

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

E. E. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

7:00 P.M.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MR. VINCE FORD, CHAIRMAN

DR. JASPER SALMOND, VICE-CHAIRMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, SECRETARY

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. ROB TYSON

MRS. SUSIE DIBBLE

MRS. BARBARA SCOTT

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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 THE CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER; (2) ACTION: STUDENT APPEAL; (3) INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (4) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE; (5) INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS; (6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/13/09;
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(7) LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE; (8) DECEMBER FINANCIALS; (9) HELP DESK MANAGEMENT; (10) NOVANET SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL; (11) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (12) INFORMATION: BOARD REPORT; (13) INFORMATION: FUNDING FLEXIBILITY RESOLUTION; (14) ACTION: STUDENT APPEAL; (15) INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (16) ACTION: OPTION AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY OFFER; (17) ACTION: PROCUREMENT CODE CHANGES; (18) ACTION: CONTRACTS:

1} SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR 2008-2009;

2} GOOD NEWS TRAVELS

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT E. E. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29203, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009. CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

INVOCATION: CHAIRMAN FORD CALLED UPON MINISTER CHIQUITA SINGLETARY OF GATES OF LIFE DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD DR. JASPER SALMOND GAVE THE HISTORY OF E. E.

PRESENTATION: TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL DEBBIE HUNTER WELCOMED THE SCHOOL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF A FEW OF THE SCHOOL'S ACCOLADES. THE SCHOOL STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE INTRODUCED.

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOL BOARD MRS. SCOTT GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT: SPOTLIGHT FOR THE JANUARY 27, 2009 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION).

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRMAN FORD ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA.

MOTION: DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR ADOPTION AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/13/09LEAVE-OF-ABSENCEDECEMBER FINANCIALSHELP DESK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMNOVANET SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**MOTION:**

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**OFFICE OF THE**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**BOARD:**

DR. SALMOND PRESENTED THE MEMORIAL
 RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF BRENDA J.
 STINNEY.

INFORMATION: BOARD REPORT

CHAIRMAN FORD RERPORTED THAT THE
 S.C. SCHOOL BOARD'S ASSOCIATION HAS ASKED EVERY
 SCHOOL BOARD IN THE STATE TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE
 FUNDING RESOLUTION. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT
 THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION WILL DRAFT A
 RESOLUTION BASED ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE THE
 ISSUES IF THE ADOPTS THE RESOLUTION WILL FORWARD IT
 TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION.
 CHAIRMAN FORD BRIEFED THE BOARD ON
 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES.

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL HELD ITS REDEDICATION CEREMONIES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO VISIT THE SCHOOL.

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARD'S RETREAT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. AT THE LYON STREET TELECONFERENCE CENTER.

CHAIRMAN FORD REPORTED THAT A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE) TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS.

CHAIRMAN FORD REPORTED THAT HE, DR. MACK, MS. BRATHWAITE, MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL, MR. ED CARLON AND OTHERS MET WITH AREA SUPERINTENDENTS AND DR. REX AND HIS STAFF TO TALK ABOUT FUNDING AND SOME OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES THAT FACE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

INFORMATION:FUNDING FLEXIBILITY RESOLUTION

MR. CARLON PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY RESOLUTION.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE DRAFT OF THE RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT A PERSONNEL MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ACTION: STUDENT APPEAL

MS. MINNIEWEATHER STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE DECISION MADE BY THE HEARING OFFICE IS UPHELD FOR THE STUDENT WITH THE INITIALS J.A.

MOTION:

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VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION HELD ON JANUARY 26TH AT MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE PROGRAM, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS COLLECTED A RECORD-HIGH OF MORE THAN 15,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK AS PART OF THE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE HELD IN DR. KING'S MEMORY AND HONOR. HE NOTED THAT THE TOP THREE SCHOOLS WERE: BRENNEN, MEADOWFIELD AND CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH HONORABLE MENTION TO DREHER HIGH AND SOUTHEAST MIDDLE. HE CONGRATULATED THESE SCHOOLS AND ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FOOD DRIVE AND THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DR. MACK CONGRATULATED RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS TMOOTHY WHITE OF DREHER, NICHOLAS WHITE OF BRENNEN AND TALISHA SUMTER OF

SOUTHEAST MIDDLE WHO WERE AMONG THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA 2009 DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT SACHEL FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL IS AMONG THE 16 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCILS STATEWIDE THAT ARE COMPETING FOR THE 2009 DICK AND TUNKY RILEY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AWARD. DR. MACK ADDED THAT THE RILEY AWARD SALUTES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCILS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS TO FOSTER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THAT FIVE FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE 16 HONOR ROLL SCHOOLS AND THIS YEAR'S WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LUNCHEON DURING THE SPRING.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE IS SPONSORING THE DISTRICT'S 10TH ANNUAL CERTIFIED TEACHER JOB FAIR ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, FROM 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT DREHER HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. TYSON COMMENDED DR. MACK AND MS. BRATHWAITE ON THE REPORT ON SINGLE GENDER

EDUCATION. MR. TYSON ASKED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FOLLOW-UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS TOWARDS SINGLE GENDER PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS OF HOW TO IMPROVE OR HOW TO ENHANCE IT IN OUR OTHER SCHOOLS. MRS. SCOTT ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A BREAKDOWN ON THOSE THAT SHOWED NO INTEREST OR THOSE THAT SHOWED INTEREST.

INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE BOARD WAS PRESENTED WITH A LEGAL STATUS REPORT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

MS. JANE EASON, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES ABOUT THE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY RESOLUTION.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

RESOURCES:

MR. DILLIHAY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PERSONNEL UPDATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS: INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

MR. PERKINS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ACTION: OPTION AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY OFFER

MR. PERKINS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE EASEMENT FOR OFFSITE SEWER CONNECTION FOR KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION:

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: PROCUREMENT CODE CHANGES

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS AND REQUESTS APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT CODE CHANGES.

MOTION:

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED ABOUT THE IMPACT AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGES.

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED THE IMPACT

IS INTENDED TO BE A MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE WITH THE INTENT FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO HAVE THEIR PROCUREMENT CODES IDENTICAL AS FAR AS THE CONTENT.

DR. SALMOND STATED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS ALWAYS OPERATED IN CONCERT WITH STATE PROCUREMENT BUT WANTED TO KNOW IF THIS WOULD IMPACT THE LEVEL OF AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL. MR. HARDISON RESPONDED THIS CODE DOES NOT CHANGE THE LEVEL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD WHICH IS CURRENTLY STATES THAT ANY CONTRACT PURCHASE ORDER GREATER THAN \$50,000 IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD. MR. HARDISON ADDED THAT THAT LANGUAGE HAS BEEN RETAINED IN THE CODE.

CHAIRMAN FORD ADDED THAT THE BOARD HAS PROVIDED THE \$50,000 THRESHOLD TO THE ADMINISTRATION SO THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CAN TAKE CARE OF THE DISTRICT'S BUSINESS WITHOUT HAVING TO BRING EVERY CONTRACT

BACK TO THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT HAS A 15% THRESHOLD FOR SWMBE AND HAS BEEN SET AT THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT IT'S TIME TO MOVE THAT THRESHOLD TO A HIGHER PERCENTAGE PARTICULARLY FOR LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY, GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE DISTRICT AND THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN RIGHT HERE IN THIS COMMUNITY. CHAIRMAN FORD ASKED THE BOARD TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FROM 15% TO 20%.

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED I AM SURE WE CERTAINLY CAN EVALUATE THAT. I BELIEVE THAT'S SOMETHING WE CERTAINLY WANT TO MOVE FORWARD AND STRETCH OUR GOALS.

AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD AND THE ADMINISTRATION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS ITEM WOULD GO BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND BROUGHT BACK AT A LATER BOARD MEETING.

MR. TYSON ASKED IF THIS WAS FIRST READING APPROVAL FOR THIS ITEM. MR. HARDISON RESPONDED, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT SAY IT, IT IS FIRST READING APPROVAL.

THE BOARD ACCEPTED THIS AS FIRST READING APPROVAL.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: CONTRACTS:

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS:

- 1) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACTS FOR 2008-2009
- 2) GOOD NEWS TRAVELS

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRMAN FORD COMMENTED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN UNIFORMED MILLAGE RATE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DISTRICT. HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVES, BUT DID NOT KNOW THE CALCULATION, THE DISTRICT COULD

POTENTIALLY LOSE MONEY WHERE AS OTHER DISTRICTS COULD GAIN MONEY.

MR. CARLON RESPONDED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE A MINIMUM CHANGE BUT THAT THE DISTRICT'S WOULD NOT CHANGE.

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT DISTRICT WOULD BE IN A HOLD HARMLESS STATE FOR ONE YEAR.

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD GET CLARIFICATION ON THE MILLAGE RATE MATTER.

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 10TH AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN FORD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER

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