

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2100 WAVERLY STREET

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007

7 P.M.

MEMBERS, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. WENDY BRAWLEY, CHAIRWOMAN

VINCE FORD, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MR. ROBERT TYSON, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. KING JEFFCOAT

DR. JASPER SALMOND

MR. DWAYNE SMILING

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**MINUTES
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2100 WAVERLY STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29204
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007
7 P.M.**

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 RECORDS WILL ALSO SHOW THAT CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (2) PERSONNEL UPDATE; (3) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT/ ASSIGNMENT; (4) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION; (5) CONTRACTUAL ISSUE: DISPARITY STUDY; (6) CONSENT AGENDA: (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/9/07 (B) HIRING OF PERSONNEL (C) APPROVAL OF SABBATICAL LEAVE (D) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER FINANCIALS (E) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: (1) GENERAL GROCERIES (2) TELEPHONE AND VOICE-MAIL MAINTENANCE (3) UNINTERRUPTIBLE

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POWER SUPPLY (4) WEB-BASED
 COMMUNICATIONS (E-CHALK); (7) SPECIAL
 PRESENTATION FROM BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE;
 (8) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (9) (1) INFOR-
 MATION: COLLEGE SUMMIT REPORT
 (2) 2006 REPORT CARD; (10) OVERVIEW OF
 MONTESSORI PROGRAMS; (11) ACTION:
 APPROVAL OF 8% CAPITAL FUNDS-PC
 REPLACEMENT AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS;
 (12) ACTION: APPROVAL OF E-RATE APPLICATION;
 (13) ACTION: REALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE;
 (14) INFORMATION: PROCUREMENT PROTEST
 PROCESS.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
 CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2100
 WAVERLY STREET, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
 ON JANUARY 23, 2007. CHAIRWOMAN WENDY
 BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT
 7 P.M.

PRESENT:

DR. JASPER SALMOND, MR. VINCE FORD, MR.
 DWAYNE SMILING, MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE,
 MRS. WENDY BRAWLEY AND MR. ROBERT
 TYSON.

INVOCATION: CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON DEACON MICHAEL HARRIS OF BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION: MRS. MCBRIDE GAVE THE HISTORY OF CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. MS. GALLMAN, THE PRINCIPAL, INTRODUCED THE FACULTY, STAFF AND PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD WAS ENTERTAINED BY THE CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS.

SCHOOL BOARD DR. SALMOND GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT: SPOTLIGHT FOR THE JANUARY 23, 2007 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION).

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION: DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVE JOE E. BROWN IN ATTENDANCE.

CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/9/07

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF SABBATICAL LEAVE

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER FINANCIALSAPPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION:

- 1) GENERAL GROCERIES
- 2) TELEPHONE AND VOICE MAIL MAINTENANCE
- 3) UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY
- 4) WEB-BASED COMMUNICATIONS (E-CHALK)

MOTION:

MR. FORD MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE MINUTES ON PAGE 9 UNDER THE CRITERIA FOR THE TEACHER PAY FOR RESULTS PLAN:

“MRS. BRAWLEY VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT TEACHER ATTENDANCE BEING A CRITERIA FOR TIER 1 INCENTIVES AND NOT A CRITERIA FOR TIER 2 INCENTIVES.”

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF THE**BOARD:**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

MS. YORK INTRODUCED MRS. CATHY GARRICK WHO, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, MADE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE FAMILY OF REVEREND EDWARD FRANCIS, SR.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE FOR BOARD MEETINGS
JANUARY 2007-JUNE 2008

DR. COLES STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE SCHEDULE FOR BOARD MEETINGS JANUARY 2007-JUNE 2008.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MRS. MCBRIDE.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND, FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, POINTED OUT THAT THE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. COLES THANKED THE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS IN THE AUDIENCE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE DISTRICT. HE ANNOUNCED THAT NEARLY \$50,000.00 HAD BEEN RAISED BY STAFF FOR THE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION. DR. COLES REPORTED THAT COLUMBIA HIGH WAS AWARDED 1ST PLACE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BELLS AND THAT REDDICK CHATMAN OF COLUMBIA HIGH WAS NAMED YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

HE CONGRATULATED DR. ORA WATSON AND MRS. KATHIE GREER WHO WERE HONORED BY THE COLUMBIA SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN AS RECIPIENTS OF THE LIVING THE LEGACY AWARD.

