

ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY – AUGUST 22, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax Middle/High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Catherine Russell called the Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was held.

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

BOYKIN, DAVIS & SMILEY: Charles Boykin, Esq.
Imani Newborn, Esq.

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: Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1: Ms. Robinson moved to go into Executive Session #1 at 6:02 P.M. for the purposes of Personnel and Student Release Requests. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:04 P.M. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Robinson moved that no student be disciplined, to be included is removal from class until the Uniform Policy is reviewed by the district legal council. Mr. Frazier seconded. Ms. Robinson, Ms. Russell and Mr. Frazier approved the motion. Mr. Hall and Ms. Jenkins opposed. The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Jenkins moved that the Board approve the Minutes of Monday, July 25, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting; Wednesday, July 27, 2016 Special Called Meeting; Saturday, July 30, 2016 Board Goal Setting Work Session; Tuesday, August 2, 2016 Special Called Meeting and Tuesday, August 9, 2016 Administrators Goals Meeting. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Russell asked those making Public Comments to limit comments to 3 minutes.

Ms. Murlene Ennis: said as a parent she is concerned about the school district and the community partnership and how well the partnership is working. We need to cooperate and work together. We are here today because we love our children.

Class of 2017-2018, Shateal McMillan: said the school lunch need to be more appealing, serve larger portions and larger varieties. Students would like to have input on the school lunch menu.

Ms. Stephanie Rouse: said the schools and school board need to work more with the parents and community. Children should not be punished or taken out of class because of the color of their shoes. Keep the focus on education.

Ms. Katrina Youmans: said she is concerned about the condition of the schools. FES is horrible, the bathrooms are filthy and if her house is clean she expects the schools to hold the same standards. The grounds are awful and the grass grown up. The children deserve better. Has DHEC inspected the schools, are the schools up to fire code; what are the requirements for maintenance and custodians. She gave a handout to the Board. What are we going to do about the schools' condition? She would like a response in 14 days but will not wait to get a response on the condition of the schools.

Ms. Tamika Tinsley: asked about the dismissal times and said FES should be considered to be dismissed first. Little kids are waiting for the bus and they are packed.

Ms. Charmaine Gadson: said this is a new day and time. Don't spend a lot of time with kids on the shoes because education is most important.

Students Jada Youmans and Alexander Rouse: asked about revising the cell phone policy in the school. Students have cell phones out during breakfast and lunch.

Student Amber Ferguson: said she was here to discuss the shoe policy. Students should be able to wear any color sneakers.

Ms. Ingar Ferguson: said she never received a report card for her daughter and no report card with the Denmark Tech grade. The food is a concern; why can't outside food be brought on campus.

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Allendale County Education Foundation: the groups will reschedule for next month.

Request from Parks and Recreation: Superintendent Ms. Williams said they have worked with the District for many years with football and basketball. They want to extend the programs with 1st Tee Golf Program and want to use the field by the old

AES. The Recreation Dept. is still working to get more details on the program. They want to offer exposure to golf to the older students as well. The District is waiting on the insurance policy from the Recreation Dept.

Rescuemens Cook-Off, Friday, September 2, 2016: the information is in the Board Packets.

GOOD NEWS

Congressman Clyburn Scholarship Recipients: Ms. Robinson said some of the students who won the scholarships have gone off to college. Allendale has been in the 6th District since 2012 and any student who lives in the District can participate. This year 10 students received scholarships. Ms. Liza Price is a scholarship coach with the program. Scholarships ranged from \$1,000-\$1,500 with colleges matching the amounts received.

Cyber Security Camp – Denmark Tech: Mr. Baines, AFHS Principal said several students attended the 3-weeks camp over the summer. They learned ethical hacking and coding for video games.

OPENING OF SCHOOL UPDATES – PRINCIPALS

FES, Ms. Leath: reported a great opening. They spend a lot of time on rules, routines and procedures and ended the week with snow cones for everyone. Student enrollment is 352. Most students who left the District went to Williston, Barnwell, Hampton and Columbia.

AES, Ms. Suggs: said they had Open House on August 10th, 151 parents attended. On the first day of school they had 326 students. The PBIS Team kicked things off with “Sliding into the 4 B’s” and PBIS stations. They are monitoring teachers implementing the expectations in the classroom. The current student enrollment is 343. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS): getting everyone to buy-in will result in student achievement. They are planning incentives each month for students and they can earn tiger bucks.

AFMS, Ms. Hall: reported 182 students are enrolled. They went over the rules and procedures, transition with 7th graders. They are working on parliamentary data to determine where the students are.

AFHS, Mr. Baines: reported the staff was present on the first day greeting students. They held grade level meetings to discuss expectations; what does it mean to be a sophomore and how to improve the graduation ceremony. The student enrollment is 342.

LNS, Ms. Youmans: said they have school year round. She asked everyone to come by and visit them.

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

New Tech Funding: 1) curriculum implementing with the freshmen class; 2) the SDE will provide the training, fund the program, and pay for staff to attend State and National Professional Development conferences; 3) they have visited other New

Tech programs; 4) this is problem based learning – must have laptops for the program; 5) the license for the New Tech network is also being paid for by the SDE. Mr. Hall asked about an agreement with New Tech. Mr. Baines said they signed the contract with New Tech; which, includes PD, and licenses for the students. Mr. Hall asked if parents were informed about New Tech. Mr. Baines said they had freshmen orientation and during 8th grade IGP for parents. Brochures have been developed. Students will be presenting to parents about New Tech. Student Benjamin Gadson said the first week with New Tech was awesome. He likes it better because they learn through projects; and learning about problems and more technology in the classroom.

Ms. Robinson said even though parents came out during freshmen orientation, but several said they were not allowed to ask questions. She is impressed with the young man already, but parents' need to know what is going on with their children.

Overview of MAP Data – Dr. Dixon, Curriculum and Instruction: presented a Power Point included in the Board packets; 1) Ms. Williams said the SC Ready can only be given the last 30 days of schools; 2) Dr. Dixon said RIT is used to measure student achievement and growth; RIT stands for Rasch Unit; 3) the scale for RIT ranges from 140-300; 3rd graders range between 140-190 and high school students 240 to 300; 4) MAP testing starts August 29th thru September 13th.

Ms. Jenkins said in line with the goals the Board developed, how does it look as compared to scores and percentages and how does it line up. Dr. Dixon said she would be able to present the information after the first rounds of MAP testing. Mr. Hall asked if strategies will be in place if the scores are down or up. Dr. Dixon said she would meet with the principals. Ms. Williams said she was glad parents were present to hear the information and if parents have questions call your child's school or the District Office.

10 Point Grading Scale – GPA: Mr. Brandyburg, Guidance Counselor outlined what the grades previously were and what they are now with the new grading system. 1) Most neighboring states are using this grading method; 2) Will allow students to compete on the same playing field, will help students with scholarships like the LIFE and Hope; 3) Military children will benefit also; 4) GPA will be computed – numerical grades will have quality points, strengthening students GPA; 5) We are not lowering our standards, but are now on a level playing field. Mr. Hall asked will the GPA be done manually or by a computer system. Mr. Brandyburg said it will be done by computer. Ms. Robinson asked if PowerSchool Clerks needed new software to compute this new grading system and will this same scale be used for all grade level. Ms. Williams said the Board adopted the State Grading System. Mr. Frazier said he was also concerned about the quality of the grade.

Organizational Chart: Ms. Williams gave the Board the most recent Organization chart since she has been in the District. Mr. Hall asked who was running the District in the superintendent's absence. Ms. Williams said at the District Office Ms. Rivers, Director of Personnel who is certified as an administrator. Also Dr. Dixon is a certified principal and administrator.

Safety Plans: Mr. Moses, Student Services Director and School Safety said the Plan dated July 2016 is aligned with the checklist from the State. The only Plan he has received from the schools so far is AFMS. Administrators should do a monthly checklist of their Plan. He will be visiting the schools looking for violations. The Board would like a copy of the Plan.

MOA's: Ms. Williams said she is in the process of looking at one from 1) the Recreation Dept.; 2) Denmark Tech studying this; 3) the State requires as part of Read to Succeed – teachers must receive so many hours to be endorsed – working with getting courses for the teachers; 4) USC- Dual Credit; 5) the Work Force Investment Act forms a partnership to help students, rising seniors with work experience, we provide the work and they will pay for the work; 6) EPI – Educational Partners International, teachers from other countries. The typical MOA's are ones from DHEC getting students the flu vaccine. Mr. Frazier said he would like to see a partnership with Savannah River Site and others. Ms. Williams said Ms. Anderson the CATE Director is working on this.

On-Line Testing Readiness Survey – Ms. Jamison, Director of Technology: 1) presented a Power Point presentation; 2) information is in the Board packets; 3) the initial focus was districts in the Abbeville vs. SC lawsuit; 4) they looked at facilities; teacher/student readiness; hardware and infrastructure. Ms. Robinson asked if these test given March 3-8th, are they timed test. Ms. Williams said ACT is timed, but SC-Ready is not timed.

Goals & Strategies

Mr. Davis, Director of Maintenance: gave the Board a handout.

Ms. Jamison, Director of Technology: gave the Board a handout.

Ms. Grant, Director of Finance: gave the Board a handout and said they implemented paperless payroll, SmartFusion and Employee Self-Service.

Ms. Rivers, Director of Personnel: gave the Board some of the items purchased for recruiting.

APPROVALS

Student Release Requests: Ms. Jenkins moved to approve the release of students JH; TH; PD and NC. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL: no recommendations from Personnel.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Grant, Director of Finance said the information was included in the Board's packets. Several new items were included. The Auditors will be back in the District on October 24th for the final review.

Budget Changes Report: No budget changes for the month of July and no travel expenditures.

Operating Statement: nothing has changed, \$423,300 added to the revenue.

EFA and EIA: report on a monthly basis received from the SDE. The information is listed in the Cover Letter.

Ms. Robinson asked for a hardcopy of the financial reports. Mr. Frazier asked about carryover funds, some could go in the general fund. Ms. Grant said the Board approves these carryover funds in the month of June.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCSBA Risky Business Seminar - October 19-21, 2016 - Myrtle Beach - all of the Board members will be attending this conference.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.