

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MR. VINCE FORD, CHAIRMAN

DR. JASPER SALMOND, VICE-CHAIRMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, SECRETARY

MR. JAMIE DEVINE

MR. ROB TYSON

MRS. SUSIE DIBBLE

MRS. BARBARA SCOTT

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201

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MATTER OF**RECORD:**

AS MANDATED BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PASSED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE RECORDS WILL SHOW THAT THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING. THE RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER ; (2) ACTION: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD LEGISLATIVE CONTACT;

(3) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE;

(4) INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS: (5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES;
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(6) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (7) LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE;
 (8) ABBREVIATED NOVEMBER FINANCIALS; (9)
 INFORMATION: BOARD REPORT; (10) ACTION:
 BOARD POLICY (FIRST READING) 1) POLICY JICG-
 TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS; (11) ACTION: BOARD
 POLICIES (SECOND READING APPROVAL)

- 1)Policy DGA-authorized signatures
- 2)Policy DIE – audits/financial monitoring
- 3)Policy DJD – expenses (Travel) reimbursement
- 4)Policy DKB (formerly GAL) – salary deductions
- 5)Policy EEAE – bus safety program
- 6)Policy GCBD/GDBD –staff fringe benefits
- 7)Policy GCC/GCD –staff leaves and absences
- 8)Policy GCD/GDD – staff holidays
- 9)Policy IHBG – home schooling
- 10)Policy IHBH charter schools
- 11)policy IJNDAA -distance learning
- 12)policy JJIB – interscholastic athletics
- 13)policyJLCED–automated external defibrillators (AED’s)
- 14)policy KB – parent involvement in education;

(12) LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM; (13) INFORMATION:
 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT; (14) ACTION:
 CONTRACT: WEB-BASED STUDENT COMMUNI-
 CATION SYSTEM; (15) ACTION: AUDITED
 FINANCIALS (CAFR); (16) ACTION: PROPOSED
 E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2009 APPLICATION;
 (17) ACTION: TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2009-2014.

4:30 P.M.**LEGISLATIVE WORK SESSION (PUBLIC SESSION)**

THE BOARD MET TO DICUSS THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED TO DEFER THIS ITEM TO THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008. VICE-CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

VICE-CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD, DR. JASPER SALMOND, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. JAMIE DEVINE, MR. ROB TYSON, MRS. SUSIE DIBBLE, MRS. BARBARA SCOTT.

INVOCATION:

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD CALLED UPON REVEREND TIFFANY KNOWLIN OF COLLEGE PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. TYSON GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT:

SPOTLIGHT FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION).

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVE LEON HOWARD, FORMER SUPERINTENDENT DR. RONALD EPPS, DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE NAACP AND MR. BUD FERRILLO, PROMOTER OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT ITEM 3(F) LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD AND ITEM 6(A) WEB-BASED STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UNDER THE OFFICE OF OPERATIONS WOULD BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

MR. BUD FERRILLO SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE GOODBYE MINIMALLY ADEQUATE CAMPAIGN. DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH, JR. ALSO SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE GOODBYE MINIMALLY ADEQUATE CAMPAIGN AND ASKED THE BOARD TO

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL NAACP MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 11/25/08

HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE

ABBREVIATED NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE

INFORMATION: BOARD'S REPORT

BOARD:

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD REPORTED THAT HE, DR. MACK, ALONG WITH HIS STAFF, MRS. DIBBLE ATTENDED THE PALMETTO PRIORITY SCHOOLS MEETING THAT WAS HELD AT W. J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 9, 2008. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT IT WAS A MEETING FOR ALL OF THE PRIORITY SCHOOLS, BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS. HE ADDED THAT STATE SUPERINTENDENT REX WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND PROVIDED A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, AN UPDATE ON STANDARD SUPPORT SYSTEM, 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY

LEARNING CENTERS AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERS
UPDATE.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD REMINDED THE BOARD OF
THE LEGISLATIVE DINNER MEETING TO BE HELD
ON DECEMBER 16, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD REMINDED BOARD
MEMBERS OF THE STRATEGIC
PLAN/ACCREDITATION INFORMATION MEETING TO
BE HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT MS.
CAROLYN DUFF, SCHOOL NURSE AT A.C. MOORE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TESTIFIED IN FRONT OF
CONGRESS ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE
CHILD NUTRITION ACT.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MENTIONED THAT THE
EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS
RECOMMENDING FREEZING TEACHER SALARIES
AND ENDING THE \$7,500 NATIONALLY BOARD
CERTIFIED TEACHER'S STIPEND.

HE REPORTED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED OF THREE CUTS TO DATE, WHICH TOTAL
6.5 PERCENT WHICH EQUATES TO ABOUT 1.75
MILLION DOLLARS. HE ALSO STATED THAT IN

ADDITION TO THAT, THE DISTRICT EXPECTS TO HEAR ON OR AROUND DECEMBER 11TH AN ADDITIONAL TWO TO FOUR PERCENT BUDGET CUT WITH A POSSIBLE CUT SOMETIME AFTER THE NEW YEAR. VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET COULD POTENTIALLY BE CUT AS MUCH AS AN ADDITIONAL 15 PERCENT AS WE START THE NEW YEAR.

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT THE PERSONNEL MATTER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION.

ACTION: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD LEGISLATIVE CONTACT

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD APPOINTED DR. SALMOND AND MRS. BARBARA SCOTT AS THE BOARD'S LEGISLATIVE CONTACT.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1) NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MR. SMILING NOMINATED MR. VINCE FORD.

MRS. DIBBLE NOMINATED MR. ROB TYSON.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FORD RELIQUISHED THE VOTING PROCESS TO MR. SMILING, PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THIS NOMINATION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

VOTE: IN FAVOR OF MR. FORD: MR. DEVINE, DR. SALMOND, MR. FORD AND MR. SMILING (4-0)

VOTE IN FAVOR OF MR. TYSON: MRS. DIBBLE, MR. TYSON AND MRS. SCOTT (3-0)

MR. VINCE FORD WAS ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

2) NOMINATION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN FORD RELINQUISHED THE VOTING PROCESS TO MR. SMILING, PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR THIS NOMINATION.

MR. FORD NOMINATED DR. JASPER SALMOND.

MOTION:

MR. TYSON MOVED THAT THE NOMINATION BE CLOSED AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

DR. JASPER SALMOND WAS ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

3) NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

MR. DEVINE RECOMMENDED MR. DWAYNE SMILING.

MOTION:

MR. TYSON MOVED THAT THE NOMINATION BE CLOSED AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

MR. DWAYNE SMILING WAS ELECTED AS SECRETARY-TREASURER.

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT THE PARLIAMENTARIAN WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR IN JANUARY ALONG WITH THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DATES AND TIMES AND THE MEMBERS ON THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT OUR JANUARY MEETING.

ACTION: BOARD POLICY (FIRST READING)

1) POLICY JICG –TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY JICG- TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS.

MOTION:

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

DISCUSSION:

MRS. WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BRING THIS POLICY BACK TO THE BOARD TO ALLOW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT. THE POLICIES ARE POSTED ON-LINE TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC OR ANYONE THAT DESIRES TO PROVIDE INPUT BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED FOR A SECOND READING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ACTION: BOARD POLICIES (SECOND READING APPROVAL)

THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING SECOND READING APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

- 1)POLICY DGA-AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES
- 2)POLICY DIE – AUDITS/FINANCIAL MONITORING
- 3)POLICY DJD – EXPENSES (TRAVEL) REIMBURSEMENT
- 4)POLICY DKB (FORMERLY GAL) – SALARY DEDUCTIONS
- 5) POLICY EEAE – BUS SAFETY PROGRAM
- 6) POLICY GCBD/GDBD –STAFF FRINGE BENEFITS

