

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

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, JULY 11, 2017

7:00 P.M.

**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.

**MOTION:**

MRS. SAULS MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY  
MR. BLACK.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)**

**MR. SMILING WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE  
TIME THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

THE RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE  
CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO

GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL  
ISSUES:

(1) LEGAL SERVICES; (2) PERSONNEL /HR UPDATES;  
(3) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT; (4) HIRING OF  
PERSONNEL; (5) MINUTES; (6) CONTRACT  
EXTENSION: RENEWAL OF LICENSES A-Z AND RAZ-  
KIDS; (7) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF  
FRESH PRODUCE; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: ON-  
LINE SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR EDGENUITY  
/EDUCATION 2020; (9) BOARD REPORT; (10)  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (11) CONTRACT: FIRE  
AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT;

**CALL TO ORDER:**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT  
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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. LILA ANNA SAULS.  
MRS. BEATRICE KING NOT PRESENT FOR  
TONIGHT'S MEETING.

**INVOCATION:**

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER RICHLAND ONE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMER STUDENT DECEASED  
JOHN BLACKWELL.

COMMISSIONER JAMIE DEVINE GAVE THE  
INVOCATION.

**AGENDA ADOPTION:**

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

FELICIA AMLETT, PARENT, SPOKE TO THE BOARD  
ABOUT ISSUES AT LOWER RICHLAND.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

MINUTES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: RENEWAL OF LICENSES  
FOR READING A-Z AND RAZ-KIDS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF FRESH  
PRODUCE

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ON-LINE SOFTWARE  
LICENSE FOR EDGENUITY/EDUCATION 2020

**MOTION:**

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

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

**OFFICE OF THE**

**BOARD:**

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**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**BOARD REPORT**

NONE

**LEGAL STATUS UPDATE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT HE VISITED W.J. PERRY THIS MORNING FOR A PROGRAM THERE; ALSO, VISITED AT SOUTH KILBOURNE FOR THE READING TO SUCCEED PROGRAM.

DR., WITHERSPOON REMINDED PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO A RICHLAND ONE SCHOOL IN AUGUST TO GO ONLINE AND COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM. THE FORM CAN BE ASSESSED THROUGH THE POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL. WE HAVE A LINK TO THE PARENT PORTAL ON OUR HOME PAGE, [WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG](http://WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG).

DR. WITHERSPOON REMINDED THE BOARD AND AUDIENCE THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017

RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS ARE DUE BY JULY 27. THE LINK TO THE NOMINATION FORM IS POSTED AT WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG. IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AT 231-7504.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT THE SUMMER IS GOING BY VERY QUICKLY. BEFORE WE KNOW IT, IT WILL BE TIME FOR US TO BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND WELCOME OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL. HE ADDED THAT TEACHERS WILL RETURN TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, AND OUR STUDENTS WILL BEGIN CLASSES ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22. THE FULL 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR.

DR. WITHERSPOON THANKED ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUMMER SOAR PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT. WHILE AT SOUTH KILBOURNE TODAY THE C.R.T. SHARED WITH ME THAT BASED ON SOME

ASSESSMENTS THEY ARE HAVING FUN. THE REDUCTION OF THE SUMMER SLIDE AND THAT LOSS, GIVEN THE PROGRAM THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN, THEY BALANCE WORK AND PLAY THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE. A LOT OF GREAT THINGS ARE GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT FALL, AS WELL.

**DISCUSSION:**

CHAIRMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE PARTNERSHIP WITH RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT OVER 70 STUDENTS ARE USING THE LIBRARY AT LOWER RICHLAND ON A DAILY BASIS. MR.BISHOP ASKED WILL THE STAFF WILL BE IN SERVICE DURING THE TIME OF THE ECLIPSE?

**DR. WITHERSPOON** RESPONDED THE STAFF WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 15 AND THE ECLIPSE IS AUGUST 21. WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITY IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC AND VISITORS THAT ARE EXPECTING TO COME TO THE AREA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT.

**CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** STATED SHE ATTENDED THE DROPOUT PREVENTION CONFERENCE LAST WEEK AND THE DISCUSSION WAS HAD REGARDING RE-NANGIN THE TERM “IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION.”

**MR. BLACK** RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE A.C. FLORA PRINCIPALSHIP POSITION.

**DR. WITHERSPOON** RESPONDED THAT IT IS STILL A PERSONNEL MATTER GOING FORTH.

**MR. BISHOP** STATED WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT WAYS TO BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS EVERYDAY AND HE WOULD SUPPORT DISCUSSIONS ON IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION.

**OFFICE OF**

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

DR. COUSAR STATED THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. MARIAN CRUM MACK TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM PRINCIPAL AT BROOKMAN MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.



**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)**

**HIRING OF PERSONNEL**

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION  
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF 27 TEACHERS FOR  
THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. THIS INCLUDES THE  
ORIGINAL LIST AND ADDENDUMS AS PRESENTED IN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**OFFICE OF**

**CONTRACT: FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**OPERATIONS:**

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION  
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT: FIRE  
AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

**MOTION:**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE  
MEETING AT 7:29 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL  
COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF  
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