

MINUTES**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS****RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE****1616 RICHLAND STREET****COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201****TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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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MINUTES

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

7 P.M.

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; (2) EMPLOYEE HEARING; (3) STUDENT APPEAL; (4) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (5) PERSONNEL UPDATE; (6) UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1) CONTRACTUAL CHANGE RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION (2) CONTRACTUAL ISSUES: CONTRACT DISPUTE RESOLUTION: NU-IDEA AUDITORIUM SEATING; (7) CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9/25/07; HIRING OF PERSONNEL; LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE; (8) INFORMATION: CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT; (9) ACTION: FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY EEAE BUS SAFETY PROGRAMS; (10) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (11) INFORMATION: 2007 SAT/ACT REPORTS; (12) INFORMATION; ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT; (13) INFORMATION SAT/ACT IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES (14) ACTION: FURNISH AND INSTALL FOOD SERVING LINES; (15) ACTION: LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN RFP.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1616 RICHLAND STREET, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201 ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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. WENDY BRAWLEY, MRS. JEANETTE MCBRIDE AND MR. ROBERT TYSON.

INVOCATION: CHAIRWOMAN WENDY BRAWLEY CALLED UPON MINISTER NATE MERYL OF SHANDON BAPTIST CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.

SCHOOL BOARD MRS. MCBRIDE GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT: SPOTLIGHT FOR THE OCTOBER 9, 2007 BOARD MEETING. (SEE ATTACHED FOR DETAILED INFORMATION)

AGENDA ADOPTION

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WOULD BE DELETED FROM THE AGENDA:

ITEM 4(C) ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT.

DISCUSSION: DR. COLE ANNOUNCED THAT ITEM 4(C) ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT WOULD BE ON THE OCTOBER 23, 2007 AGENDA.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/25/07

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE

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**

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ANNOUNCED THAT IF
 THERE WAS ANYONE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING
 TO SIGN UP WITH MS. YORK OR MS. WILSON.

BOARD:INFORMATION: CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ANNOUNCED THAT SHE
 HAS ATTENDED MEETINGS CONCERNING THE
 PALMETTO PRIORITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE. SHE
 REPORTED THAT RICHLAND ONE HAS FIVE
 PRIORITY SCHOOLS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT
 THOSE SCHOOLS DID NOT MEET THE ACADEMIC
 TESTING STANDARDS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE
 YEARS AND WERE PLACED UNDER THE SOUTH

CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR REVIEW. SHE REPORTED THAT THE PRIORITY SCHOOLS MET LAST MONTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MEETING WITH THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO ANNOUNCE A THREE MILLION DOLLAR GRANT, A GIFT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION TO HELP PALMETTO PRIORITY SCHOOLS WITH THEIR IDENTIFIED NEEDS. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS GOING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE ANALYSIS CONCERNING TESTING AND HOPEFULLY INFORMATION THAT WILL BE A GREATER BENEFIT TO TEACHERS FOR INSTRUCTION. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY MENTIONED THAT THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM DINNER MAY BE RESCHEDULED BECAUSE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THIS DISTRICT WILL BE IN SESSION IN JANUARY AND THAT THE WORK SESSIONS WILL BE ADJUSTED TO ENSURE THE LEGISLATIVE DINNER IS HELD BEFORE JANUARY WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES. SHE

STATED THAT THE FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16, 2007 AND THE BOARD WILL MEET TO DETERMINE WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES WILL BE. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED THAT DR. COLES WILL ADDRESS THE INITIATIVE THAT THE BOARD IS INVOLVED IN WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA. THE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HAVE FORMED A COLLABORATIVE WHERE THEY ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS STUDENT NEEDS; PARTICULARLY THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN THE CLUSTERS OF PALMETTO PRIORITY SCHOOLS OR "A+" SCHOOLS.

ACTION: FIRST READING; BOARD POLICY EEAE, BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

MRS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS FIRST READING APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY EEAE, BUS SAFETY PROGRAMS.

