

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL

361 PISGAH ROAD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER; (2) INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (3) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE; (4) INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; (5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/9/08; (6) AUGUST FINANCIALS;

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(7) HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL; (8) LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE;
 (9) CONTRACT RENEWALS: {1} CITY YEAR
 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, {2} COLUMBIA
 AREA MENTAL HEALTH AGREEMENT; (10)
 INFORMATION: CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT; (11)
 INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (12)
 INFORMATION: UPDATE ON COLLEGE FAIR; (13)
 INFORMATION: CHALLENGER CENTER UPDATE; (14)
 ACTION: CONTRACT: {1} FUEL FOR DISTRICT-WIDE
 BUS FLEET; (15) ACTION: FY -08-09 SPECIAL
 REVENUE PROJECTS BUDGET; (16) ACTION:
 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET '09.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT THE
 KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL, 361 PISGAH ROAD,
 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29203, ON TUESDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 23, 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,
 AND MR. DWAYNE SMILING.

INVOCATION:

CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON REVEREND CHRIS NELUMS OF EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION:

MR. FORD GAVE THE HISTORY OF KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL.

DR. STEVE WILSON, PRINCIPAL, WELCOMED THE BOARD AND THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FACILITY. HE RECOGNIZED THE STAFF AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE.

THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINED THE BOARD WITH MUSICAL SELECTIONS.

THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER EXPRESSED THEIR SINCERE THANKS FOR THE NEW CAMPUS AND PRESENTED A LETTER TO DR. MACK.

MRS. JUANITA H. WILSON ON BEHALF OF THE TEACHERS AND STAFF EXTENDED THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NEW FACILITY AND EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. TYSON GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT:

FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT AN INFORMATION
ITEM; PARENT REQUEST FOR THE STUDENT WITH
THE INITIALS J.S. WOULD BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS: (7-0)**CONSENT AGENDA:**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/9/08AUGUST FINANCIALSHIRING-OF-PERSONNELLEAVE-OF-ABSENCECONTRACT RENEWALS:

(1) CITY YEAR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

(2) COLUMBIA AREA MENTAL HEALTH
AGREEMENT

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL WITH ONE
ADJUSTMENT TO ITEM 2 (A).

MR. FORD ASKED FOR RECUSAL FROM ITEM 2(A)(2);

CONTRACT RENEWALS: COLUMBIA AREA MENTAL HEALTH.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT ITEM
2(A)(2) WOULD BE TAKEN SEPARATELY ON THE
AGENDA. DR. SALMOND STATED THE ADJUSTMENT

TO THE 9/9/08 MINUTES WOULD BE WITH THE TERMINOLOGY OF COMMON REMITTER SERVICES. HE WOULD LIKE THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECORD, AN EXPLANATION OF COMMON REMITTER SERVICES. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY, FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, STATED THAT THE TERMINOLOGY USED IN THE MINUTES REFLECTS THE APPROVAL OF A CONSENT AGENDA ITEM FROM OUR LAST BOARD MEETING AND THAT DR. SALMOND IS NOT QUESTIONING THE APPROVAL THEREOF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CITY YEAR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

MOTION:

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

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

IN ABSTENTION: MR. FORD (6-1)

OFFICE OF THE

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT A DATE WILL BE SCHEDULED IN

MID-OCTOBER TO DISCUSS THE PERSONNEL MATTER AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. SHE ALSO REMINDED THE BOARD OF THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AT W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE "TOGETHER WE CAN" INITIATIVE. SHE ADDED THAT SHE THINKS THE CLUSTER MEETING IS VERY TIMELY AND THAT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER CLUSTER MEETINGS OF THIS KIND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF.

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

INFORMATION: PARENT REQUEST

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

MR. JAMES STARNES, SIC CHAIRPERSON OF KEENAN, THANKED THE DISTRICT AND BOARD FOR SUPPORT OF THE NEW FACILITY AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE STUDENTS.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. MACK COMMENDED DR. WILSON, HIS STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF THEIR FINE ARTS PROGRAM.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT 14 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE QUALIFIED AS SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

DR. MACK REPORTED THAT FOUR OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE BEEN NAMED SEMI-FINALISTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL BE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AT THE OCTOBER 14, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

DR. MACK NOTED THAT SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD PROCLAIMED

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 AS “FAMILY DAY – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN.” FAMILY DAY IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO INFORM PARENTS THAT THE PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT FOSTERED DURING FREQUENT FAMILY DINNERS IS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO HELP KEEP AMERICA’S CHILDREN SUBSTANCE FREE.