INFORMATION:

1) COLLEGE SUMMIT REPORT

MS. RHINEHART AND SEVERAL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE COLLEGE SUMMIT PROGRAM IN RICHLAND ONE.

2) 2006 REPORT CARD

DR. CHING PRESENTED THE 2006 REPORT CARD RESULTS VIA POWERPOINT.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD ASKED DR. CHING TO SHARE WHAT 0.1 MEANS. DR. CHING EXPLAINED THAT THE ABSOLUTE RATING CRITERIA INCREASES BY 0.1 YEARLY. SCHOOLS OUGHT TO INCREASE 0.1 EVERY YEAR TO MAINTAIN THEIR PREVIOUS YEAR'S RATING. MR. FORD ASKED FOR A COMPARISON OF THE SUCCESS RATE OF THE FIRST ATTEMPT TAKERS OF HSAP TO PREVIOUS YEARS. DR. CHING STATED THAT GREAT IMPROVEMENT HAD BEEN EXPERIENCED-- ESPECIALLY IN MATH, FROM 57 TO 62 PERCENT.

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SHE SHARED WITH THE BOARD THAT THE GRADUATION RATES FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLS WERE LOWER, AND SHE FELT IT WAS DUE TO A LACK OF DILIGENT TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING FOR WHERE THE STUDENTS WENT.

DR. SALMOND ASKED WHAT APPROACH WAS USED BY THE FOUR SILVER AND GOLD SCHOOLS THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE SHARED. DR. COLES SAID GREAT EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON FOCUSING ON READING AND WRITING AND TEACHING THE STANDARDS TO A HIGHER LEVEL. HE ALSO SAID USING DATA TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS WAS CRITICAL, AND THAT SCHOOLS WERE BECOMING MORE PROFICIENT AT DOING THAT. DR. COLES CALLED UPON THE PRINCIPALS OF THE AWARD WINNING SCHOOLS TO MAKE COMMENTS. MS. HAM ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS AT WEBBER TO HAVING A COMMITTED STAFF, A PRINCIPAL WHO MADE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP A PRIORITY (MEETING LESS AND MANAGING EDUCATION MORE), NOT ACCEPTING ANYTHING BUT EXCELLENCE, COLLABORATING WITH

COLLEAGUES, AND VOWING TO DO BETTER THAN THE YEAR BEFORE. MR. TYSON REFERRED TO THE GRADUATION RATE AND ASKED WHAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE DIFFERENTLY REGARDING DOCUMENTATION ON STUDENTS LABELED AS DROPOUTS. DR. CHING STATED THAT DR. COLES HAS DIRECTED THAT EVERYONE INVOLVED WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE DONE DUE DILIGENCE IN TRACKING EVERY STUDENT THAT LEAVES THE DISTRICT. HE SAID WE HAVE THE RESOURCES AND THERE SHOULD BE DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE ALL EFFORTS WERE EXHAUSTED BY GUIDANCE, SOCIAL WORKERS, SASI SPECIALISTS, IT AND ALL OTHER INTERVENTION SERVICES. MRS. MCBRIDE CONGRATULATED THE FOUR SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVED SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS AND SAID THEY WERE THE BRIGHTEST PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE PROVIDED THE BOARD A LEGAL STATUS REPORT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND NO ACTION WAS BEING REQUESTED.