7)POLICY GCC/GCD –STAFF LEAVES AND ABSENCES

8)POLICY GCD/GDD – STAFF HOLIDAYS

9)POLICY IHBG – HOME SCHOOLING

10)POLICY IHBH CHARTER SCHOOLS

11)POLICY IJNDAA -DISTANCE LEARNING

12)POLICY JJIB – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

13)POLICY JLCED – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED{S})

14)POLICY KB – PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

MOTION:

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

DISCUSSION:

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INPUT ON ANY OF THESE POLICIES

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ACTION: 2009 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

CHAIRMAN FORD REVIEWED THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND POSITION STATEMENTS WITH THE BOARD THAT WILL BE SHARED WITH THE DISTRICT'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AS WELL AS WITH THE PUBLIC.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. MACK REPORTED THAT 44 RICHLAND ONE TEACHERS HAVE EARNED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS. THESE TEACHERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT AN UPCOMING MEETING. HE CONGRATULATED THEM FOR ACHIEVING THIS OUTSTANDING HONOR.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE SCHOOL NURSE CAROLYN DUFF TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS ON DECEMBER 8, 2008 ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING FREE LUNCHESES FOR CHILDREN ACROSS THE NATION. MS. DUFF WAS INVITED TO TESTIFY IN HER CAPACITY AS A SCHOOL NURSE AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES BOARD.

SHE SPOKE BEFORE THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS HOLDING A HEARING ON REAUTHORIZING THE CHILD NUTRITION ACT.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO FEED THE HUNGRY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, ALL RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER AND THE ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE THE TOP WINNERS IN THE ANNUAL XTREME TECHNOLOGY EVENT HOSTED BY BENEDICT COLLEGE IN NOVEMBER.

HE NOTED THAT THESE STUDENTS COMPETED AGAINST 28 SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS THE STATE. HE ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING THE OVERALL COMPETITION WINNERS, A.C. FLORA TEAMS TOOK FIRST PLACE IN PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING.

DR. MACK REMINDED THE ADMINISTRATION, BOARD MEMBERS AND THE AUDIENCE OF THE RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION GALA SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009, AT 6 P.M. AT THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER.

TICKETS TO THE GALA ARE \$40 FOR THE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND \$75 FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON DECEMBER 15 AND JANUARY 5 FROM 3-5 P.M. FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT NATHALIE GREGG AT 318-3005.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT ALL RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22, 2008 -JANUARY 2, 2009 FOR THE WINTER BREAK, REGULAR SCHEDULES WILL RESUME JANUARY 5, 2009.

DR. MACK THANKED THE REVEREND TIFFANY KNOWLIN FROM COLLEGE PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE INVOCATION AND ALSO FOR BEING A COMMUNITY PARTNER.

DR. MACK ALSO PERSONALLY THANKED DR. RONALD EPPS, FORMER DISTRICT ONE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HIS SUPPORT AND HELP DURING HIS TRANSITION TO THE DISTRICT.

DR. MACK WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THE INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OFFICE OF HUMANRESOURCES:INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTED THE INFORMATION ON THE PERSONNEL UPDATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

MR. PERKINS REPORTED THE CONTRACT INFORMATION RELATED CONSTRUCTION WAS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED. AT THAT TIME NO ACTION WAS REQUESTED. NONE WAS REQUIRED.

ACTION: CONTRACT: WEB-BASED STUDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

MR. HARDISON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A WEB-BASED STUDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. TYSON.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ACTION: AUDITED FINANCIALS (CAFR)

MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDIT.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

DISCUSSION:

DR. MACK THANKED AND CONGRATULATED MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE DISTRICT.

ACTION: PROPOSED E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2009APPLICATION

MR. FOX STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED E-RATE FUNDING YEAR 2009 APPLICATION.

MOTION:

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ACTION: 2009-2014 TECHNOLOGY PLAN

MR. FOX STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 2009-2014 TECHNOLOGY PLAN.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13, 2009. HE ASKED THAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT MRS. WILSON WILL BE CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT A DATE FOR A BOARD RETREAT IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

CHAIRMAN FORD WISHED EVERYBODY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN FORD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY-TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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