DR. MACK REPORTED THAT THE RICHLAND ONE COMMUNITY COALITION (ROCC) AND ITS PARTNERS WILL CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 22-26). THEY ARE ASKING THAT YOU HAVE A DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY, HOST A FAMILY DINNER AT YOUR CHURCH OR OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AT ANY TIME THIS WEEK.

DR. MACK GAVE A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER MEETING TO BE HELD AT W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 1, 2008. HE ANNOUNCED THAT CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY AND CITY COUNCILMAN E.W. CROMARTIE, II, WILL SERVE AS FACILITATORS FOR THE MEETING. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 P.M. THE C.A. JOHNSON MIGHTY HORNETS MARCHING BAND

WILL PERFORM PRIOR TO THE MEETING, BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. THE CARVER-LYON SINGERS FROM CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL PERFORM DURING THE MEETING. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL SHARE HIS VISION FOR THE SCHOOLS IN THE CLUSTER, AND AUDIENCE MEMBERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS. HE ENCOURAGED PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER TO ATTEND.

DISCUSSION:

MR. TYSON THANKED DR. MACK FOR HIS QUICK ACTION TAKEN DURING THE FLOOD SITUATION AT SACHEL FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

DR. MACK COMMENDED MS. YORK, THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF AT SACHEL FORD, MR. PERKINS, MR. HENRY, MR. CARLON, MR. MCGRADY, MR. DUPREE FOR WORKING VERY HARD TO GET THE PROBLEM TAKEN CARE OF. HE THANKED THE PARENTS FOR WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE DISTRICT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET EVERYTHING DONE. HE THANKED THE MEDIA FOR GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

DR. SALMOND RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A CONSTRUCTION ISSUE. DR. MACK STATED THAT IT WAS A DRAINAGE SITUATION CAUSED BY A LOT OF WATER IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. MR. FORD STATED THAT IT WAS A CITY OF COLUMBIA STORM DRAINAGE PROBLEM, NOT BY ANY FAULT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DR. SALMOND ASKED IF THE CITY HAS RESPONDED IN ANY WAY TO THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM.

DR. MACK REPLIED, NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

DR. SALMOND RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE DISTRICT HAS INFORMED THE CITY OF COLUMBIA OF THE MATTER.

DR. MACK STATED THAT THE DISTRICT IS IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING CONTACT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA ON THIS MATTER.

INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

RESOURCES:

MR. DILLIHAY STATED THE PERSONNEL UPDATE WAS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

OFFICE ACADEMICS:

INFORMATION: UPDATE ON COLLEGE FAIR

MS. RAWLINSON PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION THE POST SECONDARY COLLEGE FAIR.

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET WITH COLLEGES.

INFORMATION: CHALLENGER CENTER UPDATE

MS. CLAVON PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON THE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER.

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) FUEL OF DISTRICT-WIDE BUS FLEET

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THE LISTED CONTRACT.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: FY 08-09 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS BUDGET

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THESE PROJECTS AS LISTED IN YOUR BOOKS.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD STATED THAT SOME DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD ABOUT THE SPORTSARAMA IN CONNECTION WITH TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS THAT WE CAN INCREASE REVENUE SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES BACK TO OUR SCHOOLS. HE ENCOURAGED THE ADMINISTRATION TO COME BACK WITH A PLAN TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN MARKET THAT EVENT BETTER SO THAT WE CAN PASS THOSE DOLLARS ON TO OUR SCHOOLS.

DR. SALMOND ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE INCOME AMOUNT ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORTSARAMA.

MR. CARLON RESPONDED THIS EVENT DOES NOT PRODUCE A GREAT AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THAT IT IS WAS THE ADDITIONAL COST OF SECURITY AT THE EVENT THIS LAST YEAR THAT CAUSED AN INCREASE. MR. CARLON STATED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THAT INFORMATION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

'09

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET '09.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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

MOTION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ADJOURNED THE
MEETING AT 8:27 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRWOMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS