

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING

MR. AARON BISHOP

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MOTION:

MRS. KING MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MRS.

KING, MR. BISHOP, MR. SMILING, MR. BLACK (5-0)

MRS. SAULS AND MR. DEVINE WERE NOT

PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

MATTER OF

AS MANDATED BY THE FREEDOM OF

RECORD:

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) LEGAL STATUS

REPORT; (2) LEAVE OF ABSENCE; (3) MINUTES; (4) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE REFRIGERATED AND NON-REFRIGERATED EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES; (5) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF UNLEADED GASOLINE; (6) CONTRACT EXTENSION: ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL (ULSD) FUEL FOR DISTRICT WIDE BUS FLEET; (7) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL (ULSD) FUEL; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: ONLINE STUDENT REGISTRATION SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT; (9) BOARD REPORT; (10) APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN; (11) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018.

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

PRESENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, COMMISSIONERS DWAYNE SMILING, AARON BISHOP, JAMIE DEVINE, DARRELL BLACK, BEATRICE KING.

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COMMISSIONER LILA ANNA SAULS NOT PRESENT
FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING.

INVOCATION:

REVEREND AARON BISHOP OF GRACE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND
WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

COMMISSIONER SMILING GAVE THE SCHOOL
BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2018

SPOTLIGHT:

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE REFRIGERATED
AND NON-REFRIGERATED EQUIPMENT REPAIR

AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF UNLEADED
GASOLINE

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ULTRA LOW SULFUR
DIESEL (ULSD) FUEL FOR DISTRICT WIDE

BUS FLEET

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF LOW SULFUR

DIESEL (ULSD) FUEL

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ONLINE STUDENT

REGISTRATION MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL
AND WAS SECONDED COMMISSIONER KING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THIS IS SCHOOL
BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; SHE READ THE
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES, THEREAFTER
COMMISSIONERS SIGNED THE BANNER.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS RECOGNIZED
COMMISSIONER DEVINE FOR TEN YEARS OF
SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION AND PRESENTED
HIM WITH A CERTIFICATE AND PIN.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED SHE AND
COMMISSIONER BISHOP MET AND EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE ON YESTERDAY (JANUARY 8TH) WITH
DOMINION ENERGY'S VICE PRESIDENT, WHO

PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICT DURING THE THOUSAND YEAR FLOOD. .

COMMISSIONER BLACK NOTED THE PASSING OF REPRESENTATIVE JOE BROWN, WHO SPENT MANY YEARS AS A PRINCIPAL IN DISTRICT ONE.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP RECOGNIZED ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND THEIR INAUGURAL EVENT ON TODAY CALLED *M.O.V.E: MAN OF VISION AND EXCELLENCE.*

COMMISSIONER BISHOP PRESENTED A PLAGUE TO DR. WITHERSPOON ON BEHALF OF ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, FOR DR. WITHERSPOON'S CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT M.O.V.E. HE STATED IT WAS ABOUT 20 TO 30 MALE LEADERS THAT ATTENDED THIS EVENT. THEY SPENT ABOUT FOUR HOURS AT THE SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER KING NOTED WE JUST STARTED A NEW LEGISLATION SESSION YEAR. THE GOVERNOR HAS ANNOUNCED HIS BUDGET. MOLLY SPEARMAN AND HER TEAM ASKED THE ENTIRE LEGISLATIVE

BODY TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO FOR SCHOOL BUSES. SHE REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE DISTRICT'S PLATFORM AND THAT IT IS ON THE WEBSITE AND THAT EVERYONE IS AN ADVOCATE IN IT'S FIGHT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

COMMISSIONER SMILING REQUESTED AT SOME POINT IN TIME TO PROVIDE A MEMORIAL TO REPRESENTATIVE BROWN'S FAMILY.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE STATED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WILL MEET TOMORROW (JANUARY 10) TO COMMEMORATE THE SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH.

HE PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT THE HOUSE OVERRODE GOVERNOR MCMASTER'S VETO 107-8 AND THAT THE SENATE WILL HOPEFULLY ALSO OVERRIDE THE BUS VETOE.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF FUNDING FROM THE LOTTERY TO REPLACE BUSES.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER DWAYNE SMILING TO SERVE AS PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR 2018 FISCAL YEAR.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT WE ARE HALFWAY THROUGH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AND WE CAN REFLECT WITH PRIDE ON MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER. THOSE POINTS OF PRIDE, ALONG WITH UPDATES ON DISTRICT INITIATIVES, ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MID-YEAR EDITION OF OUR *SPOTLIGHT ONE PUBLICATION*. *SPOTLIGHT ONE* WAS MAILED TO PARENTS AND IT IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT WE'RE ALSO PROUD OF A NEW PUBLICATION THAT HIGHLIGHTS OUR CHOICE PROGRAMS. OUR 2018-2019 *CHOICE PROGRAMS GUIDE* WAS RECENTLY MAILED TO ALL RICHLAND ONE RESIDENTS AND IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. HE ADDED THAT WE INVITE AND ENCOURAGE OUR PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO ATTEND OUR FIRST CHOICE FAIR WHERE THEY CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS AND THE UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY OFFER STUDENTS, INCLUDING THE NEW LEADERSHIP MAGNET PROGRAMS THAT WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST. THE CHOICE FAIR WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 FROM 5:30-8:00 P.M. IN THE CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. SCHOOL AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE THERE TO PROVIDE ABOUT OUR CHOICE PROGRAMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON TODAY (JANUARY 9) MR. CHARLES BOLDEN, C.A. JOHNSON GRADUATE, VISITED AND SHARED HIS

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EXPERIENCES WITH THE JUNIOR ROTC STUDENTS AND STUDENT LEADERS AND STAFF AT C.A. JOHNSON. HE ALSO VISITED CLASSROOMS AND SHARED HIS EXPERIENCES.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT WE HAVE INVITED FAITH LEADERS FROM ALL DENOMINATIONS TO JOIN US FOR A BREAKFAST THURSDAY MORNING (JANUARY 11). DURING THE INTERFAITH BREAKFAST, WE WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT WAYS FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS CAN FORM MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS WITH RICHLAND ONE. THE BREAKFAST WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE LOWER RICHLAND DIAMOND SINGERS AND REMARKS BY CURRENT FAITH-BASED PARTNERS. JAMAL BATES FROM WFMV GOSPEL 95.3 FM WILL SERVE AS THE EMCEE FOR THE PROGRAM.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE OUTSTANDING AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES TO JOIN THE RICHLAND ONE TEAM. WE WILL HOLD A JOB FAIR ON

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 FROM 9:00 TO 1:00 P.M. AT THE MEDALLION CONFERENCE CENTER ON GARNERS FERRY ROAD. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE JOB FAIR, INCLUDING THE REGISTRATION LINK, ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. THE REGISTRATIOIN DEADLINE IS JANUARY 17.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT THE RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCATION GALA. FIVE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE INDUCTED DURING THIS YEAR'S GALA, WHICH WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 AT THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER. THE RED CARPET RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M., AND THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

HE ADDED THAT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, BUT WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS YEAR, TICKETS ALSO CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE. THE LINK IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION, CALL THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AT 231-7504.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT MANY OF US ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUPER BOWL 52 ON FEBRUARY 4. RICHLAND ONE IS PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER SUPER BOWL – THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING USES SUPER BOWL WEEKEND TO MOBILIZE YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIGHT HUNGER AND POVERTY IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN OUR EFFORTS TO “REACH THE GOAL – TACKLE HUNGER.” LEADING UP TO SUPER BOWL WEEKEND, THE DISTRICT IS COLLECTING CAN GOODS TO BENEFIT HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK. DONATION BOXES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS. LAST YEAR, TEAM RICHLAND ONE COLLECTED OVER 10,000 CANNED FOOD ITEMS, EQUALING 143 POUNDS OF FOOD AND 7,692 MEALS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT EARLIER THIS SCHOOL YEAR, OUR SCHOOLS AND OFFICES WERE CLOSED DUE TO THE THREAT OF HURRICANE IRMA. PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE DAY STUDENTS WILL MAKE UP THE DAY OF SCHOOL THEY MISSED ON SEPTEMBER 11. FEBRUARY 19 WILL BE A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THIS IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

DR. WITHERSPOON RECOGNIZED THE TEACHERS, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT SPEAK OF WHAT IS DONE IN RICHLAND ONE TO IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOME AND MAKE SURE THE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD IN A POSITIVE FASHION.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS SHARED EMPHASIS ON THE RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME GALA.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO
KAREN YORK AND HER TEAM FOR THE RICHLAND
ONE COMMERCIALS

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED THAT INDIVIDUALS'
THAT ATTEND THE CHOICE FAIR BE MADE AWARE
THAT EVERY CHOICE IS NOT OPEN TO EVERY AREA.

CHAIRWOMAN

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED AN INCIDENT
HAPPENED NEAR ONE OF OUR SCHOOL'S TODAY
AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO INDIVIDUALS
THAT MADE SURE THE CHILDREN STAYED SAFE.

MR. FRALEY HIGHLIGHTED THE LOCKDOWN
PROCESS AND DEALING WITH SEVERAL ASPECTS
BASED ON AGE OF POPULATION OF SCHOOLS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED HOW THE
DECISIONS ARE MADE.

MR. FRALEY STATED THAT WE DECIDE AS A
DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAW
ENFORCEMENT.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED TO ESTABLISH A
RICHLAND ONE FOUNDATION AND LINK TO THE
HALL OF FAME, WHICH WOULD BE A FUNDRAISER.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT THINGS ARE IN THE WORKS AS IT PERTAIN TO THE FOUNDATION AND HALL OF FAME GALA. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A MORE ROBUST CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVENT, WHILE WILL LEAD TO MORE ATTENDANCE AND MORE FUNDS AND DOLLARS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. STRATEGICALLY WE HAVE MAPPED OUT SOME CHANGES THAT WILL DO EXACTLY THAT, SO THAT NOT ONLY WE GROW THE EVENT, BUT WE GROW THE IMPACT OF THE EVENT.

OFFICE OF

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE MOVED TO GO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A COMPENSATION

MATTER AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 8:04 P.M.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:41 P.M.

INFORMATION: COMPENSATION MATTER

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THAT DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION TAKEN, NONE REQUIRED.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 8:42 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS