

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1616 RICHLAND STREET

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) ACTION: BOND RESOLUTION; (2) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER; (3) INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (4) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE; (5) ACTION: EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION OF PAY; (6) ACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT;

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(7) ACTION: HOME SCHOOL REQUESTS; (8) INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; (9) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 8/14/08, 8/26/08; (10) HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL; (11) RENAISSANCE PLACE ENTERPRISE FOR ACCELERATED READER; (12) SCIENCE AND ART SUPPLIES; (13) SWMBE CONSULTANT SERVICES; (14) INFORMATION: CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT; (15) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (16) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (17) INFORMATION: ROSETA PROGRAM 2008; (18) ACTION: ROSETA BUDGET 2008-2009; (19) ACTION: ELEMENTARY WATER SAFETY & SWIMMING PROGRAM; (20) ACTION: CONTRACTS: {1} TERM OF CONTRACT FOR PRINTING OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, {2} PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES, {3} PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR K-8 CLASSROOMS; (21) INFORMATION: THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION AND COMMON REMITTER SERVICES.

CALL TO ORDER: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1616 RICHLAND STREET, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008.

CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY, MR. VINCE FORD, MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE, MR. ROB TYSON, MR. KING JEFFCOAT, DR. JASPER SALMOND, MR. DWAYNE SMILING.

INVOCATION: CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON REVEREND MICHAEL BINGHAM OF WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT: MR. TYSON GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA. DR. MACK STATED UNDER OFFICE OF ACADEMICS ITEM 6(B) INFORMATION: ROSETA PROGRAM 2008 WOULD BE ADDED TO THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, TO BECOME ITEM 4 1(A).

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 8/14/08, 8/26/08

HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL

RENAISSANCE PLACE ENTERPRISE FOR

ACCELERATED READER

RENEWAL CONTRACT

SCIENCE AND ART SUPPLIES CONTRACT

EXTENSION

SWMBE CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

EXTENSION

MOTION:

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VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY REPORTED THAT THE
BOARD WOULD RESUME CHAT WITH THE CHAIR
THIS MONTH. C. A. JOHNSON PREPARATORY
ACADEMY WILL HOST CHAT WITH THE CHAIR ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT 12:00 NOON
AND LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST
CHAT WITH THE CHAIR ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7,
2008 AT 12:00. SHE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT
HISTORICALLY THE CHAT WITH THE COMMUNITY

WAS HELD MIDDAY, BUT IT WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE EVENING TO ALLOW THE COMMUNITY CLUSTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE SCHOOL BOARD AS WELL AS RICHLAND ONE STAFF. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST COMMUNITY CHAT FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE WITH THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AT 6:30 AT W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S AUDITORIUM. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY COMMENDED COUNCILMAN E.W. CROMARTIE FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT AND ENCOURAGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO COME OUT AND GIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SCHOOLS IN THE CA JOHNSON CLUSTER.

MRS. MCBRIDE ASKED THAT THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT AIR THE COMMUNITY CHAT ON THE DISTRICT'S TV CHANNEL AND A MEDIA BLITZ BE DONE TO PUBLICIZE THE MEETING. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY CONCURRED WITH MRS. MCBRIDE AND FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT A MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH PRINCIPALS AND OTHERS IN THE

COMMUNITY OF THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER TO FORMALIZE THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY CHAT.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN'S ADDRESS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR WILL AIR TONIGHT ON THE DISTRICT'S TV CHANNEL. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY THANKED MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT STAFF FOR THEIR COORDINATED EFFORT IN THE LAUNCH OF THE "EYES OF THE CHILD" VOLUNTEERISM COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE AME CHURCH AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. MRS. MCBRIDE NOTED THAT MAYBE OTHER FAITH-BASED DENOMINATIONS WILL FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR SCHOOLS.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED WE WILL USE EVERY MECHANISM WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE ARE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS. THE VOLUNTEER AND MENTORING OFFICE NUMBER IS 231-7511.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENTED THE FAMILY OF NANCY J. WASHINGTON WITH A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION.

ACTION: BOND RESOLUTION

MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE BOND RESOLUTION TO ISSUE UP TO \$6.5 MILLION DOLLARS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED FROM THE BOARD.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

MS. CHRISTIE L. LEWIS APPEARED ON BEHALF OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SEEKING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DETERMINE WHAT

PRACTICAL STEPS THEY MIGHT TAKE DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO INCREASE THE PARENT AND CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. MACK REITERATED CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY'S REMARKS ABOUT THE LAUNCHING OF "EYES OF THE CHILD" A VOLUNTEERISM COLLABORATION WITH THE A.M.E. CHURCH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. DR. MACK THANKED DR. KATHLEEN HAYES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND BISHOP AND MRS. PRESTON W. WILLIAMS, II, THE BISHOP OF THE 7TH DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE HAS 14 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS. THEY WILL GO ON TO COMPETE FOR 8,200 SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH \$35,000,000 THAT WILL BE THROUGH THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE SPRING.

DR. MACK INTRODUCED THE PARTICPANTS FROM THE ROSETA PROGRAM.

ROSETA PROGRAM 2008 PRESENTATION

DR. SALMOND GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE ROSETA PROGRAM.

STUDENTS PRESENTED A VIDEO OF THEIR EXPERIENCE WHILE IN AFRICA AND TALKED ABOUT THEIR LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE. THE STUDENTS ALSO PRESENTED THE SCHOOL BOARD WITH GIFTS AND ASKED FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ROSETA PROGRAM. MS. FATIHA BENCHIEKH ALONG WITH TWO PARENTS THANKED THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ROSETA PROGRAM.

INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

RESOURCES:

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THAT A PERSONNEL UPDATE WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

ACTION: EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION OF PAY

MR. DILLIHAY STATED PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 59, CHAPTER 25, THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL THAT THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS S.P. PAY BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY FOR NOTICE AND

OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND SUBJECT TO HIS RIGHT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HIS TERMINATION.

MOTION:

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VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

ACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. JENNIFER G. COLEMAN TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)

OFFICE ACADEMICS:

INFORMATION: HOME SCHOOL REQUESTS

MS. JENNINGS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF HOME SCHOOLING REQUEST FOR THE STUDENTS WITH THE INITIALS K.D, KE. AND A.G.

MOTION:

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

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

**CHAIRWOMAN BRAWELY, MR. FORD, MRS. MCBRIDE
AND MR. TYSON.**

IN OPPOSITION: MR. JEFFCOAT (6-1)

ACTION: ROSETA BUDGET 2008-2009

MS. BENCHEIKH STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
THE ANTICIPATED BUDGET FOR THE ROSETA 2009
PROGRAM.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: ROSETA PROGRAM 2008-2009

MS. BENCHEIKH PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH
INFORMATION ON THE ROSETA PROGRAM 2008-
2009.

ACTION: ELEMENTARY WATER SAFETY &
SWIMMING PROGRAM

DR. SMITH STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ELEMENTARY
WATER SAFETY & SWIMMING PROGRAM.

DISCUSSION:

SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR
ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE WATER SAFETY AND
SWIMMING PROGRAM.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:

INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS

MR. PERKINS STATED THE INFORMATION ON
CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO
CONSTRUCTION WAS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY
THE BOARD.

ACTION: CONTRACTS

- (1) TERM OF CONTRACT FOR PRINTING OF
CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS;
- (2) PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY
SERVICES;
- (3) PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BOOKS FOR K-8
CLASSROOMS;

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
REQUEST AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF
THE CONTRACTS AS LISTED.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION
AND COMMON REMITTER SERVICES

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PENSERV PLAN SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE 403(B) RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMON REMITTER SERVICES. THE COMMON REMITTER SERVICES PORTIN OF THE CONTRACT REFERS TO THE CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A CENTRAL CLEARING ACCOUNT WHERE FUNDS ARE RECEIVED BY CHECK, ACH TRANSFER OR WIRE. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE BOARD MEETING.

MOTION:

MRS. MCBRIDE MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
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