OFFICE OF
ACADEMICS:

OVERVIEW OF MONTESSORI PROGRAMS

MS. RIGA PRESENTED THE BOARD AN OVERVIEW OF THE MONTESSORI PROGRAMS. SHE SAID THE PROGRAM AT BROCKMAN WAS CURRENTLY FULL MONTESSORI AND THE CONCEPT OF A SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL WAS IN PLACE AT LOGAN AND CAUGHMAN ROAD. MS. RIGA SPOKE OF THE GOAL TO GIVE PARENTS A CHOICE IN THE DISTRICT, EXPECIALLY ONE WITH PROVEN HISTORY OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

BROCKMAN IS IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR AND IS THE ONLY FULL MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE MIDLANDS. DR. SALMOND ASKED WHY INCOME WAS MENTIONED IN THE PRESENTATION. MS. RIGA RESPONDED THAT THE BOARD HAD APPROVED A SLIDING SCALE SO NO CHILD WOULD BE DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE PROGRAM DUE TO FAMILY INCOME. THE RATE FOR FULL DAY FOUR YEAR OLDS IS \$50 PER WEEK AND FOR THREE YEAR OLDS IS \$30 PER WEEK.

DR. SALMOND SAID THE BOARD MIGHT NEED TO REVISIT CHARGING. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY SAID THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET. SHE ALSO

STATED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MONTESSORI IN THE LOWER PART OF THE LOWER RICHLAND AREA. MS. RIGA SAID THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO PRINCIPALS, BUT THEY NEED TO HAVE THE DESIRE AND THE SPACE. MR. SMILING SUGGESTED LOOKING AT GADSDEN, WHERE THERE IS PLENTY OF SPACE DUE TO LOW ENROLLMENT. MR. TYSON EXPRESSED HIS EXCITEMENT AT BEING ABLE TO GIVE STUDENTS CHOICE. HE SAID THE DESIRE FOR MONTESSORI IS IN DEMAND WHETHER WE ARE CHARGING OR NOT. DR. SALMOND SPOKE OF THE LEARNING STYLES OF CHILDREN AND ASKED IF SOME WERE IN BETTER POSITION TO PROFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM THAN OTHERS. MS. RIGA RESPONDED THAT SHE HAS SEEN STUDENTS BLOSSOM IN MONTESSORI BECAUSE OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND CHOICES IN THE CLASSROOM. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT DO NOT SUCCEED FOR SOCIAL REASONS, BECAUSE WITH FREEDOM COMES RESPONSIBILITY AND STUDENTS WITH SEVERE DISRACTION DISORDERS CANNOT FUNCTION

SUCCESSFULLY IN THIS KIND OF SETTING. MR. FORD ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DISTRICT MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF BEING ABLE TO OFFER OTHER CHOICES. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED IF THE DISTRICT HAD LOOKED INTO FUNDING FOR PRE-4 - KINDERGARTEN. MS. RIGA SAID THAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF THE LEGISLATION EXPANDS FOR DISTRICTS TO GET MORE MONEY TO OFFSET THE COST. MRS. MCBRIDE ASKED IF THE CHILDREN WERE TESTED TO GET INTO THE MONTESSORI PROGRAM. MS. RIGA RESPONDED THAT THE CHILDREN ARE NOT SCREENED. THERE IS A ONE PAGE APPLICATION. DR. SALMOND ASKED HOW THE WAITING LIST WAS HANDLED. MS. RIGA SAID BY LOTTERY EVERY FEBRUARY 15. MR. FORD SAID HE APPLAUDS THE STAFF AND DISTRICT FOR BEING BOLD WITH MONTESSORI—THE ONLY PUBLIC MONTESSORI IN THE MIDLANDS AND THE PROSPECT OF EXPANSION INTO OTHER SCHOOLS. HE SAID RICHLAND ONE WAS FAR AHEAD OF OTHER DISTRICTS IN THIS REGARD.

