 – First Steps: Ms. Russell said the Sheriff had death in his family and Ms. Patricia Hall had another meeting. Ms. Williams said after the last rainstorm they

are having some structural issues at the First Steps Office. Ms. Robinson asked if the First Steps Board submitted a formal request, asking to lease the building or in-kind. Ms. Williams said they are asking for in-kind; the town has been supporting them with the water, and the State gives some funds for utility. Mr. Frazier asked about the liability for the building. Ms. Williams said the District would have to share this with the insurance provider, and First Steps insurance provider. Ms. Robinson asked if the space would be used for office space only. Ms. Williams said when they hold meetings and parents are invited children attend these meetings.

Medicaid Update – Ms. Mays, Director of Special Services: said the Office of Special Services handles billing and the revalidations, and per a Federal mandate someone must use their social security number for Medicaid revalidations for 5 years. They have found a third party vendor. Ms. Mays said Mr. Thomas from Accelify said they could complete the application process and charge 5%. Ms. Williams said vendors have different types of numbers to use for their business and not a social security number and 5% is very reasonable. Other districts are using 3rd party vendors.

Title I Update – Dr. Beckett, Director: 1) presented a Power Point and said this was a two-year comparison, last year and this year funding; 2) enrollment as of April 1st and direct certification data from food service is what Title I is based on; 3) FES has the biggest poverty percentages – about 11%; enrollment; 4) carryover about \$330,000 – put into iPads and MacBooks; 5) Title I for finance is 1 large source of funding, but 5 different programs. Mr. Hall asked about the District losing a Title I mini grant. Dr. Beckett said she would have to read the notifications and let the Board know. But this was about \$24,000 and this was just an allocation to the District because they were part of the Abbeville lawsuit. Mr. Hall said the Title I Plan was kicked back. Dr. Beckett said in July she notified the SDE and informed them why the deadline was not met. She did not meet the August 31st deadline because of illness and she submitted the Plan last Wednesday. The SDE wanted the District to take out summer school, but currently have preliminary approval.

Elementary Honors Program – Dr. Beckett: 1) presented a Power Point and said the program is academic and artistic. The District does not have an artistic program and the academic program needs lots of work; 2) reasoning and high achievement - students must score high in these areas; 3) locally schools were using MAP, PASS and ELA students to identify gifted students; 4) funding only applies to State identified Gifted and Talented students; 5) LEAP = Learners Engaged in Accelerated Programs, these will be students who have the potential of becoming State Gifted and Talented students; 6) once students are State Gifted and Talented, they are always Gifted and Talented. Mr. Hall asked about Gifted and Talented certified teachers. Dr. Beckett said currently there is 1 teacher certified in this area. She said she hopes to have the academic piece up and running next school year, fully functional and in compliance.

Fall MAP Data Review – Dr. Thomas-Dixon, Director: 1) presented a Power Point on the fall data; 2) Classworks color codes students on where they currently are; 3) defined Expectations – Exceeds; Meets; Approaching and Does Not Meet; 4) outlined the next

steps; 5) teachers will receive professional development utilizing Titus Duren; the SDE; Apple and Classworks.

Read to Succeed – Bill: Ms. Williams updated the Board on the Bill.

Read to Succeed – School Plans: Ms. Williams updated the Board on the School Plans.

AFHS Hood Repair/Construction/Track Updates: Mr. Morgan updated the Board on these items. He also provided a New Track Facility, Master Plan – Phase I drawing.

APPROVAL

Field Studies Request – Debate Team Trip to Charlotte NC – October 7-8, 2016: Mr. Frazier moved to approve the trip, noting the current rioting in NC, the safety concerns for students and staff. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Ms. Grant, Director of Finance updated the Board on the Financial Reports. The Reports in the packets were the Cover Letter & All Reports; Budget Change Report; Board Travel Expenditures; Bonds and Special Revenue Funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCSBA Risky Business Seminar – October 19-21, 2016 – Myrtle Beach

NSBA Annual Conference – Denver, Colorado – March 25-27, 2017 (Hotel Opens October 12, 2016)

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference – Hilton Head – December 2-4, 2016 (Hotel Opens October 17, 2016)

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board enter into Executive Session #2 at 9:20 P.M. for the purposes of Personnel Recommendations and the Early Head Start Contract. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 10:29 P.M. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Robinson moved that the Board not approve the Early Head Start Contract for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion not to approve the contract was approved by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Robinson moved that the Board approve the Personnel Recommendations made in Executive Session #2. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.