

ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY – JANUARY 23, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
FAIRFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GYM

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2017. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session #1 for Personnel and Student Release Requests. The Meeting was held at Fairfax Elementary School in the Gym. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ms. Patricia Jenkins called the Meeting to Order at 6:03 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1: Ms. Russell moved that the Board enter into Executive Session #1 at 6:04 P.M. for Personnel and Student Release Requests. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Mr. Hall moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:03 P.M. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Russell moved to approve the Minutes of the Monday, December 19, 2016 Special Called Meeting; Monday, December 12, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting and Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

FES PERFORMANCE: The Board and audience received a warm welcome from 1st graders and they also sung a song.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

The South Carolina School Boards Association "Ethical Principals" poster was signed by all Board Members. Each Board Member received a token of appreciation from the principals of each school. Chairperson Jenkins said she attended a luncheon in Fairfax and the Fairfax Police Department presented her with a plaque for the District thanking them for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Lott, School Volunteer said he had concerns about the Volunteer Program. It is mid-way through the year, can the District have a refresher course. He also offered his expertise to any students who have taken or will take the ASVAB. He is a Veteran and can help with this. He is also concerned about contractors doing proposals, but has seen no work yet.

Ms. Katrina Youmans, Community Advocate said during the Christmas break they initiated Team-Up to Clean-Up. The goal was to beautify and uplift the FES Cafeteria. Just because the building is old, it can be inviting to the children. She thanked Mr. Moses for his time to ensure the project was successful and thanked his wife for paint color ideas. She also thanked Mr. Ennis, the landscaping company, the Superintendent and everyone who provided funds through the Go-Fund Me Page. There is still work needed at FES and AFHS. The next focus should be the restrooms at these schools. Parents, principals, custodians, staff, maintenance, superintendent and School Board Members should be held accountable. She will not stop coming to the Board Meetings and stop talking until she get the results for her children and all children of ACS.

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Honoring the Senior Class: Ms. Russell said she felt they should have a dinner are something when seniors are ready to leave the school. For example a dinner and provide the senior with 2 tickets so they can invite others. Chairperson Jenkins said she thinks we should show the seniors we care for them. Ms. Robinson said she agrees with this and maybe it should be done this year.

Big Seven Association – Donation Request: Chairperson Jenkins said this is in support of the Big 7 Scholarship and they are having a banquet on February 24, 2017 at Barnwell Elementary School. Mr. Lott said each year they give two students \$250.00 scholarships. Ms. Robinson moved to continue with the full-page ad at the cost indicated, but the cost of the ticket is an additional \$20 each. She asked if the District paid for tickets for Board Members previously? Ms. Jennings said she will be attending, but will attend on behalf of the Allendale Democratic Party. Mr. Hall said he would be attending this year. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

GOOD NEWS

Allendale-Fairfax Middle School: Ms. Kennedy, Guidance Counselor said student Symone Jones, 8th grade qualified for the SC Junior Scholars Program. On the English

portion of the PSAT she scored 1050. Symone will be invited to various SC colleges and universities that participate in the program. Symone's parents will receive a sticker for their car announcing that she is a Junior Scholar. In other good news, AFMS Means Score was 860, while the State Means Score was 843.

Fairfax Elementary School – Apple Teachers: Principal Leath announced FES Apple Teachers. FES is a 1-to-1 school and all students have iPads. Becoming an Apple Teacher is a distinguished honor and a lot is involved in the process. FES Apple Teachers are Ms. Hudson; Ms. Tyson; Ms. Hicks; Ms. Johnson; Ms. Stanley; Ms. Thomas; Dr. Grant; Ms. Tinsley and Principal Leath. Ms. Jamison, the Technology Director is also an Apple Teacher. Apple is paying for a trip to Dallas, TX for all Apple Teachers to attend the Academy. The goal is to have all teachers at FES to be Apple Teachers.

Special Education Department – IDEA Part B Indicator 11 – Compliance: Ms. Williams said Ms. Mays, Director of Special Education had to attend training in Columbia. This will be presented next month.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Discipline Reports: For information only.

SC Statement of Economic Interest – Filing Electronically Only: For information.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Facilities Update: Mr. Barry Morgan gave the Board a handout update on AFHS Kitchen Hood; Track Project; New Primary School; AFHS Front Door Repairs and AFHS Vocational Wing Door Replacement. Chairperson Jenkins said she would be glad when the hood is completed, but understands that unforeseen circumstances can happen. Mr. Hall asked about the low participation in bids for the New Primary School. If low participation continues what is the next step. Mr. Morgan said the contractor said he would have 3 bids and they could look at some potential cost reductions. Cost reductions could include changes in piping and parking.

Sick Leave Bank: Ms. Liza Price, Ms. Lavonia Brodus, Ms. Theresa Kennedy, Ms. Reba Metclaf and other SCEA members were in the audience. Ms. Price said they have worked with SCEA and Superintendent Williams on the document. Ms. Robinson asked if this item was on the Board Agenda before. Ms. Price said yes, but the Committee could not attend the December meeting. Ms. Robinson moved that the Board ask Attorney Boykin to review the application for the Sick Leave Bank Policy and return a finding to the Board. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Adult Education Update: Ms. Kedra Rivers, Director and Ms. Stephanie Rouse, Coordinator gave the Board a handout. Ms. Rouse talked about a GED Boot Camp with funding provided by a grant. She is on the Youth Council for the Lower Savannah Council of Government, the award is for \$25,000; 3 sessions of boot camp;

19,300 people in Allendale County do not have a high school diploma or equivalent; students would have to be ready for the GED test in 10 days; they don't want to just take the money, but want to look at this carefully and market the GED Boot camp. If the money is not used it will have to be returned to the Lower Savannah Council of Government. The Adult Education Program came off the ITAP plan and the goal is to stay off. They met 4 of the State 6 standards, but the green can change to red any day. The change depends on the students who come into the building, but they must stay. A question was asked, if students go thru the boot camp and do not pass the test will the money have to be returned? Ms. Rouse said no. The grant will pay for 1 teacher who will teach all subjects. Secondary teachers are needed for the GED program. Ms. Robinson moved that the Board approve, pursue the grant award, pending any changes or corrections that need to be made to the grant. Ms. Jennings seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Alternative School Update: Mr. Patterson Moses, Director gave the Board a handout. He said they started school on August 15, 2016 and had 7 students, 6 from AFHS and 1 from AFMS. The handout included a Student Hearing Packet. He has had 13 hearings since August and 3 students were placed in the AFLC. The hearings are a little different, revamped the hearing officers role; tribunal panel where 3 administrators serve weekly, change up administrators; they listen to the case and make a recommendation for the deposition of the student.

Law Enforcement Class Update: Ms. Anderson, CATE Director was out sick. Principal Baines said Officers Holmes teaches 2 blocks, an introduction to public safety and the 3rd block is Law Enforcement #1; 30 students are in the introduction class and 15 in the Law Enforcement #1 class.

ASVAB Scores: Ms. Williams said in October 2016 seventeen students took the test and 15 were seniors and 2 juniors. The minimum score to get into the Coast Guard is 40; Navy is 30 and 31 for National Guard and Army. Students can access certain practice test on-line. Ms. Robinson asked if these students were in the JROTC Program. Chairperson Jenkins asked if Guidance shared the website with the students. Superintendent Ms. Williams will follow-up. How many students in JROTC enlist in the Military?

Uniform Policy – Shoes: Superintendent Ms. Williams said she need the Board to revisit this. Contact Attorney Boykin about the shoe policy. Mr. Hall asked that they get with Administrators and don't wait until the end of the year so parents will have time. Ms. Williams said the legislators are looking at a uniform policy across the State.

Athletes Uniforms and Shoes: Superintendent Ms. Williams said an email from Coach Ford stated they switched vendors in November and all team sneakers would be on back order and not available until mid-January. The Football team did get uniforms this year, but had not had new ones since 2011. She asked Coach Ford for documentation on when and how uniforms are purchased. Ms. Robinson said she

received several concerns about female and male sports. Federal requirements under Title 9, must show parity. She said athletics should have some type of cycle or rotation so no one is left out. Ms. Williams asked Title 9 Director Ms. Rivers to speak with Coach Ford about this. Cheerleaders also fall under this. Ms. Jennings said a parent came by her house and said the players' uniforms did not have the same color socks and shoes.

