

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

ARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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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1300 ASHLEY STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29203

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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) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-5) LEAVE OF ABSENCE; (6) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (7) STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: EVIDENCED-BASED LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION: STUDENT E-MAIL SECURITY

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MONITORING SOLUTION; (10) CONTRACT RENEWAL: NYC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SERIES FOR RICHLAND ONE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS; (11) MINUTES; (12) BOARD REPORT; (13) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (14) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FROM SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB); (15) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WRITING WORKSHOPS FROM THE LIVING LITERACY NETWORK; (16) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MATH TEACHERS FROM C. KING EDUCATION; (17) CONTRACT: FURNISH ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS TO PROVIDE WORK UNIFORMS DISTRICT WIDE.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT ARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017.

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

PRESENT:

CHAIRWOMAN CHERYL HARRIS, JAMIE DEVINE,
MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. AARON BISHOP,

MR. DARRELL BLACK, MRS. BEATRICE KING,
MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS.

INVOCATION:

REVEREND JOSEPH ENGLISH OF KINGDOM
BUILDER MINISTRIES GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. DEVINE GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT:

SPOTLIGHT FOR ARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

DR. GRANT, PRINCIPAL, RECOGNIZED PARENTS,
STAFF, VISITORS. SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE
SCHOOL'S MOTTO, MISSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE BOARD WAS ENTERTAINED BY THE 4TH AND
5TH GRADE CHORUS. THE BOARD WAS PRESENTED
WITH A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MR. ROBERT JENNINGS SPOKE TO THE BOARD
ABOUT UPKEEP OF PROPERTY BEHIND SANDERS
MIDDLE SCHOOL.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONTRACT EXTENSION: EVIDENCED-BASED
LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONTRACT EXTENSION: STUDENT E-MAIL
SECURITY MONITORING SOLUTION
CONTRACT RENEWAL: NYC LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY SERIES FOR RICHLAND ONE SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS
MINUTES

MOTION:

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DISCUSSION:

MRS. KING REFERENCING EVIDENCED-BASED
LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
ASKED IF IN THE CONTRACT IS THERE ANY
STIPULATION THAT THE BOARD SHOULD GET A
SUMMARY, FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS.

DR WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT SERVICE
CAN BE PROVIDED.

MRS. KING STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
FIRST HAND FROM THEIR OBSERVATIONS.

MRS. KING ASKED REGARDING STUDENT E-MAIL SECURITY MONITORING SOLUTION, DO WE PROVIDE E-MAILS TO OUR STUDENTS?

MR. WEST RESPONDED THE E-MAIL SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS IS AN EXTENSION OF OUR OUTLOOK MICROSOFT SERVER E-MAIL SERVER WHICH GOES INTO BUILDING A PLACE FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE BOARD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING CHAT-WITH THE CHAIR IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH WILL LAUNCH THIS WEEK; WE HAVE A CHALLENGE WHICH IS TO VISIT ALL 50 SCHOOLS, WHICH WE SHOULD COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS; **CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** STATED SHE VISITED ARDEN LAST WEEK.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS TO HURRICANE IRMA. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO SCE&G AND SHERIFF LOTT, WHOSE STAFF ENSURED THAT

THERE WOULD BE SAFE BUS PASSAGES FOR OUR STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

MR. BLACK ACKNOWLEDGED BISHOP ERIC DAVIS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED AFTER THE HISTORIC FLOOD OF 2015 LEFT A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON COLUMBIA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE, WE RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, BUSINESSES AND DISTRICTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING DONATIONS TO HELP OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

HURRICANE IRMA'S APPROACH AND EVENTUAL LANDFALL HAVE DOMINATED THE NEWS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, BUT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHO WILL BE STRUGGLING TO

RECOVER AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE HARVEY FOR MANY WEEKS, MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME.

AS SUCH, WE ARE LAUNCHING A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CALLED RICHLAND ONE CARES. FUNDS DONATED THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN WILL GO TO THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION'S HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORT FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT. HE ADDED THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN AND THE LINK TO CLICK ON TO MAKE DONATIONS ONLINE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, RICHLANDONE.ORG. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO JOIN US IN THE EFFORT. DR. WITHERSPOON EXPRESSED THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH EVERYONE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY OR HURRICANE IRMA.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT LAUNCHING OUR NEW VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BEGIN ON

OCTOBER 2. THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 IN RICHLAND ONE AND FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. STUDENTS WILL TAKE THEIR COURSES ONLINE, BUT THEY ALSO WILL HAVE WEEKLY FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTION WITH CERTIFIED TEACHERS WHO WILL REVIEW THEIR PROGRESS, DISCUSS THEIR WORK WITH THEM AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. THE PROGRAM IS TARGETED TOWARD STUDENTS WHO CAN WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND WHO NEED AN OPTION BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL SETTING DUE TO FAMILY, WORK OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS ABOUT THE RICHLAND ONE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. THE FIRST SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M. IN THE OLYMPIA AUDITORIUM, AND THE SECOND SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. HERE AT THE STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE INFORMATION SESSIONS AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHLANDONE.ORG.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT AGAIN THIS YEAR, EMPLOYEE TEAMS FROM RICHLAND ONE AND RICHLAND TWO WILL ENGAGE IN SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION ON THE BASKETBALL COURT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.

THIS YEAR'S "NOTHING BUT NET" CHARITY BASKETBALL WILL BE PLAYED THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:00 P.M. IN W.J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL GYM. TICKETS ARE \$5 FOR AGES 6 AND UP. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE RICHLAND ONE AND RICHLAND TWO DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THEY WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE PALMETTO BREAST CENTER THROUGH THE WALK FOR LIFE/RACE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DR. TRACI COOPER AT 231-6842.

DISCUSSION:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO DR. WITHERSPOON AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING HURRICANE IRMA.

MR. BISHOP ASKED HOW MANY DAYS DO WE HAVE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE BUILT IN THREE MAKE-UP DAYS. WE ARE WORKING ON SOME VIRTUAL SCENARIOS. WE DO HAVE THE CAPACITIES TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE OPTIONS.

MR. BISHOP ASKED IS THERE FORGIVENESS FOR STUDENTS THAT MISS BECAUSE OF POWER OUTAGES?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED IT COULD BE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE BUT IT'S HANDLED AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL.

MR. BISHOP STATED SOME STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING DELAYED START OF THE SCHOOL DAY. MR. BISHOP STATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER CONVERSATIONS REGARDING DELAYED START OF SCHOOL.

MR. DEVINE ASKED REFERENCING THE THIRD GRADE RETENTION READ TO SUCCEED, WHAT TYPE OF MECHANISMS OR HOW ARE WE BEING PROACTIVE TO NOT RETAIN CHILDREN IN THE THIRD GRADE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION ON THAT AT THE BOARD RETREAT ON SEPTEMBER 22ND. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMING PARENTS.

MRS. KING STATED WE CONVERTED DONATIONS TO SPECIFIC SCHOOLS AND ASKED HOW ARE THE MONIES DISTRIBUTED?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED YOU CAN DESIGNATE TO A CERTAIN SCHOOL AND WE WILL GENERATE A REPORT.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. COUSAR STATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL ITEMS AND UPDATES WERE PRESENTED AS INFORMATION.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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MRS. SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. KING

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS MEDICAL REQUEST AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE.

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HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 11 TEACHERS IN THE HIRING OF PERSONNEL DOCUMENTS AND 5 IN THE ADDENDUM AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

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OFFICE OF

STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST

ACADEMICS:

MR. SMALLS STATED INFORMATION WAS
PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING
THE TRANSFER OF STUDENT S. J. FROM RICHLAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO TO SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE.
THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE
TRANSFER BE GRANTED AND THE OUT OF DISTRICT
FEE BE WAIVED.

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OFFICE OF

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS:

RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING
CONTRACTS:

CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SERVICES FROM SOUTHERN REGIONAL

EDUCATION BOARD (SREB)

CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR

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MOMENT OF

MR. BISHOP STATED SEPTEMBER 11 WAS

SILENCE:

YESTERDAY, WAS THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF
9 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS. HE REQUESTED A
MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS
AND EVERY LIFE THAT WAS LOST.

MOMENT OF

MRS. SAULS STATED RESILIENCE IS BEING ABLE TO

MOTIVATION:

BOUNCE BACK FROM STRESS, CHALLENGE,
TRAGEDY, TRAUMA, AND ADVERSITY.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING

AT 7:52 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
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