OFFICE OF HUMAN INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

RESOURCE SERVICES: DR. STUCKEY STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND NO ACTION WAS BEING REQUESTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

ACTION: DR. STUCKEY STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

1) APPOINTMENT OF ROY HOLLOWAY AS COORDINATOR OF THE RICHLAND ONE EVENING SCHOOL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

2) RECOMMENDS APPOINTMENT OF MARK LESLIE AS COORDINATOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2007.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

OPERATIONS:

ACTION: APPROVAL OF 8% CAPITAL FUNDS-PC REPLACEMENT AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

MR. BOBBY STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF 8% CAPITAL

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FUNDS—PC REPLACEMENT AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS. HE SAID APPROVAL OF THE ITEMS AS LISTED IN THE BOARD PACKET WOULD ENSURE CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONAL, SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES. HE SAID A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WOULD BE PRESENTED WHEN THE LONG-RANGE PLAN WAS COMPLETED. MR. BOBBY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LIST OF CAPITAL NEEDS.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND DR. SALMOND SECONDED IT. DR. SALMOND STATED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE WHERE THE DISTRICT WAS HEADED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. MR. FORD ASKED IF THE 8% WOULD KEEP THE DISTRICT AT 49 MILLS. MR. BOBBY RESPONDED YES, AND THAT THE DEBT WOULD BE PAID OFF IN ONE YEAR.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ACTION: APPROVAL OF E-RATE APPLICATION

MR. FOX STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE E-RATE APPLICATION AND THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION WAS FEBRUARY 7, 2007. MR. FORD ASKED IF CONGRESS HAD REALLOCATED THE

FUNDS FOR THIS YEAR. MR. FOX RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT. DR. SALMOND ASKED WHAT COULD BE THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME. MR. FOX SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF \$12 MILLION THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF E-RATE DISCOUNTS.

MOTION:

MRS. MCBRIDE MOVED FOR APPROVAL, AND DR. SALMOND SECONDED IT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ACTION: REALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REALLOCATION OF THE FUND BALANCE AS SUBMITTED IN THE BOARD PACKET.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL, AND MRS. MCBRIDE SECONDED IT.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD ASKED THAT SOME TIME BE SPENT GOING OVER THE DOCUMENT. MR. CARLON PRESENTED THE LINE ITEMS STATING THAT THERE WAS A SEVEN PERCENT RESERVE BY POLICY, \$1.8 MILLION EACH YEAR SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS, REALLOCATION FOR ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED OR NEEDING TO BE APPROVED FOR

THE COMING YEAR, \$1 MILLION FOR TEACHER INCENTIVES APPROVED LAST BOARD MEETING, TOSAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PRORAM, PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR TAP AT BURTON-PACK, SECURITY SERVICES, MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM, ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FOR TESTING COORDINATORS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SUCCESS MAKER LABS NEEDED FOR ONE YEAR, SROS AND CROSSING GUARDS, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION-- SEVERAL PROGRAMS, SITE BASED TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FROM IT, ENERGY MANAGER EXPERIMENTS IN SCHOOLS, CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS FOR THE RICHLAND ONE MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER SCHOOL, PERFORMING ARTS PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS, ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS, FUNDS TO HELP REDUCE THE COST FOR MONTESSORI AND EXTRA FTES WHERE NEEDED. MRS. MCBRIDE ASKED IF THE TOSAS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FULLTIME POSITONS. DR. COLES RESPONDED THAT WITH THE MANY PROJECTS COMING ONLINE, THE THOUGHT WAS TO USE A TEACHER WHO WILL RECEIVE A STIPEND THAT WOULD END AT THE END OF THE

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PROJECT. MRS. MCBRIDE ENCOURAGED DR. COLES TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPALS BECAUSE THOSE TOSAS WERE PROMISED TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. MR. FORD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT STUDENTS WERE BEING DENIED SERVICES IN ORDER TO GENERATE THESE FUND BALANCES. DR. COLES SAID THAT THE INCREASE TO 30 DAYS FOR THE RAINY DAY FUND WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND WAS REGARDED AS GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICE. MR. BOBBY EMPHASIZED THAT THE DISTRICT WAS NOT DELIBERATELY HOLDING BACK TO CREATE A FUND BALANCE. MR. TYSON QUESTIONED THE NEED TO GO TO A 30 DAY RAINY DAY FUND IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN A NEED FOR THAT IN THE PAST AND NO INDICATION THAT THERE WOULD BE SUCH A NEED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MR. FORD STATED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO PUPIL ALLOCATIONS, BUT THAT DOES NOT JUSTIFY NOT SPENDING MONEY BUDGETED FOR STUDENTS IN CRISIS. HE SAID THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO

STUDENTS. DR. SALMOND REMINDED THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE POSITION ON FUND BALANCE IS A BOARD POLICY POSITION AND NOT STAFF DRIVEN. MR. FORD STATED THAT THIS DISTRICT HAS OPERATED IN A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE POSITION FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE RECEIVED MANY STATE AND NATIONAL AWARDS FOR GOOD BUSINESS OPERATIONS. HE SAID WE ARE HERE TO EDUCATE YOUNGSTERS AND SHOULD BE WORKING IN CRISIS MODE, WHICH MEANS NOT SACRIFICING SERVICES TO STUDENTS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND, MRS.

MCBRIDE, AND MR. SMILING

IN OPPOSITION: MR. FORD, MRS. BRAWLEY

AND MR. TYSON

MOTION FAILED: (3-3)

INFORMATION: PROCUREMENT PROTEST

PROCESS

MR. HARDISON PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE PROCUREMENT PROTEST PROCESS.

INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION

MR. PERKINS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION WAS REQUESTED.

ACTION: APPROVAL TO FUND DISPARITY STUDY

MR. BOBBY STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A BUDGET TO FUND A DISPARITY STUDY. THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY WOULD BE TO SUPPORT RICHLAND ONE'S LONG STANDING POSITION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING SWMBE BUSINESSES.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND MR. SMILING SECONDED IT.

DISCUSSION:

MR. TYSON ASKED WHAT WAS CURRENTLY BEING DONE TO ENSURE SWMBE INVOLVEMENT. MR. BOBBY EXPLAINED AND PRESENTED A BROCHURE THAT OUTLINED HOW RICHLAND ONE'S PROCESS FITS THE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY. MR. BOBBY STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO LOOK AT

RICHLAND ONE'S PRACTICES ACROSS THE BOARD. MR. TYSON SAID IT SEEMED THE DISTRICT WAS DOING A GOOD JOB ON CONSTRUCTION AND THAT PROCESS SHOULD BE CARRIED TO OTHER AREAS. HE SAID THE BOARD COULD SET A GOAL TO IMMEDIATELY INCORPORATE THE SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES INTO THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ACROSS THE BOARD. MR. BOBBY EXPLAINED THAT A DISPARITY STUDY WOULD PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO SET TARGETS. MR. FORD SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION TO GIVE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES. DR. SALMOND SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THIS WOULD BE THE DISTRICT'S PRACTICE IN THE FUTURE. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY SAID SHE DID NOT SEE THE NEED TO LOOK FOR A LEGAL WAY TO VALIDATE WHAT WE ALREADY DO. SHE SAID IF WE REALLY WANTED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS, WE NEEDED TO STOP STUDYING THEM AND JUST GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO BUSINESS. MRS. MCBRIDE ASKED WHY WE COULDN'T JUST DO

THE THINGS THE CONSULTANT IS DOING NOW IN CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE BOARD. MR. TYSON ASKED IF WE HAD BEEN CHALLENGED. MR. BOBBY ANSWERED NO. DR. SALMOND SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ARRIVE AT A POLICY POSITION WHETHER A DISPARITY STUDY IS DONE OR NOT. THIS WOULD BE A WAY TO ENSURE THAT THE STRUCTURE CONTINUES AFTER THE PRESENT BOARD IS NO LONGER IN PLACE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: MR. FORD, DR. SALMOND AND MR. SMILING

IN OPPOSITION: MRS. BRAWLEY, MRS. MCBRIDE AND MR. TYSON

MOTION FAILED: (3-3)

ADJOURNMENT:

THE BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:20 P.M.

Eva Helen Nelson
STENOGRAPHER

Jane C. Brawley
CHAIRWOMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Jeanette McBride
SECRETARY-TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – JANUARY 23, 2007**