

**ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOLS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – AFH/M SCHOOL – MEDIA CENTER
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 16, 2015. At 6:00 P.M. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss Contracts SRO; Personnel Appeal; Personnel Recommendation; Act 155 Petitions and a Field Study Trip to North Carolina. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax Middle/High School in the Media Center. The news media was notified.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A Moment of Silence was observed.

ROLL CALL: Alonzo Frazier
Terry Hall, Chairman
Wilda J. Robinson, Secretary
Catherine Russell
Patricia Jenkins, Vice Chair (running late)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Frazier moved to accept the Agenda as written. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1: Mr. Frazier moved to go into Executive Session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss the SRO Contract, Sheriff Carter; Personnel Appeal; Personnel Recommendation; Act 155 Petitions and a Field Study Request to Ashville, NC, November 20-21, 2015. Ms. Russell seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 7:08 P.M. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Superintendent Ms. Williams said according to Board Policy BD, November is election for chair, vice-chair and secretary. Officers are elected by a majority vote of the Board. She opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Hall nominated Ms. Russell for Chair. Mr. Frazier nominated Ms. Robinson for Chair. Mr. Hall, Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Russell voted for Ms. Russell for Chair. Mr. Frazier and Ms. Robinson voted for Ms. Robinson for Chair. The vote was 3-2 for Ms. Russell as Chair for the Board. Ms. Jenkins nominated Mr. Hall for Vice Chair. The

motion was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Hall nominated Ms. Jenkins as Board Secretary. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hall moved to approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting. Ms. Jenkins seconded. Mr. Frazier said he asked last month about board committees and he requested information about the committees. Chairperson Russell said some districts had board members to serve as a liaison to the principal, parents or people with expertise in different areas. Some parents want hands-on with the Board. And these parents don't attend board meetings because they feel they did not have a voice. And once the board liaison heard the concerns, that representative would bring the information back to the entire Board. Ms. Jenkins asked if this was something the Board was going to try and pursue. Each Board member works with different groups to assist the superintendent. Ms. Robinson said right now they should be discussing the Minutes and if there are any corrections. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Morse said he wanted to address his comments to the Board Members. He said the Palmetto Unified School District offers High School diplomas and GEDs to inmates at the Allendale Correctional Institute. They have an Absolute Rating of Excellent. These are drug dealers, murders, etc. What is Allendale County Schools Absolute Rating? How is it possible for a classroom of convicted felons to out perform Allendale County Schools children? The inmates have clearly defined consequences for fighting. Do the children in Allendale County Schools believe there are consequences for fighting?

GOOD NEWS

HYPE Essay Contest Winner – Ms. Williams thanked Ms. Mays and Ms. Johnson who worked with Allendale County Schools Student, Teresa Elmore, the first place winner. Teresa said at first she was intimidated and felt shy, but was very glad she participated in the program and was happy and surprised to win the contest. *"I feel what I am doing is a positive thing for my community and I am happy to help others make a change for a healthier lifestyle."*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Discipline Reports: For information only.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Test Results (ACT Aspire, ACT, Work-Keys and End-of-Course): Ms. Williams said this is the time of year when we receive all of our test scores and wanted to highlight where the District is. The information was submitted in your Board packets. The elementary schools went from PASS testing to ACT Aspire; the high school instead of HSAP did Work-Keys. Work-Keys students are tested on 3 skills set; many employers are using work-keys for employment and ACT Aspire is a timed test. She received an email from the SDE this week stating the District Report Cards are not ready. Ms. Robinson asked about EOC, go back to AFMS Slide, Algebra 1, are

these the same teachers at the middle and high school. Principal, AFHS, Mr. Baines said no they are different teachers at the schools. Mr. Frazier asked about any improvement seen at the elementary levels. Ms. Williams said the problem goes to children being enrolled in kindergarten. At the elementary levels the literacy and math coaches are working with students in small groups and the afterschool program, trying to give students more and catch them up. Ms. Jenkins said with grade levels 3-8th what is being used to gauge or predict how students will do on the test next time. Ms. Williams said MAP and Benchmark is still being used to help see where students are and teachers are using Assessments to see where students are. Ms. Robinson said the reading scores are not good, if students don't read well they are not going to do good. Over half or 2/3 of the students need support in Reading. She asked about a Read to Succeed Coach. Ms. Williams said each school has a coach, but they are limited to what they can do because of meetings at the SDE. The SDE comes in and monitor what is going on so the District is limited in what can be done with reading coaches. We need some more volunteers and especially at the elementary level. She will be doing a message to parents stating next week is a week off from school, but not from learning. She will encourage them to read with their children and make sure they pick up a book.

Healthy Learners: Ms. Williams said the District received a letter from Ms. Pauling-Jones, Director, thanking the Board for their support of Healthy Learners.

Town Christmas Parade – December 5, 2015 – 10:00 A.M. – Ms. Williams said the Board would be attending the SCSBA Advocacy Conference. Some people from the District will participate with the Town in the parade.

APPROVALS

ACT 155 Petitions: Mr. Hall moved to approve the requests in the Board Packets for ACT 155 Petitions. Mr. Frazier seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Robinson said the ACT 155 Petitions ends in December 2015. She asked that the Superintendent do some radio or other type reminders and ask principals to post this on their Facebook page.

Field Study – Debate Team to North Carolina: Ms. Williams said the Debate Team is requesting to attend this trip November 20-21, 2015. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the request. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Rivers, Director of Personnel asked the Board to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the recommendations of personnel as requested. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board Meeting Cover Letter: Ms. Grant, Director of Finance said the information was included in the Board Packets and asked if anyone had questions.

Budget Change Report October 2015

Operating Statement as of October 31, 2015

School Board Travel Expense

Mr. Frazier asked about the reserve funds. Ms. Grant said they are still in the Audit process and does not want to give the Board a false sense. The Auditors will present to the Board at the December 14, 2015 Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference – December 4-6, 2015 – Hilton Head

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2015

SCSBA 2016 Annual Convention – February 18-21, 2015 –

Parent University, at 5:00 P.M. and the Anne Frank Museum at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Ms. Williams asked the Board to look at their calendars for November 30th and meet with principals and December 7th to meet with the superintendent to establish goals. Mr. Frazier suggested two sessions, one for the Board goal setting and one for the Superintendent goal sessions. Ms. Robinson asked about a facilitator for the Board. Ms. Williams said with the Strategic Plan addresses 5 areas and the Board must decide their goals to support the Strategic Plan. Ms. Robinson will send the Superintendent and Board Members information from the last goal setting session held by the Board. Maybe meet on Saturday, January 9 or 23, 2016. Chairperson Russell asked the Board to email them a list of facilitators to help with the Board goals. Mr. Frazier said they thought they chose Attorney Boykin as a facilitator. Ms. Williams asked them to consider someone from the educational side.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2: Mr. Hall moved that the Board go into Executive Session #2 for Personnel Matters at 8:23 p.m. Ms. Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Robinson moved that the Board return to Open Session at 9:34 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded.

Secretary Ms. Jenkins reported no action was taken on the item discussed in Executive Session #2.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.