

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

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 28, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

The **Regular Monthly Meeting of the Allendale County Schools Board of Trustees** was held on **Monday, November 28, 2011**. At **6:00 p.m.** the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Meeting was held at Allendale-Fairfax High School in the Multi-Purpose Room. The news media was notified and present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Cave, Vice Chairman
Terry Hall
Cheryl Mole
Willie Priester, Chair
Valaree Smith, Secretary

FROM BOYKIN LAW: Charles Boykin, Esq.
Reagan Flemming, Esq.

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE: Dr. Harold McClain, Superintendent
Kedra Rivers, Director of Personnel
Kay Gooding, Coordinator of Instruction
Charlie Tillotson, Interim Director of Finance
Patricia W. Pringle, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Priester called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Hall moved that the Board return to Open Session. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mr. Hall.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Dr. McClain presided at this point and asked for nominations for Board Chairman. Mr. Cave nominated Mr. Priester for Board Chairman. Ms. Smith moved that the Board accept the nomination of Mr. Priester as Board Chairman. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Chairman Priester asked for nominations for vice chairman. Ms. Mole nominated Mr. Hall for vice chairman. Mr. Cave moved that the Board accept the nomination of Mr. Hall as vice chairman. Ms. Smith seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Chairman Priester asked for nominations for Board Secretary. Mr. Hall nominated Ms. Smith for Board Secretary. Ms. Mole moved that the Board accept the nomination of Ms. Smith for Secretary. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Hall moved to amend the agenda, making item #11 the second reading of the Voter's Registration Redistricting, item #16 executive session and item #17 adjournment. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Mole moved to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Regular Meeting. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved with the corrections noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were made.

GOOD NEWS:

Little New Steps: Dr. McClain said Ms. Youmans, Coordinator of Little New Steps was absent because of illness. He said every year the program undergoes a rigorous quality standards and licensing review. LNS maintained its Level "A" rating.

Report Card – Allendale Elementary & A-F High Schools: Dr. McClain recognized Allendale Elementary, Principal, Ms. Leath and Allendale-Fairfax High School, Principal, Mr. Youmans. AES growth rating changed categories from "At-Risk" to "Below Average". AFHS growth rating improved from "At-Risk" to "Excellent."

Clean Sweep Award: Mr. Everett presented the Clean Sweep Award for the month to Allendale Elementary School. Principal Leath accepted on the school's behalf.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM Discipline Reports: For information only.

Second Reading of the Voter's Registration Redistricting Plan: Chairman Priester said the first reading was in October and presented at last month's meeting by Ms. Willis. Mr. Cave moved to approve the second reading. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

School Report Cards

Mr. Youmans, Principal, Allendale-Fairfax High said the school received a growth rating of "Excellent" on their report card. This came with a lot of hard work and hard work pays off. He said some credit must be given to others who helped make this happen, Ms. Gooding and Mr. Titus Duren, who helps with documentation. The Report Card lets them know they have some areas to focus on and to make AYP. They are looking at the categories to stress to make sure this happens. AYP for the high school is based upon graduation rates and HSAP. The graduation rate

must be at 70% and they must meet 13 objectives, but only made 6. They must focus on the 10th graders, ensuring that they pass both parts of the HSAP the first time. We are doing this by having HSAP remedial classes and all 10th graders are enrolled in these classes. The Graduation 9GR Book contains documentation on the students. Mr. Hall asked about the graduation rate and HSAP. What do you anticipate the graduation rate will be this year and helping the students with HSAP are there any other resources or tools you need? Mr. Youmans said looking at the preliminary graduation rates they are at about 82%. One position would definitely help and that is an Academic and Behavior Specialist. The Freshmen Academy needs a lot of work. Mr. Hall asked would this position help the 9th Grade Academy and prepare the students with HSAP. Dr. McClain said talking to Mr. Youmans about this position it is more about behavior issues and helping students make better choices. This position will also help with students who are struggling. Chairman Priester said in reviewing the Report Cards and he wants all principals to answer this question, looking at all the categories females are outdistancing the males in every single category. Are they going to look at anything specific to bridge this gap? Looking at the percentages, the males are much further down, this hurts the overall percentage. Mr. Youmans said as a District they will have to look at this and come together.

Ms. Leath, Principal, Allendale Elementary said the school did experience some improvement last year on the Report Card. They are making progress in the right direction, but are not satisfied. They met 10 of the 13 objectives for AYP. Schools must make AYP for Reading and math. Last year they met AYP for reading and this year they met AYP for math. This year they have focused their efforts on ensuring they meet AYP. Things in place are differentiating instruction; teachers have developed proficiency performance goals; using DeCarte from MAP; identified the number of children they need to move to meet AYP, also know the students and the teachers; they all know the “bubble” kids; those students that are plus or minus 5 points from Met or Proficiency on MAP and Mr. Duren is also helping AES. If they took the MAP test tomorrow they will meet AYP. Nothing but hard work will help them meet AYP. AES will be featured on the Success-For-All website. The email address is successforall.org.

