

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

WEBBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

140 WEBBER SCHOOL ROAD

EASTOVER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29044

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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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RECHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
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HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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) PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD ONLY); (2) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (3) PERSONNEL UPDATE; (4) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT; (5) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION; (6) RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE ON PROCUREMENTR CODE REVISIONS; (7) CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 3/27/07; 4/5/07;4/19/07 (B) APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIALS (C) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

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EXTENSION FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES AUDIT SERVICES; (8) SECOND READING APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR; (9) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF 2007-08 GENERAL FUND BUDGET; (10) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF POLICY IHBH CHRTER SCHOOLS; (11) SUPER-INTENDENT'S REPORT; (12) APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS: (1) STUDENT TRANSPORATION AND ZONING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SOFTWARE (2) PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR HORRELL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (3) APPROVAL OF FUNDING FLEXIBILITY TRANSFER PROVISOS.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT WEBBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 140 WEBBER SCHOOL ROAD, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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.

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INVOCATION:

CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON DR. SALMOND TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONCLUDE OR HEAR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 4(A) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION; ITEM 4(B) RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE ON PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS; ITEM 1(A) PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD ONLY); ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD BY BOARD.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION:

MR. JEFFCOAT GAVE THE HISTORY OF WEBBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. DR. DOROTHY HAM, PRINCIPAL INTRODUCED THE FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD WAS ENTERTAINED WITH A SPECIAL BALLROOM DANCE PERFORMANCE PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS FROM THE AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC/DANCE CLASS.

SCHOOL BOARD

DR. SALMOND GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT:

SPOTLIGHT FOR THE APRIL 24, 2007 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION).

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AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGE NEEDED TO BE MADE TO THE AGENDA:

ADDITION: ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD BY THE BOARD.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 3/27/07;4/5/07;4/19/07

APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIALS

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR

FINANCIAL SERVICES AUDIT SERVICES

DISCUSSION: CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT A CORRECTION ON PAGE 11 OF THE 3/27/07 MINUTES NEEDED TO BE MADE TO REFLECT THE COMPLETE QUESTION BY THE CHAIR, WHICH WAS WHETHER THE A+ SCHOOLS WOULD BE GIVEN ANY ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR THE SMALLER CLASS SIZES.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA AND IT WAS SECONDED BY
MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE

SECOND READING APPROVAL OF THE 2008-

BOARD:

2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MR. OUTZS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009
ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT
HAVING SCHOOL ON MEMORIAL DAY. MR. FORD
ASKED WHETHER THIS CALENDAR DECREASED
OR INCREASED THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS PRIOR
TO PACT. MR. OUTZS STATED THAT THIS
CALENDAR WOULD REFLECT THE SAME NUMBER
OF DAYS IN RELATION TO PACT PENDING ANY
INCLEMENT WEATHER.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

FIRST READING APPROVAL OF 2007-08 GENERAL
FUND BUDGET

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING
APPROVAL OF THE 2007-08 GENERAL FUND
BUDGET.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. JEFFCOAT RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
DIFFERENCE IN AMOUNTS REQUESTED THIS
YEAR VERSUS LAST YEAR AND IF THERE WAS A
CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE IN THE EVENT
THE DISTRICT DID NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FROM RICHLAND COUNTY. MR. FORD
URGED THE ADMINISTRATION NOT TO BASE
FUNDING ON BASE STUDENT COST BUT CREATE
SOME ROOM IN CASE WE GET ANY BUDGET CUTS.
MR. TYSON ASKED WHERE THE FUNDING WOULD
COME FROM FOR A+ SCHOOLS THAT MAY BE
ADDED. DR. SALMOND ASKED FOR
CLARIFICATION ON THE STEP AND COST OF
LIVING INCREASE FOR TEACHERS AND NON-
TEACHERS. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED

MR. CARLON TO STATE THE ONE-TIME ITEMS OUTLINED ON THE BUDGET. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED MR. CARLON TO EXPLAIN FOR THE RECORD THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS APPROVED. MR. CARLON ANNOUNCED THAT A BUDGET HEARING WOULD BE HELD ON MAY 8 AT BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY PRIOR TO SECOND READING APPROVAL. HE STATED THE BUDGET WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO COUNTY COUNCIL, AND AFTER THEIR APPROVAL IT WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THIRD READING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

FIRST READING APPROVAL OF POLICY IHBH
CHARTER SCHOOLS

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING APPROVAL OF POLICY IHBH CHARTER SCHOOLS.

MOTION:

MR. TYSON MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

PUBLIC SPEAKER(S); MR. WILEY COOPER SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF DR. COLES' SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT. MRS. LAVOLA TAYLOR SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THE DISTRICT AND THE BOARD. SHE STATED THAT SOME CONTINUITY NEEDED TO BE MAINTAINED AND THAT DR. COLES NEEDED TO REMAIN ON THE JOB. MRS. JESSICA NEWMAN SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF DR. COLES' SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT. REV. BENNIE COKLEY SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT UNFUNDED MANDATES.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2007 RICHLAND DISTRICT ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS IS FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007. HE ADDED THAT THE SELECTION CRITERIA ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. CONGRATS. HE CONGRATULATED THE OFFICE OF COMMUNCAITONS FOR RECEIVING FIVE AWARDS AND FOUR HONORABLE MENTIONS AT THE NSPRA (PUBLIC RELATIONS) CONFERENCE.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MRS. WILLIAMS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO WAS ACTION REQUIRED AND NONE WAS TAKEN.

OFFICE OF HUMANINFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATERESOURCES

DR. STUCKEY STATED THAT THE BOARD WAS UPDATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS.

ACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION AT W. A. PRRY MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. CHADRICK MYERS AND MS. SELENA LATTIMORE FOR PART-TIME PRINCIPALSHIP AND PART-TIME TEACHING POSITIONS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD APPLAUDED THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION FOR THEIR INNOVATIVE MEASURES IN THE STAFFING OF THIS POSITION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

ACTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:

OPERATIONS:

- 1) STUDENT TRANSPORTATION AND ZONING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SOFTWARE
- 2) PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR HORRELL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF "SIMPLYING THE LIFE CYCLE OF FIELD TRIPS." MR. THREAT RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS A TRACJUBG MECHANISM TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLY ASKED THAT A SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S ASSESSMENT OF VENDORS BE GIVEN TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS. MRS. MCBRIDE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE EVALUATION

PROCESS OF THE VENDORS. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY FOR THE RECORD ASKED THAT THE BOARD BE PROVIDED WITH SUMMARY FROM THE EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE ON THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE VENDORS. MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE EVALUATION OF THE VENDORS WENT TO THE FAVILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. DR. COLES RESPONDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT SENT EVERY EVALUATION TO EVERY COMMITTEE, ONLY THE COMMITTEE ALIGNED WITH THE ISSUE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: APPROVAL OF FUNDING FLEXIBILITY TRANSFER PROVISOS

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY TRANSFER PROVISOS.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF THE FUNDS BEING TRANSFERRED. MR. CARLONG RESPONDED THAT, ALTHOUGH

FUNDS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER, IT'S GOING INTO AREAS OF MOST NEED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THE BOARD NEEDED TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SHE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING AS THE AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM 1(A) PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD ONLY);

ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR HEARING

ITEM 4(A) INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND

ITEM 4(B) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS.

MOTION:

MRS. MCBRIDE MOVED TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS STATED ABOVE AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OPEN SESSION**RECONVENED:**

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. SHE STATE THAT THE BOARD HAD BEEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND ASKED FOR A MOTION TO MAKE THOSE ITEMS THE AGENDA FOR THE OPEN SESSION.

ITEM 1(A) PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD ONLY);

ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR HEARING;

ITEM 4(A) INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND

ITEM 4(B) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS.

MRS. MCBRIDE MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. TYSON, TO ACCEPT THOSE ITEMS FOR THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA.

ITEM 1(A) PERSONNEL MATTER (BOARD ONLY)

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "AT THIS TIME, A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD IS AGREEABLE THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON DR. COLES' CONTRACT, WHICH EXTENDS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008."

ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR HEARING

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION REGARDING THIS ITEM.

MOTION:

MR. JEFFCOAT MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND TO HEAR THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ITEM 4(A) INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION

MR. PERKINS STATED THAT CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION WERE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION WAS REQUESTED AND NONE REQUIRED.

ITEM 4(B) FIRST READING APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE REVISIONS. SHE STATED THAT THOSE REVISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BEFORE BEING BROUGHT BACK FOR SECOND READING APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION:


BOARD MEMBERS REITERATED THAT ANY EXPENDITURES OVER \$50,000 MUST COME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. CLARIFICATION WAS ALSO GIVEN REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 WAS THE THRESHOLD FOR EXPENDITURES WITHOUT AN RFP. THIS WOULD APPLY TO SOME SMALL GRANTS AND NON-COMPETE SERVICES.

ADJOURNMENT:

THE BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:50 P.M.


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CHAIRWOMAN, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS


SECRETARY-TREASURER,
BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS