

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, VICE CHAIRMAN

MR. AARON BISHOP, SECRETARY/TRESURER

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

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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 HARRIS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) NEW DISTRICT LOGO; (2) LEGAL STATUS; (3) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (4-8) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (9-11) LEAVE OF ABSENCE; (12) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (13) MINUTES; (14) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF PERISHABLE AND NON-

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PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS; (15) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: BREAD PRODUCTS; (16) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: MILK PRODUCTS; (17) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: WIRELESS SOFTWARE (XIRRUS)
SUPPORT RENEWAL; (18) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
LIBRARY MEDIA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE; (19)
CONTRACT EXTENSION: EMPLOYEE/STUDENT ID
BADGE SYSTEM; (20) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
STUDENT ATHLETIC (SPORTS) ACCIDENTAL/
INJURY INSURANCE; (21) BOARD REPORT; (22) OUT-
OF-DISTRICT REQUEST; (23) CLASSROOM
INNOVATION GRANTS REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENT
OF FALL 2017 RECIPIENTS; (24) SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT; (25) CONTRACT: LEXIA SITE LICENSE
SOFTWARE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD; (26)
CONTRACT: DIGITAL LEARNING (DLE) LAPTOP
COMPUTERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS; (27)
CONTRACT: MOA FOR THE COLUMBIA AREA
MENTAL HEALTH; (28) E-RATE CONSULTANT
SERVICES; (29) CONTRACT: COLUMBIA HIGH
SCHOOL-ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE

II); (30) REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ROAD WORK AT PEARL STREET (EE TAYLOR).

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

CHAIRWOMAN CHERYL HARRIS, MR. AARON BISHOP, MR. JAMIE DEVINE, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. DARRELL BLACK, MRS. BEATRICE KING, MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS.

INVOCATION:

COMMISSIONER REVEREND AARON BISHOP, GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: ITEMS 4.02 AND 4.03 IN EXECUTIVE SESSION HAS BEEN DELETED, WHICH DELETES 10.2 AND 10.3 IN THE PUBLIC SESSION; ALSO, UNDER OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUEST IS BEING MOVED TO OFFICE OF THE BOARD, TO ITEM 8.03.

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS
SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF
PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS-
GENERAL GROCERIES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: BREAD PRODUCTS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: MILK PRODUCTS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: WIRELESS SOFTWARE

(XIRRUS) SUPPORT RENEWAL

CONTRACT EXTENSION: LIBRARY MEDIA

MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

CONTRACT EXTENSION: EMPLOYEE/STUDENT ID

BADGE SYSTEM

CONTRACT EXTENSION: STUDENT ATHLETIC

(SPORTS) ACCIDENT/INJURY INSURANCE

MOTION:

MR. BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS
SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP.

DISCUSSION:

MR. DEVINE ASKED REGARDING PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, DO WE KNOW WHY THERE IS A \$2.00 INCREASE?

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED MORE FOOD OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

MRS. SAULS ASKED REGARDING THE ID BADGE SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEE/STUDENT, DO WE KNOW WHICH SCHOOLS ARE USING THIS SYSTEM, OR IS THIS ACROSS THE DISTRICT OR BY CHOICE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED IT IS ACROSS THE DISTRICT. ALL SCHOOLS HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THOSE BADGES.

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

OFFICE OF

NEW DISTRICT LOGO

BOARD:

MS. BOYLES PROVIDED SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE NEW DISTRICT LOGO, WHICH INCLUDED THE GOAL TO IMPROVE PUBLIC PERCEPTION, TO INCREASE PRIDE AND TO ATTRACT THE BEST TALENT AVAILABLE. SHE STATED SURVEYS WERE A PART OF THIS PROCESS. THE REBRANDING CREATES A DISTINCT IDENTIFY FOR

THE DISTRICT THAT DISTINGUISHES FROM OTHER NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS.

MS. YORK STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE NEW DISTRICT LOGO.

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

BOARD REPORT

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR REACHING NEW LEVELS WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE FOR 2016-2017 AT THE STATE LEVEL:

COMMISSIONERS DARRYL BLACK AND LILA ANNA SAULS REACHED LEVEL 2; COMMISSIONER CHERYL HARRIS REACHED LEVEL 5.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PINS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

DISCUSSION:

MR. DEVINE ASKED HAVE WE CONSIDERED HELPING FAMILIES SAVE MONEY BY SUPPLYING SCHOOL RESOURCES THROUGH OUR WAREHOUSE

AND HAVING THE SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT OPEN HOUSE FOR A FEE OF \$15-20 AND PARENTS GETTING ALL THE SUPPLIES THEY NEED VERSUS SCHOOL LISTS AT LOCAL STORES?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

MRS. KING ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE STATUS ON THE DREHER PROJECT PROCESS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THERE ARE SOME CONTRACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BE SHARED.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED FOR A REPORT ON ALL OF THE PROJECTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

MR. BISHOP ASKED REGARDING BULLYING, DO WE DO ANYTHING IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT TO TEACH SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE DO HAVE IT OUTLINED IN OUR TECHNICAL USE POLICY AND IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK. WE ARE MOVING

TOWARD SOME MORE COLLABORATIVE TOOLS. WE MAKE SURE THAT IS EMBEDDED IN TERMS OF BEING ACCEPTABLE USE AND HOW THAT RELATES TO THE CODE. DR. WITHERSPOON ADDED THAT IT'S ON OUR RADAR AND WE WILL PROVIDE SOME UPDATES.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

LEGAL STATUS UPDATE

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE STATUS OF LEGAL MATTERS IN THE DISTRICT.

CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANTS REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL 2017 RECIPIENTS

MS. KEELS PRESENTED A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, WHICH INCLUDED AN OVERVIEW; PRIMARY GOALS (GRANTS CAFE'); 2017 SPRING RECIPIENTS; INNOVATION SPOTLIGHTS.

NEW FALL 2017 CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT RECIPIENTS WERE RECOGNIZED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21. OUR SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY. THE DISTRICT IS PROVIDING A PAIR OF ECLIPSE VIEWING GLASSES FOR EVERY STUDENT AND ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES. PARENTS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ABOUT WHEN THEY CAN PICK UP THE ECLIPSE GLASSES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AS WE GET CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. OUR TEACHERS RETURN TO WORK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, AND CLASSES BEGIN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR 24,000 STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL. HE ADDED THAT ATTENDANCE MATTERS AND GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HABITS START WITH THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE ARE ENLISTING PARENTS' SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL AND ON TIME FOR SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE

SCHOOL YEAR, SO THEY DON'T MISS ANY VALUABLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED AND REMINDED PARENTS THAT 2017-18 WILL BE OUR THIRD YEAR PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) PROGRAM. THROUGH OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS FEDERAL PROGRAM, ALL RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS CAN EAT HEALTHY MEALS AND SNACKS AT SCHOOL AT NO COST, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILY INCOME. PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE ANY PAPERWORK. PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION MAY CALL OUR STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES OFFICE AT 231-6953.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT OUR ANNUAL FOOTBALL JAMBOREE, WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (AUGUST 12) AT MEMORIAL STADIUM. THE PRE-GAME SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. AND THE FIRST OF FOUR GAMES WILL KICK OFF AT 6:00 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$6 AND MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE GATE. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE.

DR. WITHERSPOON ADDED THAT TO HELP GENERATE EVEN MORE EXCITEMENT FOR THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL HOLD A BACK-TO-SCHOOL TWITTER CHALLENGE, AUGUST 14-22. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT QUESTION POSTED EACH DAY IN OUR TWITTER FEED (@RICHLANDONE). PARTICIPANTS SHOULD USE THE HASHTAG **#R1BACK2SCHOOL** WHEN SENDING THEIR REPLIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL TWITTER CHALLENGE, GO TO RICHLANDONE.ORG.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO DR. WITHERSPOON, MR. PERKINS AND HIS STAFF AND OTHERS FOR THE NEW STADIUMS AND MAKING SURE THE VISION WAS CARRIED OUT.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CHALLENGED ALL BOARD MEMBERS, ALONG WITH DR. WITHERSPOON TO RIDE THE BUS AND BICYCLE TO SCHOOL, TO BE

ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE.

MR. BISHOP RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT CONCUSSION PROTOCOL AND EXHAUSTION TRAINING FOR COACHES.

MR. MATZ RESPONDED ALL OF OUR COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE FOUR COURSES THROUGH THE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE DEALING WITH CONCUSSION, HEAT, FIRST AID, AND C.P.R. HE ADDED THAT WE ALSO TRAIN ALL OF OUR COACHES WITH C.P.R. CLASSES THAT THEY TAKE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR A TWO YEAR LICENSE OR CERTIFICATES.

WE ALSO REQUIRE ALL OF OUR FOOTBALL COACHES TO ATTEND AND TAKE COURSES ON "HEADS UP" FOOTBALL PROGRAM. AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE DISTRICT REQUIRES OF OUR COACHES.

MR. BISHOP RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL SHARING THEIR HOMECOMING THIS YEAR.

MR. MATZ RESPONDED THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF THAT AND HAVE NOT BEEN PERSONALLY ASKED ABOUT IT OR BEEN TOLD ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

HE ADDED THAT HE WILL INQUIRE AT THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S MEETING ON THURSDAY AND INFORM YOU OF ANYTHING.

MR. SMILING ASKED IS THE HEADS UP PROGRAM RELATIVELY NEW?

MR. MATZ STATED THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR. WE SPONSOR A CLINIC THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST 75 PARTICIPANTS, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL COURSES THEY HAVE TO TAKE THROUGH THE NFHS AND REQUIRED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.

MRS. KING STATED WE HAD TALKED ABOUT REVISING OUR "C" POLICY AND ASKED IS THAT COMING DOWN THE PATH LINE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR, OR WHERE WE ARE IN OUR PROCESS.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WE HAVE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT AND WE WILL BE SENDING SOMETHING OUT WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS.

MRS. KING ASKED WILL IT NOT BE CHANGED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED NO, NOT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THAT WAS A REQUEST OF THE BOARD EARLIER AND WE WILL PRESENT THAT REPORT.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHEN THE COACHES CONVOCATION IS.

MR. MATZ RESPONDED ON AUGUST 18 FOR ALL COACHES.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHAT IF A COACH DOES NOT ATTEND.

MR. MATZ RESPONDED WE WILL GIVE THEM A VIDEO OR WE WILL DO A CLINIC LATER ON WHERE THEY WILL GET SOME OF THE INFORMATION. WE WILL HAVE HAND-OUTS AS WELL.

MR. DEVINE ASKED IS THERE A TIMELINE THAT THEY MUST COMPLETE THIS BY?

MR. MATZ RESPONDED BEFORE THEIR SEASON IS OVER, OR BEFORE THEY BEGIN THEIR SEASON.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHAT ABOUT COACHES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HIRED OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING HIRED?

MR. MATZ RESPONDED SAME PROCESS. WE WILL GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EVENINGS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT ARE NON DISTRICT EMPLOYEES AND MIGHT HAVE FIRST OR SECOND JOBS. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THEM AND GO OVER A LOT OF THE MATERIALS.

MR. DEVINE STATED AS WE TALK ABOUT COLLEGE CAREER AND MILITARY READINESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE ASKED HOW MANY STUDENTS DO WE GRADUATE APPROXIMATELY EACH YEAR?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED I WILL HAVE TO GET YOU THAT EXACT NUMBER.

MR. DEVINE ASKED HOW MANY STUDENTS DO WE KNOW OF THAT ATTEND COLLEGE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED I AM NOT SURE HOW WE CAN GET THAT FOLLOW-UP, BUT WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

MR. DEVINE STATED WE DO THE COLLEGE TOURS AND REQUESTED DOING SOME JOB TOURS AND DOING SOME MORE INTERNSHIPS WITH THE CITY, COUNTY AND OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN THE AREA, LIKE WE DO WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE ARE LOOKING AT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INTERNSHIPS FOR OUR STUDENTS; SOMETHING WE ARE BUILDING ON MOVING FOWARD. NEXT SUMMER WE WANT TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF INTERNSHIPS. WE CAN START HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THERE ARE 16 PATHWAYS THAT CAN BE OFFERED AND RICHLAND ONE HAS 13 OUT OF THE 16.

MR. BISHOP RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT A WORKFORCE JOB FAIR FOR STUDENTS AND INFORMATION ON SUCCESS RATES FROM OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN TRIPPLED THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT WE ENGAGED THIS SUMMER. HE ADDED

THAT NUMBERS INCREASED IN OUR SUMMER SOAR AND READING PROGRAMS. WE EXPANDED SOME STEM, CODING; WE EXPANDED PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR LOCAL ENTITIES AND INCREASED PARTNERSHIP OFFERINGS; WE'VE GOTTEN FEED BACK FROM OUR PARENTS THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE ENGAGED.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. COUSAR STATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS TWO MATTERS WERE PRESENTED. NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS MS. LASHAWANTE JACKSON FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. KING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. KAREN OGDEN FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AT CAUGHMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE IS CURRENTLY A TECHNOLOGY COACH IN ITS.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. AMANDA ARFLIN FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE IS CURRENTLY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MOTION:

MRS. SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. DEMOND RADCLIFF FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AT BURNSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

MOTION:

MRS. SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. DEON LEE WALLACE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MOTION:

MR. BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL LEAVE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. BLACK.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RCOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MILITARY LEAVE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS

DISCUSSION:

MRS. KING EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THIS EMPLOYEE FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 18 TEACHERS FOR THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION:

MRS. SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

CONTRACT: FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

OPERATIONS:

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS:

CONTRACT: LEXIA SITE LICENSE SOFTWARE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

CONTRACT: DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT DLE LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

CONTRACT: MOA FOR THE COLUMBIA AREA MENTAL HEALTH

CONTRACT: COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL-ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II)

CONTRACT: REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ROAD WORK AT PEARL STREET (EE TAYLOR)

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

DISCUSSION:

MRS. KING STATED THE LEXIA SOFTWARE IS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD; THEN SHE ASKED IS THERE ANYTHING BEFORE LEXIA, A REPLACEMENT?

MS. HAGWOOD STATED YES, “BREAKTHROUGH TO LITERACY” IS NO LONGER SUPPORTED BY THE COMPANY AND SO WE NEEDED TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR IT.

MRS. KING ASKED HOW DIFFERENT IS IT FROM BREAKTHROUGH?

MS. HAGWOOD RESPONDED I BELIEVE IT’S BETTER, BECAUSE IT’S ADAPTIVE. SO NO MATTER WHAT LEVEL A STUDENT IS ON, IT MEETS THEM THERE, LEVELS THEM. AND THEN IF STUDENTS RUN INTO TROUBLE, IT ACTUALLY STOPS AND TEACHES THEM BASED ON THOSE DIFFICULTIES. IT’S A LITTLE BETTER THAN BREAKTHROUGH

MRS. KING ASKED WILL THE USE OF THIS BE USED LIKE STANDARD TIME?

MS. HAGWOOD RESPONDED, CORRECT, YES. AFTER THE CHILD IS PLACED BASED ON THEIR LEVEL, THE SOFTWARE TELL THE TEACHER EXACTLY HOW MANY MINUTES THE STUDENT SHOULD USE THE SOFTWARE IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR GOALS.

MRS. KING ASKED WILL THERE BE A TEST TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LEVEL THEY ARE?

MS. HAGWOOD RESPONDED IT DOES.

MRS. KING ASKED IF THAT WILL BE DONE ON THE FRONT END, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR?

MS. HAGWOOD RESPONDED YES.

MRS. SAULS ASKED IN REGARDS TO THE AREA MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, HOW MANY TOTAL DO WE HAVE?

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED CURRENTLY WE HAVE SIX MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS AND WE WILL BE ADDING ONE MORE

MRS. SAULS ASKED IS THERE A NEED FOR MORE?

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED YES, THERE IS.

MRS. SAULS RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE ABILITY TO FIND THE PROFESSIONALS TO HIRE.

MS. CAMPBELL STATED WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON TRYING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL BASE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE FOUND WITH MENTAL HEALTH, IS JUST AS YOU'VE SAID, THEY CANNOT FIND THE WORKERS. AND THEN THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH COLUMBIA AREA MENTAL HEALTH GETTING MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THEY HAD ONE FTE THAT WAS UP THIS YEAR AND WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE IT IN RICHLAND ONE VERSUS THE OTHER TWO COUNTIES.

MR. BLACK ASKED HOW MANY HEALTH WORKERS WOULD YOU PERCEIVE WOULD BE A GOOD FIT FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT?

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK WITH YOU WITH A NUMBER ON THAT.

MR. BLACK REQUESTED A NUMBER AND ALSO REGARDING THE NUMBER OF FTES.

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED WE CAN DO THAT.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WILL THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS BE ABLE TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO

SCHOOLS AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL, I.E. PTO(S), SIC(S), THOSE TYPES OF PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL?

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED YES, THAT IS A PART OF THE CONTRACT, THAT THEY PROVIDE ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF THEIR TIME TO DO PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS FOR STAFF AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY.

MR. DEVINE ASKED IF THE SCHOOLS THAT WOULD LIKE THE PRESENTATIONS WOULD EITHER ASK THE PRINCIPAL ARE THOSE IN CHARGE OF PTO(S), SIC(S) FOR THAT SERVICE?

MS. CAMPBELL RESPONDED THAT'S CORRECT.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE PROCESS WITH MENTAL HEALTH, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED AS YOU WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT. WE KNOW IT IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR US TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOLKS TO ACCOMMODATE A DISTRICT OF THIS SIZE. WE

CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED ABSOLUTELY.

MR. DEVINE ASKED REFERENCING DLE, THIS IS REPLACING COMPUTERS FROM THREE YEARS AGO?

MR.HARDISON RESPONDED YES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING 8:32 AT P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS