

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

**MONDAY – JULY 24, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2017. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session for a Legal Briefing. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Patricia Jenkins called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

ROLL CALL: Terry Hall
Patricia Jenkins, Chairperson
Willia Jennings, Vice Chairperson
Wilda Robinson
Catherine Russell, Secretary

BOYKIN & DAVIS, LLC: Charles Boykin, Esq.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Walter L. Tobin, Interim Superintendent
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel
Angela Grant, Director of Finance
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to Open Session at 7:10 P.M. Ms. Robinson moved and Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Paul Morse said he wanted to talk about Student Achievement and the Retention Policy. He read the District's Retention Policy and said it was not being followed. He said AES had 367 students only 6 were retained and over 100 did not meet expectations. Low expectations for ACS students are not new. Failure can provide the motivation to work harder.

Ms. Patricia Johnson asked what plans have been put in place to address academic deficiencies, how are you going to communicate these plans to parents and how do you plan to address school climate and pull up the morale of students and teachers?

SCAGO BOND: Mr. Bob Damron, Compass Municipal Advisors, Columbia, SC. Mr. Damron said the District has 32 mils on the books in order to maintain the current status and not raise mils SCAGO bonds are issued. 32 debt service mils on the books – the SCAGO bond maintains the 32 mils which is about \$760,000. If you don't issue the bonds the debt service goes away and this money must be supplemented. He recommended the Resolution be passed to participate in the program again. Adopt a bond resolution to issue bonds of up to \$760,000. These bonds will be sold in Mid-August. The Board asked to see the Resolution at the Special Called Board Meeting to be held later this week.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY: Dr. Tobin outlined 1) information will be placed on the website about the status of ACS, control and management and frequently asked questions; 2) who's in charge, the State Superintendent and the role of the School Board; 3) some of the questions Morris and Johnson asked may be answered tonight, be strategic in decision making, using data to make decisions; hold students and administrators to a high standard; school climate will be addressed; what our purpose is, school, parents and the community must be involved; 4) will be fair, equitable; 5) retention, next year all 3rd graders will have to pass a reading test and we will work toward having no student held back, will use all our resources to make this happen and will be meeting with parents of all 3rd graders; 6) will introduce the 1st phase of the plan; 7) they want to take advantage of all the devices that students have.

DIVISION REPORTS/UPDATES:

Finance: Ms. Angela Grant, Director gave the Board an informational packet.

Capital Outlay Facilities: Dr. Tobin outlined the projects completed or to be completed at the schools: 1) FES painted the corridors; restrooms and ceilings; replace trough urinals in boys restroom; replace carpet in hallways and tile flooring; see the handout; 2) AFM/HS: power wash the exterior; paint staff restrooms; classrooms and media center; epoxy flooring in student and staff restrooms; install urinal screens; improve lighting; pave driveway; 3) AES touched-up the paint; replaced the office carpet; replaced the flooring in a classroom; patched the potholes in the driveway; 4) Child Development Center; Track & Field; Abbeville Capital Improvement. They will try and have the Track Field ready for the season. The cost of Phase 1 is about \$1.1 million dollars. The track will be behind the new AES. Walking trails will be available to the community.

Personnel/Staff Introductions, Ms. Kedra Rivers, Director: SDE, Dr. Margaret Gilmore; Dr. Terry Fludd; Ms. Adriane Johnson and Ms. Sheri Abel.

Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Margaret Gilmore, SDE: outlined the goals for 2017-2018, the Allendale Six includes a) bell to bell instruction; b) formative assessments; c) positive relationships; d) student-centered instruction; e) well-managed classrooms; f) standard-based instruction

Ms. P. Johnson asked how does the District plan on incorporating substitute teachers. Dr. Gilmore said long-term subs should be provided professional development. Ms. Fields asked about teacher assistants. Dr. Gilmore said they will invite teacher assistants to PD training. Another question was about volunteers. They will also be meeting with parents from different neighborhoods.

Dr. Tobin announced a new Head Football Coach Mr. Darby. Mr. Brandyburg will be the AD.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM (If Any):

Chairperson Jenkins said there was no Action on the Executive Session item.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Administrative Staff Retreat – July 31-August 1, 2017

First Day for Teachers/Professional Development – Tuesday & Wednesday, August 8-9, 2017

District Convocation – Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 8:00 A.M. – AFHS

Back to School Block Party – Saturday, August 12, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

First Day for Students – Thursday, August 17, 2017

No School for Students/Staff – Monday, August 21, 2017

Dr. Tobin said he attended a CERRA Meeting and they gave them some strategies on keeping and recruiting teachers in the District. There may also be some compensation for teachers who live outside the District. These funds will not be local money. Chairperson Jenkins said look at incentives for teachers who live in the District. Mr. Hall said in the past this was done if you lived 50 miles or more away.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.