MOTION:

MR. JEFFCOAT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND DR. JASPER SALMOND SECONDED MOTION.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF "BUS ASSISTANTS". MS. WILLIAMS STATED THE POLICY PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED HAVING A CDL, AND THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN ANOTHER POLICY. THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENT, HEALTH EXAMINATION AND PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE TEST STATES THAT THE POLICY IS IN LINE WITH THE BLOOD AND ALCOHOL TESTING WHICH PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED BUS ASSISTANTS IS BEING DELETED. MR. FORD ASKED IF THIS POLICY WAS IN LINE WITH STATE POLICY OR JUST THE DISTRICT POLICY. MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THIS POLICY IS IN LINE WITH SOME FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS. SHE ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL LOOK INTO THE BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL AND THEY WILL BRING THAT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR A SECOND READING. MS. MCBRIDE ASKED THAT ANY CHANGES THAT ARE MADE, THE EMPLOYEES ARE MADE AWARE OF THEM. MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT THIS

INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED TO THE
INTERNET AND WILL ASK FOR COMMENTS.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: MS. EMMA MCGRAW MYERS, MR. IVORY MOON,
AND MR. KENNETH MYERS SPOKE TO THE BOARD
ABOUT THE REDESIGN OF C.A. JOHNSON
ACADEMY.

OFFICE OF THE **INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT: DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT A SPECIAL
DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE NEW DREHER
HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER
14, 2007 AT 4:00 P.M.

DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT A
COLLABORATIVE HAS BEEN FORMED WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF RICHLAND ONE, CITY OF
COLUMBIA, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
BUSINESS LEADERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION TO POOL RESOURCES
TOGETHER TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AT RICHLAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE. HE ADDED THAT A TRIP
IS PLANNED TO VISIT MOBILE, ALABAMA TO
VIEW THEIR INNER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN

JANUARY. HE REPORTED THAT MORE
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INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED ON THIS TRIP CLOSER TO THE TARGETED DATE.

DR. COLES STATED THAT A PRELIMINARY MEETING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007 WITH MEMBERS OF THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS INVITED TO THE C.A. JOHNSON CLUSTER MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007. DR. COLES RESPONDED, YES. MR. TYSON ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF TRANSFERS IN AND OUT OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

INFORMATION: 2007 SAT/ACT REPORTS

DR. CHING PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE 2007 SAT/ACT SCORES VIA POWERPOINT.

DISCUSSION:

MR. JEFFCOAT RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE COMPOSITE SCORE COMPARISONS. DR. CHING REPORTED THAT THE COURSEWORK MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS. DR. SALMOND ASKED

FOR NUMBER OF AP COURSES BEING OFFERED AT THE SCHOOLS. MS. HAMMETT REPORTED THAT ALL SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING 4 OR MORE AP CLASSES. MR. FORD ASKED FOR THE NUMBER OF ASIAN STUDENTS REFLECTED ON THE SAT/ACT REPORT. DR. CHING STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD. MR. FORD EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION AND CONCERN ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THE DATA ON AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS. HE ENCOURAGED THAT STRATEGIES BE PUT IN PLACE IMMEDIATELY TO HELP RECTIFY THIS SITUATION. MR. FORD ASKED DR. COLES AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD AN IMMEDIATE STRATEGY TO TURN THIS DATA AROUND. DR. COLES RESPONDED THAT THE SAT SCORES ARE A PRODUCT OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF STUDENTS PREPARING FOR AND TAKING THE TEST. HE ADDED THAT MANY OF THE INCREASES IN STUDENTS TAKING THE SAT REFLECT STUDENTS, WHO LATER IN

THEIR SCHOOL CAREER DECIDED THAT COLLEGE WAS AN OPTION. DR. COLES ANNOUNCED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS DISSATISFIED WITH THIS DATA AS WELL AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. MR. FORD COMMENTED THAT HE APPRECIATES THE HARD WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATION. MR. FORD EXPRESSED THAT THE DISTRICT REFUSES TO PUT TEACHERS IN THE AREA WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. DR. COLES RESPONDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS CERTAINLY PREPARED TO BRING TO THE BOARD ALL THE DISTRICT IS DOING BY WAY OF INTERVENTION. CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR THE RESULTS FROM THE DATA SINCE THE OFFERING OF THE SAT PREPARATION CLASS TO MORE STUDENTS. MR. HOCKMAN STATED THAT THE SAT SCORES INCREASED BY 110. HE STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THEY HAD THE A.C.T. IN THE SUMMER AND IT HAD A 2 POINT INCREASE, WHICH IS STILL SIGNIFICANT.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY AGREES WITH MR. FORD AND STATED THAT THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO MOVE VERY QUICKLY IN RECTIFYING THIS SITUATION AND FOCUS ON WHAT PROGRAMS ARE REALLY EFFECTIVELY WORKING WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

SAT/ACT IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

MS. MATHEWS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON SAT/ACT IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES.

DISCUSSION:

MR. TYSON ASKED IF THE SAT ACADEMY PRACTICE TESTS ARE MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE ACTUAL SAT TEST. MR. HOCKMAN RESPONDED THAT THE DISTRICT DOES NOT RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION. THE RESULTS ARE MAILED TO THE STUDENT.

OFFICE OF HUMAN

MR. DILLIHAY PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A

RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL UPDATE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED.

OFFICE OF**ACTION: FURNISH AND INSTALL FOOD****OPERATIONS:****SERVING LINES**

MR. HARDISON STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
FURNISH AND INSTALL FOOD SERVING LINES.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED FOR A STATUS REPORT ON
THE PHASES OF NUTRITION SERVICES MEAL
DELIVERY SYSTEM.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**ACTION: LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN RFP**

MR. HARDISON STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN RFP.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO
PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH FEEDBACK IN
CONNECTION WITH THE PRE-CONFERENCE
SESSIONS AS THEY RELATE TO SWMBE. MR.

TYSON ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THE CHANGING ON THE SWMBE CRITERIA. MR. HARDISON REPLIED THAT THE CHANGE WAS MADE ONLY IN THE WEIGHT OF CERTAIN CRITERIA. MR. TYSON ASKED WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THE LOWERING OF THE WEIGHT OF CRITERIA WOULD HAVE ON THE RFP. MR. FORD COMMENTED THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT CHANGING; THEY ARE LOWERING THE PERCENTAGE OF POINTS ADDED TO 100. THERE WAS AN ADJUSTMENT WITH THE SCORING CRITERIA 5% TO 15%, NOT THE QUALITY OF THE BIDDER. MR. HARDISON REPORTED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS EXCEEDED THE 15% AWARDING OF CONTRACTS TO SWMBE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

MR. PERKINS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD SUGGESTED THAT THE BOARD TAKE A LOOK AT THE POLICY OF SIGNAGE AS IT RELATES TO DISTRICT PROPERTIES. MR. BOBBY MADE REFERENCE TO DEDICATION PLAQUES AND ASKED FOR THE BOARD'S DIRECTION. DR. SALMOND SUGGESTED THAT THE SIGNAGE POLICY BE REVIEWED.

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ESTABLISHED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1(A) PERSONNEL MATTER; 1(B) EMPLOYEE HEARING; 1(C) STUDENT APPEAL; 5(A)(1) CONTRACTUAL CHANGE ORDERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND 5(B) CONTRACT DISPUTE RESOLUTION: NU-IDEA AUDITORIUM SEATING.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 10:40 P.M.

PERSONNEL MATTER

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY STATED NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME FOR THE PERSONNEL MATTER INVOLVING THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS G.B.

EMPLOYEE HEARING

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INTIALS C.T.

MOTION:

MR. JEFFCOAT MOVED TO SUSTAIN THE AGREEMENT AND UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY DR. SALMOND.

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

IN OPPOSITION: MR. FORD (6-1)

STUDENT APPEAL

CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY ASKED FOR A MOTION ON THE STUDENT APPEAL FOR THE STUDENT WITH THE INITIALS J.M.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED TO AFFIRM THE FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER AND AUTHORIZE THE STUDENT TO RETURN TO HIS HOME SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE CURRENT NINE WEEKS MARKING PERIOD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JEFFCOAT AND MRS. MCBRIDE.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT INCONSISTENCY OF THE MOTION AND WHAT WAS ACTUALLY BEING APPEALED. HE ASKED THAT THE MOTION BE RE-STATED TO AVOID INCONSISTENCY.

AMENDED MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED THAT THE STUDENT WITH THE INITIALS J.M. BE AUTHORIZED TO RETURN TO HIS HOME SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE CURRENT MARKING PERIOD. IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ACTION: CONTRACTUAL CHANGE ORDER

RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION

MR. PERKINS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO MODIFY CHANGE ORDERS PERTAINING TO THE BOND REFERENDUM FOR CRAYTON MIDDLE, GIBBES MIDDLE, HAND MIDDLE, KEENAN HIGH AND LOWER RICHLAND HIGH.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD, FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, ASKED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION BE REPEATED.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: DR. SALMOND,

**MR. JEFFCOAT, MRS. MCBRIDE, MR. TYSON
AND MR. SMILING.**

IN ABSTENTION: MR. FORD

IN OPPOSITION: CHAIRWOMAN BRAWLEY

(5-1-1)

CONTRACT DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS NU-IDEA

AUDITORIUM SEATING:

MR. PERKINS STATED THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
THE CONTRACT DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS NU-IDEA
– AUDITORIUM SEATING.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. FORD ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE
DISTRICT’S POSITION ON THE 2.4 MILLION
DOLLAR TAXPAYER ABILITY ISSUE.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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CHAIRWOMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS