

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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, APRIL 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MOTION

**MRS. KING MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS
VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS**

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) LEGAL STATUS
REPORT; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-5) LEAVE
OF ABSENCES; (6) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (7)

CONTRACT EXTENSION: EARLY WARNING SOFTWARE RENEWAL; (8) MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 25, 2018; (9) BOARD REPORT; (10) FY 2018-2019 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS (8% G.O. BOND FUNDS); (11) REALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME AND CLOSED PROJECTS; (12) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (13) CAROLINA SCHOOL OF INQUIRY CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT; (14) FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING - BRADLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; (15) FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING - CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; (16) FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING - WG SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL; (17) FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON APRIL 10, 2018.

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

PRESENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, COMMISSIONERS JAMIE DEVINE, DWAYNE SMILING, AARON BISHOP,

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DARRELL BLACK, BEATRICE KING, LILA ANNA SAULS.

INVOCATION:

REVEREND, COMMISSIONER AARON BISHOP OF GRACE CHAPEL CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THAT ITEM 5.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS NOW ITEM 5.4. ITEM 5.3 IS NOW SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

COMMISSIONER BLACK GAVE THE SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT:

BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE APRIL 10, 2018 MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NATASHA THOMAS (ALSO ON BEHALF OF PARENTS UNABLE TO ATTEND) SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY. SHE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR RICHLAND ONE'S SUPPORT; SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE MISSION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR

INQUIRY. SHE ASKED THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER GETTING A RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE SCHOOL.

RABBI JOHNATHAN CASE OF BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE ON NORTH TRENHOLM ROAD (ALONG WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES) SPOKE ON BEHALF OF MORE JUSTICE , WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER ACROSS BOARD LINES TO FULFILL THE SCRIPTURAL MANDATE THAT THEY ALL FEEL DEEP IN THEIR HEART OF DOING JUSTICE TO POWERFULLY ADDRESS SERIOUS COMMUNITY WIDE ISSUES.

KRISTI SAVAGE, GRANDPARENT, SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY AND THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND SUPPORT EVEN GREATER RESOURCES AND THE RESOURCE IN TERMS OF A RESOURCE OFFICER. SHE SUPPORTS MORE JUSTICE. SHE STATED SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WOULD LIKE TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ALLEVIATE AND PROVIDE RESOURCES SO THAT THE CHILDREN WILL NOT BE

IN THE STREETS AND WORK ON SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AS PART OF THE SCHOOL PROGRAM. **SHAEAARON BURNS**, MUSIC TEACHER AND ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR AT CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY, SPOKE ON BEHALF OF CSI. SHE REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ESA AND THE CHANGES THAT WILL BE MADE FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. SHE NOTED HER DUAL ROLES AT CSI AND THE ADVANTAGES AND THAT EVERY ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER HAS A STAKE WITH LEARNING WITH THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE CLASSROOM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MARCH 25, 2018

CONTRACT EXTENSION: EARLY WARNING

SOFTWARE RENEWAL

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING SAID SHE NOTICED AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING IT WAS VOTED ON

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND THAT AT PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS THE NAME OF THE POSITIONS WERE ENUMERATED AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN AT THE LAST MEETING. SHE STATED THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WAS VOTED ON. SHE ASKED THAT THE NAMES OF THE POSITIONS BE ADDED TO THE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED HOW LONG DO WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THIS EARLY WARNING SOFTWARE RENEWAL CONTRACT?

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED THIS WILL BE THE THIRD YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT. IT WILL JUST BE A CONTINUATION OF TITLE THREE CONTRACT.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THE FIRST TWO YEARS NOT AT DISCOUNT, CORRECT?

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED YES.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED DO WE NOT SEE ANY RETURN TO THAT DISCOUNT AND ANY TYPE OF NEGOTIATION?

MR. HARIDSON RESPONDED IT IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. WE CAN GO BACK AND TELL THEM THAT WE NEED BETTER PRICING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF WHATEVER DR. COLEMAN'S AREA NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SAVE A PENNNY OR TWO. IT'S WORTHY OF NEGOTIATION. LOOKING AT LONGEVITY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE BOARD DOES PARTICIPATE ON A WEEKLY BASIS IN CHAT WITH THE CHAIR INITIATIVES AT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS AND LUNCH BUDDIES AT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND REGULAR ROUTINE VISITS WITH OUR STUDENTS. WE TAKE PRIDE AS A BOARD IN SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH OUR STUDENTS.

SHE STATED THE BOARD HAS BEEN TO A LOT OF EVENTS PRIOR TO SPRING BREAK. SHE STATED TODAY WE WERE PART OF THE GROUND BREAKING AT MEMORIAL STADIUM AND SEVERAL OTHER

THINGS THAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT TODAY.

COMMISSIONER SAULS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO MR. FRALEY AND HIS TEAM FOR THE ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS WITH THE STUDENTS AND KEEPING THE CHILDREN SAFE.

FY 2018-2019 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

(8% GO BOND FUNDS)

MR. CARLON STATED THIS IS A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED FOR A STATUS ON BOLDEN STADIUM. SHE ALSO RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT RESURFACING THE PARKING LOT.

MR. CARLON RESPONDED THAT HE WILL HAVE TO VERIFY WITH MR. PERKINS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

REALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME AND

CLOSED PROJECTS

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS BASED ON THE INTEREST INCOME AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED. ALSO WE HAVE A PROJECT THAT WE HAVE JUST REDUCED THE AMOUNT AND ALLOCATED TO NEW PROJECTS FROM THAT.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED WILL THESE BE FOR ITEMS AND FURNITURE IN OUR VARIOUS SCHOOLS?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED YES.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THAT ALSO INCLUDED AT GRACE THEATRE?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED YES. IT'S MORE RIGHT NOW FOR ANY OF THE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BROKEN ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED. AND WE CERTAINLY WILL LOOK AT THE GRACE THEATRE.

COMMISSIONER SAULS ASKED HOW MANY NEW SCHOOLS BUSES OR REPLACEMENT BUSES?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED A TOTAL OF SEVEN. FIVE WERE IN THE FIRST GROUP AND TWO IN THE SECOND GROUP.

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 THAT HE HOPED EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK.

HE ANNOUNCED THAT BEFORE WE LEFT FOR SPRING BREAK, OUR STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION ON MARCH 29 AT BURTON-PACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO RECOGNIZE ALL OUR SCHOOLS FOR BEING NAMED AMONG THE HEALTHIEST SCHOOLS IN THE NATION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRESENTED THE SCHOOLS WITH BANNERS AND CHECKS TOTALING \$58,000 FOR BEING WINNERS OF ITS HEALTHIER-US SCHOOL

CHALLENGE AWARDS. THE AWARDS RECOGNIZE SCHOOLS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATING HEALTHIER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS THROUGH THEIR PROMOTION OF NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. BRONZE AWARD WINNERS RECEIVED A \$500 CHECK; SILVER AWARD WINNERS RECEIVED \$1000; AND GOLD AWARD WINNERS RECEIVED \$1,500.00. HE CONGRATULATED ALL OF THE SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND STAFF. AND CERTAINLY TO OUR STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK.

DR. WITHERSOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON MARCH 14TH WE HELD OUR 20TH ANNUAL JUNIOR ROTC NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY. AT THAT ANNUAL EVENT IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF OUR UNITS IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS TO SHOWCASE NOT ONLY THEIR LEADERSHIP, BUT TO HIGHLIGHT AWARD WINNERS IN EACH OF THE PROGRAMS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF STUDENTS IN ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS. HE ADDED THAT IT IS A GREAT EVENT THAT IS HELD EVERY YEAR. WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF OUR UNITS ACROSS OUR DISTRICT. THIS

YEAR THE UNITS TAKE A LOT OF PRIDE IN COMPETITION IN THE ANNUAL AWARDS. ALL OF OUR UNITS ARE AWARD WINNING: LOT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT THEY DO, THEIR FIELD EXPERIENCES, LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH MILITARY BASIS IN THE SOUTHEAST. THIS YEAR'S AWARD FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CUP FOR JUNIOR ROTC, THIRD PLACE WINNER THIS YEAR WAS LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL TEAM; SECOND PLACE WAS KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL; FIRST PLACE WAS AC FLORA'S UNIT. THAT ANNUAL EVENT CERTAINLY SHOWCASE SOME OF THE FINEST THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER IN TERMS OF EXTRACURRICULAR, COCURRICULAR ACTIVITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR UNITS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON MARCH 31, A TEAM OF STUDENTS FROM ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETED IN THE TEN80 NATIONAL STEM LEAGUE SPRING INVITATIONAL IN ATLANTA. THE TEAM, KNOWN AS THE KNIGHT RIDERS, WON FIRST PLACE IN EVERY CATEGORY AND WON THE OVERALL COMPETITION. THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED

TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION IN NEW YORK. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECOGNIZING THEM AT AN UPCOMING BOARD MEETING.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON MARCH 29, THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED A JOINT RESOLUTION APRIL AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CONNECTING SOUTH CAROLINA WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD. MILITARY CHILDREN FACE AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN TO NINE TRANSITIONS DURING THEIR SCHOOL YEARS, GIVING RISE TO A UNIQUE SET OF CHALLENGES.

RICHLAND ONE IS COMMITTED TO OUR SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMILIES AND TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN. THIS MORNING (APRIL 10), EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS RICHLAND COUNTY JOINED WITH RICHLAND ONE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE "HELPING MILITARY CHILDREN DISCOVER THEIR SPARC (STRENGTHS,

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POTENTIAL, ASPIRATIONS, RESOURCEFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE)" TRAINING, WHICH WAS HOSTED BY RICHLAND ONE AT OLYMPIA LEARNING CENTER.

THE TRAINING WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION. SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE AND MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION; STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MOLLY SPEARMAN; SOUTH CAROLINA ADJUTANT GENERAL ROBERT LIVINGSTON AND MRS. LIVINGSTON; FORT JACKSON COMMANDING GENERAL PETE JOHNSON AND MRS. JOHNSON, KEVIN SHWEDO, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY; AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ALSO THIS MORNING (APRIL10), WE HELD A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE MEMORIAL STADIUM PROJECT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO

THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY TOMORROW
(APRIL11) FOR THE BOLDEN STADIUM PROJECT.

WE ARE CERTAINLY APPRECIATIVE TO THE VISION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOING BACK TO
2014, FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND THE WILLINGNESS
TO COMMIT TO IMPROVING FIELDS AND STADIUMS
ACROSS THE DISTRICT SO THAT WE PROVIDE AS
MANY OPPORTUNITIES AS WE CAN FOR OUR
STUDENTS AND OUR STUDENT ATHLETES. WE
LOOK FORWARD TO THAT GROUND BREAKING AND
RIBBON CUTTINGS TO COME. WORK CONTINUES
ACROSS THE DISTRICT WITH OTHER STADIUMS AND
FIELD RENOVATIONS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
COMPLETING THOSE.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT
NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2018 RICHLAND
ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS. THE
RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME HONORS
DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES OF RICHLAND ONE
SCHOOLS AND OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT,

THEIR PROFESSIONS, THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND NOMINATION PACKET ARE POSTED AT WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY AUGUST 1 AT 5 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AT 231-7504.

DR. WITHERSPOON REMINDED PARENTS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN EARLY FOR OUR SUMMER SOAR SUMMER CAMPS AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS. SUMMER SOAR 2018 WILL BE HELD JUNE 11 THROUGH AUGUST 2 AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. WE ARE OFFERING AN EXCITING ARRAY OF PROGRAMS TO MEET STUDENTS' NEEDS AND INTERESTS, INCLUDING READING, COMPUTER CODING, BUILDING AND FLYING DRONES, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, THE ARTS, COOKING AND MORE. HE ADDED THAT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR SUMMER SOAR PROGRAMS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE, RICHLANDONE.ORG OR CALL THE

SUMMER SOAR HOTLINE AT 400-1692. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN BY MAY 11.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT DANCEROX2018: THE RICHLAND ONE DISTRICT DANCE SHOWCASE WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY (APRIL 13) AT 6 P.M. IN THE A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE. THE PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE RICHLAND ONE HONOR DANCE COMPANIES, AS WELL AS CHOREOGRAPHY BY EVERY DISTRICT SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM. ADMISSION IS FREE. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT OUR TALENTED STUDENTS AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH AND THAT SHE WANT TO FACILITATE THE EASIEST WAY FOR EVERYONE TO REACH OUT TO OUR SCHOOLS AND BECOME INVOLVED. SHE ASKED WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET INVOLVED WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM CAN TAKE SEVERAL FORMS. THEY CAN CERTAINLY REACH OUT TO THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS. THEY HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. BUT THEY CAN ALSO CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER OFFICE AT 231-7144. THEY WILL WALK YOU THROUGH BACKGROUND CHECKS AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAS TO BE DONE.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED THAT THE BACK PACK PROGRAM NOT BE LEFT OUT. SHE EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP NOTED THE NEED FOR SITUATIONAL AND GENERATIONAL POVERTY AND FILLING THE GAPS THROUGH HUMAN RESOURCES. HE ASKED AS YOU HAVE DONE ONE EVENT WITH THE FAITH BASE COMMUNITY, WHEN IS THE NEXT FORESEEABLE EVENT?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EVENT. DR. COOPER'S OFFICE WILL REACH OUT AND SHARE INFORMATION.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED SHE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE SOUTHEAST LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THIS SUMMER. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WANTED TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT IS WILLING TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THEM WHERE WE CAN POSSIBLY OPEN UP MORE OF THOSE HUBS SO WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO A LIBRARY DURING THE SUMMER.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL DO THAT. WE WILL REACH OUT TO THE LIBRARY.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. COUSAR STATED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTED THE INFORMATION ITEM UNDER 9.1. NO ACTION IS BEING REQUESTED.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE WHICH WAS 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 THIS NON PAID LEAVE
OF ABSENCE FOR MEDICAL REASONS AS
PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL
AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAULS

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THESE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:

CAROLINA SCHOOL OF INQUIRY

MS. SCOTT STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:

FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING

BRADLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING

WG SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRANKLIN COVEY LEADER IN ME TRAINING

WJ KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOUR LEADER-IN-ME CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS WRITTEN IN THE MAGNET SCHOOL'S GRANT FOR THE FOUR MAGNET SCHOOLS INCLUDING BRADLEY ELEMENTARY, CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY, WG SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, WJ KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THERE ANY CROSS CULTURAL EMPHASIS OF THIS STUDY, OF THIS PROGRAM?

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THERE ARE SEVERAL PIECES OF THIS THAT FIT WITH PROGRAMS THAT WE ALREADY DO. THE LEADERSHIP COMPONENT WHICH IS THIS COMPONENT WITH LEADER-IN-ME REALLY HELPS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP IN ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. SHE ADDED THAT IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL FOCUS ON ALL CHILDREN BEING ABLE TO INDIVIDUALIZE LEADER INSTRUCTION AND

ALSO TAKE OWNERSHIP FOR THEIR LEARNING. THAT'S PROBABLY THE MOST EXCITING PART. SHE ADDED THAT IT WILL CREATE A TRACK OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FROM KINDERGARTEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH GRADE 12. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL FIT WITHIN CATE'S REQUIREMENTS. STUDENTS WHEN THEY COMPLETE IT, IF THEY GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROGRAM, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THEIR RESUME AS THEY LEAVE US.

ALSO, WITHIN CARVER-LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE FOCUS IS ON GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS A MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY FOCUS CURRICULUM.

MRS. WILLIAMS ADDED THAT PROGRAMS LIKE LEADER-IN-ME, IT'S NOT REALLY A PROGRAM, AND IT'S A PROCESS. IT'S A PROCESS OF HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN HOW TO HAVE A VOICE, HOW TO BE ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING AND HOW TO TAKE OWNERSHIP FOR THEIR LEARNING; HOW TO TAKE THOSE 21ST CENTURY SKILLS THAT WE KNOW

ARE SO CRITICAL AND APPLY THEM TO THE LEARNING PROCESS. SO THEY LEAVE US WITH THAT VOICE. HOPEFULLY IF WE DO IT RIGHT, IT WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT THESE FOUR SCHOOLS, BUT IT WILL HAVE TREMENDOUS IMPACT ACROSS THE BOARD AS WE LOOK AT HOW WE DO THIS THING OF EDUCATION IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED LEADERSHIP HELPS ORGANIZATIONS EVOLVE AND TRANSFORM. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO IN OUR MISSION STATEMENT. WE ARE LEADERS IN TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION.

MS. WILLIAMS STATED WE FURTHER ENGAGE IN THE WORK WE ARE DOING WITH OUR TEACHERS. IT'S NOT JUST TO GROW OUR STUDENTS, BUT ALSO GROW OUR EDUCATORS IN THIS PROCESS OF LEARNING; HOW TO INDIVIDUALIZE INSTRUCTION AND MEET INDIVIDUAL NEED.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WITH THE ADDITION OF THESE MAGNET PROGRAMS, IT'S AT SIX OF OUR SCHOOLS, RIGHT? WE CURRENTLY HAVE HOPKINS

ELEMENTARY AND BURNSIDE THAT ARE ALREADY LEADER IN ME.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT'S RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT'S SIX OUT OF 50 SCHOOLS. SHE ASKED IS IT POSSIBLE TO DO A PRESENTATION/OVERVIEW TO US IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO SINCE IT'S BEEN AT BURNSIDE FOR THE 2ND OR 3RD YEAR, AND HOPKINS WAS THE FIRST?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE CAN PROVIDE A REPORT. WE DO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THIS PIECE.

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THE LEADER-IN-ME TRAINING REALLY IS A THREE YEAR PROCESS. BURNSIDE IS NEARING THE END OF THAT THREE YEAR CYCLE. IT IS A CYCLE OF GROWTH EACH YEAR AND HAS A PARTICULAR FOCUS EACH YEAR. THE OTHER PIECE WITH THE MAGNET SCHOOL'S GRANT IS AN ADDITION TO LEADER IN ME, WE ALSO WILL BE DOING PRETTY INTENSIVE TRAINING THIS SUMMER THROUGH THE BUCK INSTITUTE WITH PROJECT BASE LEARNING BECAUSE THERE IS A CAREER FOCUS TRACK AS WELL: BRADLEY

THROUGH SANDERS TO KEENAN; WITH CAREER AWARENESS, CAREER EXPLORATION AND THE FOUR ACADEMIES, THAT WILL BE LINKING WITH LEADER-IN-ME AS WELL. SHE ADDED THAT IT WILL BE A PRETTY PHENOMENAL OPTION FOR OUR STUDENTS.

DR. COLEMAN NOTED IN AN ASTRONOMY MAGAZINE THE OPENING ARTICLE WAS FROM AN ASTRONOMY PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY WHO TALKED ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CLASSROOM. HE ACTUALLY CITED THE BUCK INSTITUTE PROJECT BASED LEARNING. IT'S REAL EXCITING TO READ IN A NATIONAL PUBLICATION OF THAT LEVEL THAT RICHLAND ONE HAS BEGAN. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EDUCATION THAT WE ALL GOT IN THE CLASSROOM CANNOT BE THE SAME EDUCATION THAT WE PROVIDE TO OUR KIDS. AND PROJECT BASE LEARNING IS THE EXPANSION OF THE MIND, THE ENGAGEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM. WHICH WE KNOW THE ENGAGEMENT OF THAT STUDENT LEADS TO EVERY STATISTIC HEADING IN THE DIRECTION THAT WE WANT IT TO.

COMMISSIONER BLACK NOTED **BRIGHT LIGHTS** AND ASKED WOULD THAT BE INTERFACE WITH THIS INFORMATION? HOW ARE THEY CONNECTED? **DR. COLEMAN** RESPONDED ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENS WITH THE LEADER IN ME AND YOU ALREADY SEEN IN A LOT OF OUR SCHOOLS, EXAMPLE: SANDERS MIDDLE.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF OUR INDUSTRY LEADERS, THE GAP THAT IS CONTINUING TO GROW LARGER AND LARGER IS SOFT SKILLS. SOFT SKILLS IS REALLY NOT QUANTITATIVE. ADD QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT TO THAT TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THEY DO GROW IN THAT PROJECT BASED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT THOSE SKILLS WILL DEVELOP ALONG WITH THE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

MS. WILLIAMS STATED THAT REALLY IS A VERY CLEAR FOCUS WITH OUR GRANT WITH LEADER-IN-ME AND WITH PROJECT BASE LEARNING. WE HAVE TO REALIZE IN EDUCATION THERE IS THAT QUALITATIVE SIDE. AND THERE ARE WAYS THAT

WE CAN TRACK THAT AND HELP CHILDREN TAKE OWNERSHIP FOR THAT. IF YOU THINK OF THE PROCESS OF BENCHMARKING, IT'S BREAKING THAT DOWN TO ALMOST A WEEKLY BASIS OF DID WE IMPROVE AND WHAT DID WE DO WRONG AND HOW CAN WE IMPROVE IT AND NOT JUST QUANTITATIVE, BUT ALSO QUALITATIVE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 8:10 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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