

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

PENDERGRASS FAIRWOLD SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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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PENDERGRASS FAIRWOLD SCHOOL

5935 TOKEN STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29203

HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

7:00 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 RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY; (2) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (3) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (4) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT; (5-8) LEAVE OF ABSENCE; (9) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (10) MINUTES; (11) DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS; (12) CONTRACT

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EXTENSION: DISASTER RECOVERY CONSULTANT SERVICES; (13) BOARD REPORT; (14) 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM; (15) FY 2018-2019 BUDGET; (16) PROPOSED 2018-2019 DISTRICT CALENDAR; (17) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: (18) RECOMMENDATION TO RAZE OLD WG SANDERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT PENDERGRASS FAIRWOLD SCHOOL ON JANUARY 23, 2018.

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

PRESENT:

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

INVOCATION:

MINISTER FREDERICK HUNTER OF FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL PRESENTATION: COMMISSIONER DEVINE GAVE THE SCHOOL HISTORY FOR PENDERGRASS FAIRWOLD SCHOOL. PRINCIPAL REDENBURG SHOWCASED GREATEST SCHOOL PRIDE: STUDENTS, VIA VIDEO PRESENTATION. SHE RECOGNIZED FACULTY AND STAFF.PENDERGRASS FAIRWOLD.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMISSIONER BISHOP GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT: SPOTLIGHT FOR THE JANUARY 23, 2018 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: JULIA AND HUNTER STRAUSBURGER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT AN STUDENT ISSUE AND PROVIDED A PACKET OF INFORMATION TO THE BOARD.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES

DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: DISASTER RECOVERY

CONSULTANT SERVICES

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OFFICE OF

BOARD:

EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MR. DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. KING, MRS. SUALS AND MR. BLACK.

IN ABSTENSION: MR. SMILING (6-0)

BOARD REPORT

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THIS BOARD HOSTED A MEET AND GREET WITH LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY DELEGATION TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND CONCERNS ABOUT RICHLAND ONE. SHE ADDED THAT IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED EVENT. SHE THANKED VICE CHAIRMAN DEVINE FOR TAKING A LEAD IN PLANNING THIS EVENT. SHE

ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO MS. YORK AND MRS. WILSON FOR THEIR EFFORT WITH THIS EVENT. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THAT THE BOARD WILL BE DOING A LOT MORE OF THESE MEETINGS WITH OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS. SHE NOTED THAT WE WANT TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN RICHLAND ONE.

SHE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO DR. WITHERSPOON AND HIS STAFF FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED SHE AND COMMISSIONER KING, ALONG WITH ED CARLON AND RAYMOND PERKINS HAD A WONDERFUL MEETING WITH THE DREHER COMMUNITY IN REFERENCE TO THE DREHER PROJECT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE GETS A FAIR SHARE IN THE DECISIONS THAT'S BEING MADE.

COMMISSIONER BLACK TALKED ABOUT THE JOB FAIR THAT WAS HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND: IT WAS WELL ATTENDED AND MANAGED AND ORGANIZED.

HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO DR. COUSAR FOR

HER LEADERSHIP AND THE TEAMWORK; HE SAID ONLY CHANGE HE WOULD SUGGEST IS THE SIZE OF THE VENUE. THIS INVESTMENT IS SHOWING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

HE STATED MORE EMPHASIS IS NEEDED ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED WE NEED TO BRING FORTH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A PART OF EDUCATION. WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT IT EVERY YEAR.

SHE STATED THE PRINCIPAL AND STAFF HERE AT FAIRWOLD ARE VERY SPECIAL.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED SHE AND COMMISSIONER BLACK ATTENDED RICHLAND TWO “PASTRIES AND POLICIES” EVENT; ALSO ATTENDED THE INTERFAITH EVENT “BREAKING BREAD”; SHE STATED ALL THESE EVENTS ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP NOTED THE AWESOME VIDEO PRESENTATION AND THE LOWER RICHLAND CHOIR’S PERFORMANCE AT THE “BREAKING BREAD” EVENT.

COMMISSIONER SAULS TALKED ABOUT THE THREE DAY SYMPOSIUM SHE ATTENDED AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL WHICH WAS AN EQUITY BASED CONVERSATION AND IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

COMMISSIONER KING SUGGESTED THAT THE VIDEO BE MADE AVAILABLE. SHE STATED IT HAS GREAT QUALITY AND GIVES DIRECTION.

2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MS. YORK STATED RICHLAND ONE IS ONE OF THE FEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IF NOT THE ONLY SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DEVELOPS AN ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM OUTLINING THE DISTRICT'S MISSION STATEMENT ON KEY EDUCATIONAL RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES THAT HAS AN IMPACT OR SHOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND STAFF.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, DR. WITHERSPOON AND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM PARTICIPATED IN

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

MS. YORK STATED THAT THIS YEAR WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FIVE FOCUS ISSUES IN THE PLATFORM THAT REPRESENTS THE KEY ISSUES THAT WE ARE URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON DURING THIS 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ONE OF THOSE ISSUES IS THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND OUR BELIEF THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHOULD ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR INCLUDING THE START DATE.

CURRENTLY STATE LAW DICTATES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS CANNOT BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR BEFORE THE THIRD MONDAY IN AUGUST.

UPON APPROVAL OUR 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM BROCHURE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AS WELL AS DISTRICT STAFF, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL CHAIRS, PTO PRESIDENTS AND OTHERS. THE NEW PLATFORM ALSO WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

FY 2018-2019 BUDGET

MR. CARLON STATED THAT THIS IS AN
INFORMATION ITEM. THIS IS THE BEGINNING
PROCESS OF OUR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET.
THE PROCESS OF BUDGET PLANNING INVOLVES A
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, POSITION HEADS.
AFTER REVIEWING THE VARIOUS BUDGET
MEETINGS WITH THE AREA SUPERVISORS, IT'S
SUBMITTED TO THE BUDGET DEPARTMENT. THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO
PREPARE A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR
CONSIDERATION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR
PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL. AFTER PREPARING
THE TENTATIVE BUDGET, THESE ARE THE
FOLLOWING AREAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019:
EXPANDING THE LANGUAGE IMMERSION
PROGRAM; LOOK AT ALL PROGRAMS AND
EXPANSIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE ALL

UNNECESSARY AND OUTDATED PROGRAMS;
CONSIDER ALL NEW PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM
EXPANSIONS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS. THE TENTATIVE BUDGET CALENDAR IS
ALSO INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE. A COUPLE OF
OTHER ITEMS THAT WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER AS
WE GO THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS: THE
ONGOING TEACHER SHORTAGE, STATE
RETIREMENT COST; STATE AND FEDERAL
MANDATES, ESPECIALLY WHERE FEDERAL
EDUCATION IS CONCERN.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS REQUESTED AT SOME
POINT IN TIME TO GET SOMETHING IN WRITING
BEFORE GOING BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE
DELEGATION.

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED THAT SHE
WANTED TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND
THERE ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INPUT
SESSIONS. WE NEED TO ALL GET THE WORD OUT
ABOUT THESE ISSUES.

MR. CARLON STATED ALL THOSE THINGS WE HAVE
ON THE WEBSITE AND WE HAVE THREE MEETINGS

SCHEDULED AROUND TOWN. WE ALSO HAVE MEETINGS WITH STAFF, PRINCIPALS AND OTHER AREAS.

PROPOSED 2018-2019 DISTRICT CALENDAR

DR. LONG PRESENTED A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED: CALENDAR COMMITTEE; CALENDAR DEVELOPMENT; MAJOR POINTS; FEEDBACK/CONCERNS; ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSES TO OPTIONS; MAJOR POINTS FOR SELECTED CALENDAR; HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019.

HE STATED THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES THIS CALENDAR FOR FIRST READING.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE ASKED IF THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED WITH THE COUNTY OR CITY?

DR. LONG RESPONDED NO, SIR.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE NOTED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE THAT IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COUNTY/CITY AS WE DEVELOPED OUR CALENDAR.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED WE DO HAVE TWO MEETINGS, SO THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT TO OCCUR.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE ASKED HOW MANY DAYS ARE THERE OF INSTRUCTION BEFORE TESTING?

DR. LONG RESPONDED ABOUT 160 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION.

COMMISSIONER SMILING SAID OTHER THAN SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT COMMISSIONER DEVINE SUGGESTED, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE GOING ON BETWEEN THOSE TWO WEEKS, PUBLIC INPUT OR ANY KIND OF ENGAGEMENT?

DR. LONG RESPONDED NO, SIR.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED THERE ARE IDENTIFIED DAYS FOR POSSIBILITY OF INCLEMENT WEATHER IN THE CALENDAR?

DR. LONG RESPONDED YES, SIR.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THAT IS FEBRUARY 18TH AND MARCH 8TH?

DR. LONG RESPONDED AS FAR AS STUDENT DAYS, WOULD BE FEBRUARY 18TH, MARCH 8TH AND MAY 27TH.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED IS IT DURABLE TO SEE A DAY EARLIER THAN MAY 27TH, WHICH WILL PUT US BEHIND TESTING? BEING THAT IS ALONG THE LINE OF THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL AND DURING TESTING.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED THERE ARE SOME OTHER DISTRICTS LOOKING AT OPTIONS; IT MAY NOT BE NEXT BOARD MEETING BEFORE WE BRING THE CALENDAR BACK, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES.

COMMISSIONER SMILING ASKED IF WE VOTE ON THIS CALENDAR TONIGHT AND YOU MAKE CHANGES, WILL IT BE THE FIRST OR SECOND VOTE?

DR. LONG RESPONDED IT WILL BE THE SECOND VOTE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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 STATED WE HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS START OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR WITH OUR INTERFAITH BREAKFAST, WHICH WAS HELD ON JANUARY 11TH AT HEYWARD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER; ALSO, RICHLAND ONE CHOICE FAIR, WHICH WAS HELD ON JANUARY 11 AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL; OUR RICHLAND ONE JOB FAIR, HELD ON JANUARY 20 AT THE MEDALLION CONFERENCE CENTER. THESE WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED EVENTS. WE THANK OUR STAFF AND ALL WHO MADE THESE EVENTS SUCCESSFUL.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS LOOKING TO HIS NEXT TWITTER CHAT, WHICH WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY (JANUARY 25) FROM 6:00-7:00 P.M. HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION. SEND QUESTIONS AND

COMMENTS TO @RICHLANDONESUPE AND USE THE
HASTAG #R1SUPECHAT.

DR.WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT THIS
SATURDAY (JANUARY 27), WE WILL HONOR FIVE
NEW MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND ONE HALL OF
FAME. THE INDUCTION GALA WILL BE HELD AT THE
COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER.
THE RED CARPET RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 5 P.M.
AND THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6. DETAILS
ABOUT THE GALA ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE,
WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, HE WILL DELIVER MY 2018 STATE OF
THE DISTRICT ADDRESS IN THE FREDDIE E. GRACE,
JR. THEATRE AT W.G.SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. THE STATE
OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS WILL PROVIDE
STUDENTS, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WITH AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS THAT HAS
BEEN MADE IN THE DISTRICT IN THE PAST YEAR, AS
WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT

INITIATIVES AND PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR.
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT WE HAVE SCHEDULED A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THEIR INPUT WITH US AS WE WORK TO DEVELOP THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT WE WILL HAVE BUDGET INPUT SESSIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR EMPLOYEES, BUT THREE SESSIONS WILL BE OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. THOSE BUDGET INPUT SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 6 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: FEBRUARY 12 AT CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; FEBRUARY 26 AT GADSDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND MARCH 5 AT ARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DR. WITHERSPOON INVITED AND ENCOURAGED ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS TO ATTEND TO LEARN ABOUT THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND SHARE THEIR INPUT ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.

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OFFICE OF

HUMAN RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTED INFORMATION ITEMS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION ITEMS REQUESTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. KEDRA HILL RIVERS TO THE POSITION OF ACTING COORDINATOR FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES, PENDING HER RELEASE FROM HER CURRENT POSITION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOTION:

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE MEDICAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED COMMISSIONER DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS SIX TEACHERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

RECOMMENDATION TO RAZE OLD WG SANDERS

OPERATIONS:

MR. PERKINS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO REMOVE THE OLD WG SANDERS FACILITY ON ALIDA STREET AND DEMOLISH IT.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER SMILING STATED WHEN WE DID THE BOND REFERENDUM ONE OF THE THINGS WE SAID TO THE COMMUNITY WAS AS WE BUILD AND RENOVATE NEW SCHOOLS, THAT THE SCHOOLS THAT WE ABANDON THAT WE WILL NOT LET IT BE A PLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS JUST

ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS MAKING SURE THAT WE FULFILL THAT PROMISE.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED HAVE WE DONE ALL THAT WE CAN IN COMMUNICATING THIS TO THE COMMUNITY; THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRESERVING THE BUILDING?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED WE HAVE PROVIDED TO ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THE STUDY THAT WAS DONE INDICATED THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP NOTED ONE OF THE HALL OF FAME HONOREE'S NAME IS ON THE GYM, MR. RAEFORD AND ASKED IS ANYTHING THAT WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH HIS NAME?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED HE BELIEVES THAT NAME WAS MOVED TO THE NEW FACILITY.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED HOPEFULLY THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDS THE COST OF TRYING TO PRESERVE THE FACILITY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST -- WE HAVE MADE A SMART CHOICE FOR

THIS DISTRICT. WANT TO MAKE SURE WE COMMUNICATE THIS PROPERLY.

COMMISSIONER KING SUGGESSTED AFTER THE BUILDING IS RAZED, MAKE IT A PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO GATHER.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED HOW MANY ACRES IS THAT LAND WHERE THE OLD SANDERS FACILITY IS?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED ABOUT 40 ACRES.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP HOW MANY ACRES IS THE LAND ACROSS FROM IT?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED ABOUT 40 ACRES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR US TO BE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NUMBER 826 AND 823; BOTH ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS AN OPTION FOR BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. 823 ALLOWS THE OPTION BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THE 2ND MONDAY IN AUGUST AND 826 ALLOWS TO SET THEIR OWN START SCHOOL DATE.

WE NEED TO SEND SOMETHING TO THE
LEGISLATION DELEGATION ABOUT THAT.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 8:35 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS