

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL

500 SUMMERLEA DRIVE

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

7 P.M.

MEMBERS, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. WENDY BRAWLEY, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. 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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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) EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD (2) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (3) REQUEST FOR HOME SCHOOLING; (4) PERSONNEL UPDATE; (5) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION; (6) CONSENT AGENDA: (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/11/07 (B) HIRING OF PERSONNEL (C) AUGUST FINANCIALS (D)

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: (1) IDC INFORMATION
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TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIANS (2) FILTERING
 SYSTEMS (3) SCIENCE AND ART SUPPLIES (4)
 LAMINATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
 SERVICES; (7) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT;(8)
 CONTRACT TO JBHM EDUCATION GROUP; (9)
 LEGAL STATUS REPORT (10) REQUEST FOR HOME
 SCHOOLING; (11) APROVAL OF STUDENT OUT OF
 DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE; (12) CONTRACTS: (1)
 AWARD OF BID FOR ADDITIONS AND
 RENOVATIONS FOR SANDERS PROJECT (2)
 AWARD FOR BID FOR ADDITIONS AND
 RENOVATIONS FOR C.A. JOHNSON PREPARATORY
 ACADEMY; (3) LEASE OF WAREHOUSE SPACE.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
 GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 500 SUMMERLEA
 DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007. CHAIRWOMAN
 WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO
 ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MR. KING JEFFCOAT, DR. JASPER SALMOND, MR.
 VINCE FORD, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MRS.

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WENDY BRAWLEY, MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE.

MR. ROBERT TYSON - ABSENT.

INVOCATION:

CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON REVEREND JAMEY O. GRAHAM OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL PRESENTA-

TION:

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY GAVE THE HISTORY OF GIBBES. MR. RICK COLEMAN, PRINCIPAL OF GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL INTRODUCED THE FACULTY AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE. THE BOARD WAS ENTERTAINED BY THE GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MS. MCBRIDE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED PERSONS THAT WISHED TO SPEAK AT TONIGHT'S BOARD MEETING ON AN AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEM, SIGN UP WITH MS. YORK OR MS. WILSON.

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OFFICE OF THE

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARD WOULD RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM 1(A) EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD.

BOARD:**DISCUSSION:**

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUEST FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS C.T.

MOTION:

MR. FORD MOVED TO HEAR FROM THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS C.T. AND DR. SALMOND SECONDED MOTION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF THE

INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT:

DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS 12 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

DR. COLES STATED THAT RICHLAND ONE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN DISTRICTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

FOR OUTSTANDING FIFTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE MEETING WITH THE KEENAN COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE ANNEXATION. MR. BOBBY STATED THAT THE TENTATIVE DATE IS OCTOBER 11, 2007 AND THAT A DATE WOULD BE FINALIZED SHORTLY.

MR. FORD ASKED IF ANOTHER DATE COULD BE SELECTED BECAUSE IT CONFLICTS WITH HIS SCHEDULE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO BE THERE.

DR. COLES STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD SEEK ANOTHER DATE. MR. FORD ASKED FOR A STATUS ON TEXTBOOKS ISSUANCE. MR. DUPREE RESPONDED THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE TEXTBOOKS.

ACTION: CONTRACT TO JBHM EDUCATION GROUP.

MR. DUPREE STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THE JBHM EDUCATION GROUP.

MOTION: DR. JASPER SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL.
 MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A PROPER
 SECOND.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MRS. WILLIAMS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A
 LEGAL STATUS REPORT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.
 NO ACTION TAKEN, NONE REQUIRED.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: MS. LYNN HUTTO SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT
 ALUMNI HOMECOMING EVENTS AT KEENAN
 HIGH SCHOOL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY,
 OCTOBER 6, 2007.

OFFICE OF

ACTION: REQUEST FOR HOMESCHOOLING.

ACADEMICS

MS. GARDNER STATED THAT THE
 ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL
 FOR HOMESCHOOLING OF THE STUDENT WITH
 THE INITIALS N.D.N.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE
 MOTION AND SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

DISCUSSION:

DR. JASPER SALMOND, FOR THE RECORD, STATED
 THAT THE PARENTS UNDERSTAND THE
 NOTATION THAT WAS MADE IN THE BOARD

PACKET CONCERNING TESTING OF THE CHILD.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND, CHAIRWOMAN
BRAWLEY, MR. FORD, MR. SMILING**

IN OPPOSITION: MR. JEFFCOAT AND MS.

MCBRIDE (4-2)

ACTION: APPROVAL OF STUDENT OUT OF
DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE

MS. HOUSTON STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
THE OUT OF DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE.

MOTION:

MS. MCBRIDE MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE
MOTION AND SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD, FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES,
ASKED FOR THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS MAKING
THE REQUEST. MS. HOUSTON, RESPONDED, TWO.
DR. SALMOND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER. DR. COLES
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS MORE
INFORMATION NEEDED AND WILL PROVIDE IT TO
THE BOARD. MR. FORD STATED ECHOED DR.
SALMOND REQUEST AND WOULD CERTAINLY

SUPPORT THIS, BUT ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE POLICY ON OUT-OF-DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE. MS. BRAWLEY ECHOED MR. FORD'S CONCERN AND ALSO STATED FOR THE RECORD, THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ADHERE TO PROTOCOL FOR TIMELINES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS. CHAIRWOMAN CORRECTED THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT THERE WERE TWO STUDENTS FOR APPROVAL OF STUDENT OUT OF DISTRICT ACCEPTANCE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF HUMAN

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE

RESOURCES:

MR. DILLIHAY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A PERSONNEL UPDATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OFFICE OF

ACTION: CONTRACTS

OPERATIONS:

MR. HARDISON STATED THAT THE

OPERATIONS:

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) AWARD OF BIDS FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR SANDERS PROJECT.

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

DISCUSSION: MR. FORD STATED FOR THE RECORD, WHEN REFERRING TO THIS ITEM, THE TERM “OLD KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL” SHOULD BE USED TO AVOID CONFUSION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

(2) AWARD FOR BID FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR C. A. JOHNSON PREPARATORY.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

INFORMATION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION

MR. PERKINS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED ABOUT THE FLOORING OF OF THE DANCE AREA. MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THAT THE HARDWOOD FLOORS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE DRAMA AREA. MR. FORD RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE ROAD EXPANSION AND TRAFFIC LIGHT IN THE KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL AREA. MR. PERKINS STATED THAT THERE IS NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PISGAH CHURCH ROAD AND WILSON BOULEVARD. DR. SALMOND STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE LANDSCAPING ON THE KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL SITE. MR. JEFFCOAT ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ANY INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY SLUDGE MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE POND BEING LOCATED AT THE SITE. MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SPOKEN WITH THE FAMILY, AS WELL AS, COUNTY OFFICIALS ABOUT ANY PROBLEMS THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE POND. MR. FORD RAISED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE VOTE TAKEN BY THE

BOARD CONCERNING ANNEXATION. MR. BOBBY RESPONDED STATING THAT THE CITY IS EXPECTING THE BOARD TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL PERTAINING TO AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. MR. FORD ASKED WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE A FAVORABLE VOTE. MR. BOBBY STATES THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING THE BOARD TO FOLLOW THE PROTOCOL. HE STATED HE COULD NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THAT QUESTION WITH A DEFINITE ANSWER. MR. FORD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE VOTE. MR. FORD ASKED IF THERE WERE ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICES BECAUSE THE BOARD HAD NOT VOTED. MR. BOBBY STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED. MR. FORD EXPRESSED THAT THE ONLY THING THAT'S HOLDING UP A POTENTIAL VOTE IS A MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES RELATED

TO ANNEXATION. HE ADDED HE DOES NOT WANT THE COMMUNITY TO BE BLIND-SIDED BECAUSE THERE ARE IMPLICATIONS BEYOND KEENAN'S ANNEXATION. MR. BOBBY STATED THAT THE CITY UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE WORKING THROUGH AND THERE IS NO CONCERN AS LONG AS IT'S WITHIN A REASON DEGREE OF TIME. DR. SALMOND ASKED IF THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT ON THE WATER ISSUANCE FOR THE AREA OR DID THE CITY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE A POSITIVE VOTE FOLLOWING THE ANNEXATION. MR. BOBBY STATED THAT THERE WAS NO ACTION ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO RENDER A POSITIVE VOTE. HE STATED THAT THE CITY OPENED THE BUILDING FOR A CERTAIN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEY EXPLAINED THE ANNEXATION PROCESS. DR. SALMOND ASKED IF THE CITY WAS SUPPLYING ANY OTHER SERVICES TO KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY. MR. BOBBY STATED THAT AT THIS POINT THE CITY DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER DELIVERY OF SERVICES. DR. COLES

STATED THAT THE CITY HAS THE SEWER SERVICE. MR. FORD STATED THAT HE APPRECIATES MR. BOBBY'S REPORT, HOWEVER, WHEN THE DISTRICT BEGAN THE PROJECT, KEENAN WAS NOT IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA. BUT AFTER THE ENTIRE PROCESS STARTED, PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTION, THAT THE CITY ANNEXED THE PROPERTY THAT'S CONTIGUOUS TO THE CURRENT KEENAN SITE. MR. FORD STATED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER OTHER BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF WERE AWARE OF THIS OR NOT, BUT HE WAS NOT AWARE. MR. FORD STATED THAT THEY DID NOT GO INTO THIS BEING CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA AND THAT ALL OF THIS HAPPENED AFTER THE BIDDING PROCESS AND CERTAINLY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION. MR. FORD REITERATED THAT THAT BOARD IS ASKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE WITH PEOPLE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY POTENTIAL ANNEXATION. HE FEELS THAT THERE ARE MIXED EMOTIONS ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT IT

APPEARS THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE A CHOICE IN THE LONG RUN. DR. SALMOND STATED THAT AS GOOD NEIGHBORS AND HAVING THE BEST INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD. DR. SALMOND ASKED ABOUT THE POLICE PROTECTION IN THE SCHOOL AND STATED THE BOARD WOULD NORMALLY CONTINUE WITH THE SRO'S THAT THEY HAVE.

MS. BRAWLEY STATED THAT UNLESS MR. PERKINS HAD MORE INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD, HE COVERED CONTRACTUAL MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS. MS. MCBRIDE ASKED IF ALL SCHOOLS WOULD BE RECEIVING DATA PROJECTORS. MR. FOX STATED THAT 54% OF THE SCHOOLS HAVE DATA PROJECTORS. MR. FOX FURTHER STATED THAT 50% OF SCHOOLS HAVE EVERYTHING INSTALLED AND IS OPERATIONAL AND THAT THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE THEM IN THE NEXT FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. MR. BOBBY

ADDED THAT MORE DATA PROJECTORS WILL BE INSTALLED. MR. FORD ASKED IF THE VISITOR TRACKING SYSTEM WAS ON A NATIONAL DATA BASE. MR. FOX STATED THAT DATA BASE IS NOT NATIONWIDE. MR. FORD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A REPORT ON THE 2.4 MILLION DOLLARS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RELATED TO INDEX OF TAXPAYER ABILITY AND THE PROCESS WHERE WE WERE REDUCED BY 2.4 MILLION DOLLARS. MR. FORD ASKED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON THIS ISSUE. MR. FORD EXPRESSED HE HOPES THE ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T STOP THEIR EFFORTS OF PURSUIT FOR THE SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MONEY THAT OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE RECEIVED. HE MADE MENTION THAT RICHLAND ONE WAS ONE OF THE FEW THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT. DR. COLES STATED THAT THERE IS AN AREA SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 AND HE EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO FULLY INFORM THE BOARD WITH MORE INFORMATION. MR. FORD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT

HOPEFULLY THE DISTRICT'S DECISION WILL NOT BE BASED ON THE DECISION OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS AND THAT THE BOARD MAKES A DECISION BASED ON WHAT IS BEST FOR RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE'S CHILDREN. MS. BRAWLEY ECHOED MR. FORD'S CONCERNS ON THE ISSUE. DR. SALMOND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE TERMINOLOGY OR PROCEDURE CONCERNING SWMBE CONTRACT APPROVAL IN WHICH THE WINNING CONTRACTORS ARE OFFERING UTILIZATION COMMITMENT. DR. SALMOND REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD BE GIVEN A LISTING OF THE AMOUNT DESIGNATED IN THE DOCUMENT. DR. SALMOND READ THE COVER STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD, "THE FIRM HAS OFFERED AN SWMBE UTILIZATION COMMITMENT." HE STATED THAT HE IS ACCUSTOMED TO HAVING THOSE FIRMS IDENTIFIED. MR. HARBISON STATED THAT WHILE THE WORDING MAY NOT BE CLEAR; THE PROCESS HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM 1(A) EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD.

MOTION:

MR. FORD MOVED FOR APPROVAL TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

OPEN SESSION WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:50 P.M.

EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO BE HEARD FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS R.M.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:51 P.M.

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