

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

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) CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION; (4) CONSENT AGENDA: (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/23/07 (B) HIRING OF PERSONNEL (C) LEAVES-OF-ABSENCE (D) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR ON-LINE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM; (6) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF POLICIES: (1) AC-NON-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (2) DB-

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ANNUAL BUDGET, BUDGET HEARINGS AND
 REVIEWS (3) DIBA-FOUNDATIONS/BOOSTER
 CLUBS (4) DJE-PURCHASING, PURCHASING
 AUTHORITY, ET AL. (5) DJEI-VENDOR RELATIONS
 (6) EEAE-BUS SAFETY PROGRAM (7) GBED-
 TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS/STAFF NO SMOKING (8)
 GDQB-RESIGNATION OF STAFF (9) IC-SCHOOL
 YEAR (10) ID-SCHOOL DAY (11) IHAC-SOCIAL
 STUDIES EDUCATION (12) IHAQ-CAREER AND
 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (13) ILB-TEST
 ADMINISTRATION & SECURITY (14) ILBB-STATE
 PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS; (7) SUPERINTENDENT'S
 REPORT; (8) INFORMATION: 2006 END-OF-COURSE
 REPORT; (9) INFORMATION: HYATT PARK
 PRESENTATION; (10) INFORMATION: SCHOOL
 GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES; (11)
 ACTION: (1) APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF
 FUND BALANCE; (2) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO
 FURNISH AND INSTALL OUTDOOR BLEACHERS (3)
 APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
 STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1616
 RICHLAND STREET, COLUMBIA, SOUTH

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 STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

CAROLINA ON FEBRUARY 13, 2007. CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7 P.M.

PRESENT:

MR. KING JEFFCOAT, 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 MR. JEFFCOAT TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. JEFFCOAT GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT:

SPOTLIGHT FOR THE FEBRUARY 13, 2007 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION).

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/23/07

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

LEAVES-OF-ABSENCE

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APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR
ON-LINE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

MOTION:

MRS. MCBRIDE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT
WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE

FIRST READING APPROVAL OF POLICIES

BOARD:

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING
APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES WITH
ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED.

1) AC-NON-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL

OPPORTUNITY

2) DB-ANNUAL BUDGET, BUDGET HEARINGS AND
REVIEWS

3) DIBA-FOUNDATIONS/BOOSTER CLUBS

4) DJE-PURCHASING, PURCHASING AUTHORITY,
ET AL.

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8) GDQB-RESIGNATION OF STAFF

9) IC-SCHOOL YEAR

10) ID-SCHOOL DAY

11) IHAC-SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION

12) IHAQ-CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

13) ILB-TEST ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY

14) ILBB-STATE PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT POLICY DIBA- FOUNDATIONS/BOOSTER CLUBS; MR. FORD RAISED A CONCERN ABOUT POLICY GBED – HE REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE USE OF THE TERM SMOKE-FREE DISTRICT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL BUILDINGS. HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION INCLUDE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE A RECOMMENDATION OF SMOKE CESSATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND STUDENTS. MR. TYSON RAISED A CONCERN REGARDING SOME LANGUAGE IN POLICY DJEI-VENDOR RELATIONS. HE RAISED A CONCERN

ABOUT PHRASING, "...IS EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS TO THESE BUSINESSES..." HE ASKED THAT THIS SECTION BE REWORDED SO AS NOT TO CAUSE CONFUSION ON EXPECTATIONS. DR. SALMOND RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT POLICY EEAE-BUS SAFETY PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO CDL REQUIREMENTS. MR. FORD ADDED THAT HE SUPPORTS THE REQUIREMENT, BUT WANTED ASSURANCE THAT EMPLOYEES AFFECTED WOULD HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY AND ASSISTANCE TO EITHER ATTAIN THE CDL OR BE PROVIDED ANOTHER POSITION WITHIN THE DISTRICT. MR. FORD ASKED FOR REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THIS RULE AND TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND/OR PLACEMENT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MATHEMATICS AND READING SUMMIT ON FEBRUARY 19, 2007. DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT 13 OF THE DISTRICT'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS MADE IT TO THE STATE PLAYOFFS, WHICH BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 12, 2007. HE ADDED THAT THE A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL AND EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS ADVANCED TO THE SECOND ROUND. DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT HE VISITED HEYWARD CAREER CENTER'S FUTURE FOCUS CAREER QUEST, AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. HE THANKED THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF HEYWARD FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

INFORMATION: 2006 END OF COURSE REPORT

DR. CHING PRESENTED THE 2006 END OF COURSE REPORT VIA POWERPOINT.

INFORMATION: HYATT PARK PRESENTATION

MRS. EASON AND TWO MEMBERS OF HER STAFF MADE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE MANY INITIATIVES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE

GREAT STRIDES THAT ARE BEING MADE AT
HYATT PARK.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MRS. WILLIAMS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A
LEGAL STATUS REPORT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED.

OFFICE OF

ACADEMICS:

INFORMATION: SCHOOL GUIDANCE AND

COUNSELING SERVICES

DR. MILES PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH
INFORMATION ON THE GUIDANCE AND
COUNSELING SERVICES DIVISION AND THE WORK
HE IS DOING WITH THE COUNSELORS TO MAKE
THE PROGRAM A PREMIER PROGRAM IN THE
NATION.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

RESOURCE SERVICES:

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

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

OFFICE OF

OPERATIONS:

ACTION: APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF FUND

BALANCE

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION OF FUND BALANCE.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES AND RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT LARGE BALANCES IN SOME AREAS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND, MR.

JEFFCOAT, MR. TYSON, AND MR. SMILING

IN OPPOSITION: MR. FORD, CHAIRWOMAN

BRAWLEY AND MRS. MCBRIDE (4-3)

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO FURNISH AND
INSTALL OUTDOOR BLEACHERS**

MR. HARDISON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO FURNISH AND INSTALL OUTDOOR BLEACHERS.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND, FOR THE RECORD, ASKED THAT THE STANDARD FOR ALL OUTDOOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED BY THE DISTRICT INCLUDE RESTROOM FACILITIES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND, MR. FORD, MR. JEFFCOAT, CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY, MR. SMILING AND MR. TYSON

IN OPPOSITION: MRS. MCBRIDE (6-1)

ACTION: APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION

MRS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE BOND RESOLUTION.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. JEFFCOAT COMMENTED ABOUT VALUE ENGINEERING STATING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE DIMINISHED QUALITY IN THE PROJECT. MR. TYSON ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE CHANGES ON THE VARIOUS PROJECTS. HE SUMMARIZED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL COSTS WERE IMPOSED BY THE CITY, DOT, THE COUNTY, THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SOME

CHANGES WERE DISTRICT REQUESTS. MR. TYSON EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO OVERSPENDING AND ASKED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STAY WITHIN THE BUDGET ON THE REMAINING FIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EQUITY IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN REQUESTS FOR SOME CHANGE ORDERS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND, MR. JEFFCOAT, CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY, MR. SMILING, MRS. MCBRIDE AND MR. TYSON
IN OPPOSITION: MR. FORD (6-1)

INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION.

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