Mr. Rawlinson, Fairfax Elementary said in 2008-2009 they met 7 out of 13 AYP objectives; 13 out of 13 for 2010-2011 school year and in 2011 they met 10 out of 13 objectives. They missed 3 objectives in the content area. When you calculate AYP, if it gets you in one thing, it gets you in more than one, because you are talking about the exact same students. Forty or more students in a population counts as a subgroup. So in reality when you miss one, they count it three times. The number of students needed to move each category in 3rd and 4th grade ELA, math and in all subjects in 5th grade closely correlates to the number of GT students that moved from FES to AES. FES improved all their categories, 3rd grade made the most pronounced advancement and something happened in 4th grade. Reading dictates what happens on all the other tests, the Reading scores moved 17 points and math fell 16 points. The District may want to look at single gender education.

Mr. Holiday, Interim Principal, Allendale-Fairfax Middle said the school 2011 Report Card Absolute Rating and Growth Rating is “At-Risk”. AFMS met 6 out of 13 AYP objectives. The

subgroups are African Americans and subsidized meals and they missed the attendance mark. Seventy plus percent of students did not meet ELA, math, science, social studies and writing. Eighth graders take the EOC test and 44% of these students scored 70 or above on Algebra I EOC and 69% scored 70 or above on English. This year they are trying to increase teacher accountability; implementation of SFA and solutions with fidelity; sustain professional development for faculty and staff; increase access to technology at the school; hire and use a reading teacher; pull out students who are struggling; implement Saturday Academy; the afterschool program is up and running; MAP goal setting sessions with parents and students and they have identified the students that need to move to help the school meet AYP.

Dr. Francis, Director, Adult Education reported the school received 2 awards. They are 1 of only 3 districts in the State to receive the “Correction Award” because 30 or more inmates received a GED and 10 or more inmates at the County Prison received a GED. The “Performance Award” only 5 districts received this award given because of the number of students who received high school diplomas and GED’s at the center. Dr. Francis also reported at the AFLC they are pleased with the student’s social and academic behavior. Currently they have about 20 students.

Instructional Update – Ms. Gooding, Coordinator of Instruction – a handout was included in the Board packets. Ms. Gooding highlighted the: 1) State Report Card Results; 2) AYP Results; 3) Other Data and 4) Plan for Improvement. She also talked about: a) how the State ratings are calculated; b) student’s performance on PASS; c) HSAP; d) End of Course Examination, which students are struggling with EOC; e) on time graduation rate; f) the District improvement rating is “Excellent”; g) AYP this school year the District rating bumped up. The District needs to meet 17 categories for AYP; h) the data the District is using is MAP and CASE21; i) 2 staff retreats consisting of administrators, teachers and all stakeholders in the schools and looked at the data to see where the District has been, what can be learned from the data and what is yet to be done and j) the focus is on improving student achievement, teacher and administrative quality and school climate.

SDE Letter – Success-For-All at AFMS – For Information Only.

Personnel Report: Ms. Rivers, Personnel Director, asked the Board to accept the recommendations for the new hires discussed in executive session. Mr. Cave moved to accept the recommendations. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Secretary Smith moved that the Board accept the resignation letter received from R.C., upon receiving his resignation on the terms recommended by the Superintendent. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Secretary Smith moved that on the letter received from T.K., there are no objections to TK's request as long as she is available by telephone or email. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Tillotson, Interim Director of Finance reported the final day with the Auditors was today. They found no major adjustments or anything dramatic. The District is on firm financial footing. The Board will be pleased with the general fund results for the year. Two weeks from tonight the Auditors will appear before the Board.

Budget Change Report – October 1-31, 2011 included in the Board packets.

Budget Report by Function – October 1-31, 2011 – included in the Board packets.

Chairman Priester asked Mr. Tillotson if he was aware if there would be issues with the placement of staff, and funding for the upcoming year. Mr. Tillotson said for 2012 they do not know what will happen at the Department of Education.

NEWSLETTERS

FES November Newsletter

AES Tiger Tales – November 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCSBA Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy

Regular Monthly Board Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2011

SCSBA Annual Convention – Myrtle Beach – Feb. 23-26, 2012

Secretary Smith asked that at the next Board Meeting they hear a report on the SIG grant.

Ms. Mole moved that the Board return to executive session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved.

The Board returned to open session at 9:13 p.m.

Secretary Smith moved to give Boykin and Davis Law Firm the right to appeal the court decision on the Charter School. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Secretary Smith moved that the Board create a position for the Academic and Behavior Specialist at AFHS. Mr. Hall seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Secretary Smith moved that the Board promote Ms. Pickett to Interim Principal at Fairfax Elementary School. Ms. Mole seconded. The motion was approved by all.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.