Volunteer Program: Dr. Beckett gave a handout and said currently the Volunteer Program is stagnant because of time and resources, not financial resource, but human resources. See page 4 – programs that fall under Federal Programs.

Ms. Jennings asked about the \$50,000 under Title I. Dr. Beckett said Title I mini-grant for AES is for tutors. Mr. Hall said with all the duties she has, could they be given to someone else in the District. Dr. Beckett said some can go to others like 504, ESLA teachers assume some of these responsibilities; G&T can be reassigned. Ms. Robinson said you had a project assistant previously. Dr. Beckett said they are working to replace this person now. Ms. Russell asked if anyone else could assume the role over the Volunteer Program. Dr. Beckett said the plan is to put the Volunteer Program online. But she has not had time to go back and review the background checks she put in. Chairperson Jenkins asked if the project assistant can help out with some of these items. Dr. Beckett said that is the goal. Chaperones go thru the Volunteer Program before they can go on any field trip. Last year volunteer orientation was offered in January and March. Dr. Beckett said at the next principal meeting they can talk about what they want to do with the Volunteer Program. To move forward the CRMC will be the volunteer point of contact; respond to inquiries; will start collecting data and will do McKinney Veto. The Volunteer Program will be on-line soon. She will email those that were in the Volunteer Program.

Chaperone Requirements: This item was mentioned in the above report.

Contributions and in-Kind Donations by the District: Ms. Williams gave the Board a handout on contributions and in-kind donations by the District. They included the MLK Breakfast – Essay writing contest; Denmark Tech – supported the scholarship efforts; Healthy Learners; Infant Mortality Luncheon; Town of Fairfax Police Department and some organizations use the football field and cafeteria when they benefit our students in some way.

Ms. Jennings said the Democratic Party would like to thank AFHS for the use of their chairs/tables. Congressman Clyburn contacted her about the scholarship, which no AFHS student had applied for. After contacting Ms. Liza Price 18 students applied and 10 were awarded \$1000 scholarships, laptops and software and the college matched these funds. This is one of the contributions the Democratic Party made to the District. Ms. Robinson said the local party announced last week at the MLK Breakfast that they would be starting a scholarship.

PERSONNEL: None

APPROVALS – Student Release Requests: Mr. Hall moved to approve the request. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Field Studies Request – AFHS Senior Class 2017 Trip – Orlando, FL – April 27-30, 2017: Ms. Price and Ms. Maxwell said the information was in the Board’s packets. Fifty-six students are scheduled to attend; met with the Superintendent about the trip and they added 2 chaperones, Jerome Polite and Rose Priester. Ms. Robinson asked about the parent contact information. Ms. Price said that information would be available in the principals’ office. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the request. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Ms. Angela Grant, Director of Finance gave the Board a handout and reported: 1) revenue and expenditures thru the end of December 2016; 2) the Board is just getting information because she just got the Treasure report from the Treasure at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night; 3) because of getting the information late she was not able to reconcile her books until today; 4) December 2016 total revenue – see page 1; see page 5 for total expenditures; 5) page 6 the EIA revenues; see the 2 new line items and increase in Palmetto Priority funding – current is \$437,420 on page 7; 6) pages 1-13 is supporting documents for the excel spreadsheet; 7) pages 14-15 are copies of the email documentation from the Treasure office; 8) no budget change report for the month of December; 9) pages 16-17 are Board and Superintendent expenditures; 10) page 18 is the Project Manager pay to date. The Project Manager is paid based on hours worked. He is the Project Manager for the doors, track and field and fire alarms.

Ms. Robinson asked for the Board and superintendent to revisit this. They have been getting project updates but we are not making any progress. She wants to see some ground breaking. Ms. Williams said part of Mr. Moses role deals with safety and he may be able to assume some of these roles. He may be able to help support the District with some of these things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State of the District Address – FES – Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

SCSBA 2017 Annual Conference/New Board Orientation/Board Chair Workshop – February 16-19, 2017

State of the District Address – AES – Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

NSBA Annual Conference – Denver, Colorado – March 24-28, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.