

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1616 RICHLAND STREET,

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. WENDY BRAWLEY, CHAIRPERSON

MR. VINCE FORD, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE, SECRETARY/TREASURER

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. KING JEFFCOAT

DR. JASPER SALMOND

MR. ROBERT TYSON

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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 RECORDS WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES (1) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER; (2) ACTION: EMPLOYEE HEARING; (3) INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (4) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE; (5) ACTION: EMPLOYEE TERMINATIONS; (6) INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; (7) INFORMATION: KEENAN ANNEXATION; (8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/8/08;

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5/13/08; 5/16/08; (9) APRIL FINANCIALS; (10) CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: (1) PRINTER/COPIER LEASE; (2) GRASS CUTTING AND MAINTENANCE FOR STADIUMS; (3) SCREENING/CRUSH-IN-RUN AND DARK OP SOIL; (4) ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES; (5) FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES; (11) INFORMATION: CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT; (12) ACTION: BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE; (13) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (14) ACTION: FIRST READING APPROVAL OF DISCIPLINE CODE REVISIONS; (15) ACTION: SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY: PROMOTION/RETENTION; (16) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (17) INFORMATION: TITLE ONE 2008-09 UPDATE; (18) ACTION: TITLE ONE DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN; (19) INFORMATION: 2008-2009 TESTING CALENDAR; (20) APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS (1) AIR CONDITIONING TO W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL CORRIDORS; (2) CHANGE FAN COIL UNITS AT ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL; (3) SITE AND PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT AT FAIRWOLD SCHOOL.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201, ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008, CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MRS. WENDY BRAWLEY, MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. KING JEFFCOAT, DR. JASPER SALMOND, AND MR. ROB TYSON.

INVOCATION:

CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON REVEREND FRED COIT OF RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ANNOUNCED THAT MR. FORD WOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE LATER ON IN THE MEETING.

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. SMILING READ THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOT-

SPOTLIGHT:

LIGHT FOR THE MAY 27, 2008 BOARD MEETING AND MR. JEFFCOAT ASSISTED WITH THE AWARDS. (SEE ATTACHED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION)

AGENDA ADOPTION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE AGENDA: ITEM 1(B) EMPLOYEE HEARING UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA. SHE STATED THAT ITEM 2 (A) UNDER THE OFFICE

OF THE BOARD; PERSONNEL MATTER SHOULD BE AN ACTION ITEM INSTEAD OF AN INFORMATION ITEM.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/8/08, 5/16/08 5/13/08

APRIL FINANCIALS

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: (1) PRINTER/COPIER

LEASE (2) GRASS CUTTING AND MAINTENANCE

FOR STADIUMS (3) SCREENING/CRUSH-IN-RUN

AND DARK TOP SOIL (4) ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

SERVICES (5) FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTOR

AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MS. MCBRIDE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

OFFICE OF THE

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY APPOINTED THE

FOLLOWING PERSONS TO THE RENAMING OF

FACILITY COMMITTEE FOR EAU CLAIRE HIGH
SCHOOL'S GYMNASIUM:

MR. VINCE FORD – BOARD REPRESENTATIVE;

DR. CARLOS SMITH – DISTRICT OFFICE
REPRESENTATIVE;

MR. JAMES CASEY – EAU CLAIRE ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR/TEACHER;

EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL'S TEACHER OF THE
YEAR. MRS. BRAWLEY WAS NOT CERTAIN
OF THE NAME;

MR. RODNEY ZIMMERMAN- PRINCIPAL;

MR. LUCIOUS FRIERSON AND MR. HERBERT
BYNOE- COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

MRS. BRAWLEY MENTIONED THAT THEY WILL BE
CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HEARING
FROM THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROPOSED
RENAMING OF THE GYMNASIUM FACILITY AT EAU
CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY REMINDED BOARD
MEMBERS THAT IF THERE ARE ANY
MATTERS THAT WERE EITHER NOT COMPLETELY
RESOLVED OR ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE YET TO
HEAR FINALIZATION FROM A BOARD REQUEST,

WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU TRY TO RESOLVE THOSE ITEMS AND GET UPDATES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION DURING THE NEXT 30 DAYS. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED WE HAVE ASKED DR. COLES TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A LISTING OF THAT INFORMATION, ANYTHING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD IN PREPARATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S TRANSITION.

ACTION: BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT JUNE 10TH IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, BUT THAT IS AN ELECTION DAY AND SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ON THE BALLOT. SHE STATED THAT A MOTION IS IN ORDER TO AMEND THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE TO REFLECT A BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE OF THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008 INSTEAD OF TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY PRESENTED A RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF EDWINA HAMPTON, FORMER STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICE EMPLOYEE AT ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

ACTION-PERSONNEL MATTER

MOTION:

MR. JEFFCOAT MOVED FOR APPROVAL TO EXECUTE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH DR. PERCY MACK AS SUPERINTENDENT OF RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A THREE YEAR TERM AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$195,000.00 AND IT WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

ACTION: FIRST READING APPROVAL OF DISCIPLINE

CODE REVISIONS

MS. MINNIEWEATHER STATED THE HEARING OFFICE IS REQUESTING FIRST READING BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE REVISIONS NOTED IN THE 2008-2009 PRINTING OF THE DISCIPLINE CODE HANDBOOK.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED MS.
MINNIEWEATHER TO EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENTS
FOR HOLIDAYS AND OTHER DATES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE
VOTE WAS TAKEN.

ACTION: SECOND READING APPROVAL OF BOARD**POLICY: PROMOTION/RETENTION**

DR. CYNTHIA CASH-GREENE STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS SECOND
READING APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY:
PROMOTION/RETENTION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

**MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE
VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED DR. CASH-GREENE
IF THIS ENDS THE PROCESS FOR THIS
PARTICULAR READING.

DR. CASH-GREENE RESPONDED YES.

ACTION-SECOND READING APPROVAL OF FOREST
HEIGHTS 2008-2009 CALENDAR

MR. OUTZS RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE
SECOND READING REVISIONS TO THE 2008-2009
FOREST HEIGHTS CALENDAR.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

**MR. FORD WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE WHEN THE
VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

MS. LORETTA JONES ORUM ALONG WITH A GROUP
OF TEACHERS FROM HOPKINS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE PAY
FOR RESULTS PAYOUTS.

MS. ALICE DEAN OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SPOKE TO THE BOARD
TO SUPPORTING RCEA FOR FULL FUNDING OF
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MS. FERN KELLY OF DELTA SIGMA
THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED OF COLUMBIA
ALUMNI CHAPTER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT
THE SERVICE OF THE SORORITY AND SHARED
THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY RESOURCES,
EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION RATES AND THE
NEED FOR HIGHER GRADUATION RATES.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD INVITED THE SORORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "TOGETHER WE CAN INITIATIVE".

(MR. FORD ARRIVES AT THE MEETING 8:41 P.M.)

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

NO ACTION TAKEN.

INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. COLES REPORT THAT THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 30TH.

DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT DREHER HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN AS ONE OF THE TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY BY NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT IT IS A GOOD PRACTICE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGER STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN AP CLASSES AND THAT IT IS AN EXCELLENT MODEL FOR THE DISTRICT AND EXTENDED CONGRATULATIONS.

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:**INFORMATION: TITLE ONE 2008-09 UPDATE**

MS. GILLESPIE PRESENTED THE TITLE ONE UPDATE AND PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD ASKED WHEN THE SCHOOLS ARE OF CHOICE HOW DOES TRANSPORTATION FACTOR IN DURING THE DAY AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL.

MS. GILLESPIE RESPONDED THAT FEDERAL FUNDS PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CHOICE SCHOOL.

MR. FORD ASKED IF DISTRICT BUS FLEETS ARE USED.

MS. GILLESPIE RESPONDED THAT SEVERAL DISTRICT BUSES HELP PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION AT NO EXPENSE TO THE DISTRICT.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY COMMENDED

MS. GILLESPIE AND THE PARENT CHILD HOME PROGRAM.

ACTION: TITLE ONE DISTRICT CORRECTIVE**ACTION PLAN**

MS. GILLESPIE STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE TITLE ONE DISTRICT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND STATED HE THINKS IT WOULD BE OF BENEFIT AND VALUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE A WORK SESSION ON THIS MATTER OR TAKE SOME TIME IN ADDITION TO JUST THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO REALLY DISCUSS THIS IN DETAIL. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED IF THIS IS TIME SENSITIVE IN TERMS OF HAVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

MS. GILLESPIE RESPONDED THAT IT IS TIME SENSITIVE AND THAT THE DISTRICT ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 1, 2008.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY COMMENTED THAT AS THE DISTRICT TRANSITIONS IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS COMFORTABLE WITH THIS APPROACH AND THAT THE DISTRICT HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO AMEND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

MS. GILLESPIE RESPONDED THAT AN AMENDMENT IS A POSSIBILITY BUT WE MUST SUBMIT THE PLAN.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN GRANTED ONE

EXTENSION AND THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A
 SUBMISSION, SHE CAN SUPPORT THE
 RECOMMENDATION IF WE HAVE
 THE FLEXIBILITY FOR AN AMENDMENT SHOULD
 THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CHOOSE TO DO IT A
 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY THAN PROPOSED.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: TESTING CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009

MS. GARDNER PRESENTED THE DISTRICT AND
 STATE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009
 SCHOOL YEAR.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

RESOURCES:

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE PERSONNEL UPDATE
 WAS PRESENTED TO YOU IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
 NO ACTION TAKEN.

ACTION: EMPLOYEE TERMINATIONS

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
 IS RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE
 EMPLOYEE TERMINATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE
 WITH THE INITIALS S.P.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHRISTIAN EARLE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND REMINDED THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIS SENTIMENTS REGARDING HIRING INTERNAL STAFF AS WE MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THESE VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

MR. PERKINS STATED THAT THE BOARD WAS PRESENTED INFORMATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED MR. PERKINS TO GET BACK WITH THE BOARD ON THE ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED RELATIVE TO THOSE SPECIAL CLASSROOM RETROFITTING FOR LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD

PROVIDE HER WITH THAT INFORMATION.

INFORMATION: KEENAN ANNEXATION

MR. PERKINS STATED INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY AT KEENAN.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD STATED THIS DISTRICT HAS TAKEN

THE POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO

ANNEXATION FOR KEENAN FOR VARIOUS REASONS:

(1) THE HIGHER AMOUNT OF FEES THAT WILL BE CHARGED; (2) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY HAVE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE POSITION THAT THEY ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF IT AS WELL; (3) THE COLLECTIVE POSITION OF THAT ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS THAT A TEN FOOT BUFFER BE PUT FROM WHERE THE BUFFER STOPS NOW TO PISGAH CHURCH ROAD. MR. FORD STATED THAT THE CITY WAS ENCOURAGED TO DO THAT AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THAT THEIR GOAL IS TO GET TO THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE AREA. MR. FORD ADDED THAT THAT DON'T NEED KEENAN TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND ENCOURAGE THEM NOT TO ANNEX KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL AS PER THE WISHES OF

THIS BOARD AND THAT COMMUNITY.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS: (1) AIR CONDITIONING TO W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL CORRIDORS; (2) CHANGE FAN COIL UNITS AT ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL; (3) SITE AND PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT AT FAIRWOLD SCHOOL.

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTS.

MOTION:

MR. FORD MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MOTION:

MR. JEFFCOAT, MS. MCBRIDE MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. TYSON AND MR. SMILING.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:45 P.M.

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