

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 29203

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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 VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-5) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (6) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (7) MINUTES; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: CARPET AND FLOORING PRODUCTS; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE ARBITRAGE

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REBATE CALCULATION AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES; (10) AUGUST 2017 ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS; (11) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (12) BOARD REPORT; (13) FY 2017-2018 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS BUDGETS; (14) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (15) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (16) KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL-INTERNATIONAL TRIP-COSTA RICA-APRIL 2018; (17) CONTRACT: NAVIANCE: COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS SOFTWARE; (18) CONTRACT: TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING SERVICES; (19) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ON-SITE LITERACY STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS GRADES 3-5; (20) INFORMATION ITEM: COCA-COLA CONTRACT UPDATE-VENDED AND NON-VENDED BEVERAGE SERVICES (REVENUE GENERATION).

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017.

VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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PRESENT:

VICE CHAIRMAN DWAYNE SMILING, MR. JAMIE DEVINE, MR. AARON BISHOP, MR. DARRELL BLACK, MRS. BEATRICE KING, AND MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOT PRESENT.

INVOCATION:

REVEREND AARON BISHOP OF GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING STATED THERE IS ONE CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA: IN OPEN SESSION DELETE ITEM 11.3: CONTRACT: STADIUM NO. 4 AT KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL (PHASE 2).

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. BLACK GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

SPOTLIGHT:

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DEBORAH ROPER ELGIN, SACHEL FORD PARENT, SPOKE ON BEHALF OF A MOTHER BEING ALLOWED TO BE A PART OF HER CHILDREN'S SCHOOL LIFE.

BOBBY TURNIPSEED PROVIDED DOCUMENTS TO THE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF A MOTHER BEING A PART OF HER CHILDREN'S SCHOOL LIFE.

JACK STERN SPOKE ON AN ISSUE ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

GAIL COLE, PARENT OF DREHER, SPOKE ON CONCERNS ABOUT THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES UPGRADE.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: CARPET AND FLOORING

PRODUCTS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE ARBITRAGE

REBATE CALCULATION AND COMPLIANCE

SERVICES

AUGUST 2017 ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS

MOTION:

MRS. KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

BOARD:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING PRESENTED A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION TO THE FAMILY OF DR. JACOB J. HOLMES, JR.

BOARD REPORT

MR. DEVINE REPORTED LAST FRIDAY WAS THE ANNUAL FALL RETREAT AND WE APPRECIATE THE UPDATES.

MR. DEVINE ASKED FOR THOUGHTS ON THE REPORT FROM THE EOC AS IT PERTAINS TO WHAT WILL BE SENT UP TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

DR. COLEMAN RECAPPED SOME INFORMATION SHARED ACROSS THE STATE FROM THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPERINTENDENT'S GROUP.

MR. DEVINE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THE EOC AND HOW IT IS SET UP AND WHAT WE CAN DO. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BOARD SEND A LETTER TO THE EOC EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM THAT MAY

BE PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GOING FORWARD. HE STATED WE ALSO NEED TO START CALLING ABOUT THIS SYSTEM AND THEIR ACCOUNTABILITY AND NOT BEING THE RIGHT THING FOR EDUCATION.

DR COLEMAN STATED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WORKS ON DEVELOPING A SYSTEM; THEY THEN PRESENT IT TO THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WHICH IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS WHICH INCLUDE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BUSINESS MEMBERS, LEGISLATORS, EDUCATORS; THEN THEY VOTE ON IT. WHEN THEY VOTE ON IT, THEN THAT IS WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS TO SEND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL.

SHE ADDED THAT PART OF THE PROCESS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MISSION IS THAT DISTRICTS CAN SUBMIT A LETTER. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO NOT ONLY EXPRESS OUR CONCERN TO THE EOC, BUT ALSO SEE IF OUR LETTER CAN BE A PART OF THAT PACKET WHEN IT GOES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL

BE VOTED ON BY OUR SENATORS AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR OUR STATE.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED THAT THE BOARD SEND A LETTER FROM RICHLAND ONE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS IN CONCERN TO THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM THAT IS BEING PROPOSED AT THIS TIME AND THIS WAS SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP AND MR. BLACK.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

DISCUSSION:

MR. BLACK ASKED WHAT WAS THE ACTUAL JUSTIFICATION OF THEM CREATING THIS PROCESS?

DR. COLEMAN RESPONDED THERE IS TWO PIECES OF DATA THAT THEY ARE POINTING TO WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THIS. ABOUT A YEAR AGO THE EOC PRODUCED A SURVEY AND PUT IT OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND ASKED QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL? WHAT DO YOU THINK IS AN ACCEPTABLE GRADUATION RATE? WHAT PERCENT OF SCHOOLS SHOULD BE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM? WHAT PERCENT

SHOULD GET THE LOWEST? AND ANYBODY COULD TAKE THAT SURVEY.

THE SECOND THING THAT THEY ARE REFERENCING ARE NAEP SCORES. NAEP IS A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT THAT WE GIVE TO A VERY SMALL SAMPLE OF STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT EVERY YEAR. TYPICALLY ONE GRADE LEVEL AT MAYBE TWO SCHOOLS. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A RANDOM SELECTION. EVERY YEAR THEY PICK SOME OF OUR HIGHEST POVERTY SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE MAKING DECISIONS THAT IMPACT AN ENTIRE STATE BASED ON A VERY SMALL SUB SET OF SCORES ON A TEST THAT MEASURES NATIONAL STANDARDS VERSUS LOCAL. YOU HAVE TO QUESTION WHY YOU WOULD SAY THAT IS THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO MAKE THAT CUT.

MRS. KING ASKED HAS THE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION PUBLISHED THEIR POSITION? SHE SAID THE BOARD COULD JOIN THAT MOVE. THERE IS POWER IN NUMBERS.

SHE SUGGESTED ASKING SOMEONE FROM THE EOC TO COME AND EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE.

SHE ASKED HAS THE EOC PRODUCED A STATEMENT TO SUPPORT THEIR POSITION THAT THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS?

DR. COLEMAN RESPONDED IT'S ON THEIR WEBSITE.

MRS. KING STATED AS A DISTRICT WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND FAMILIES. SHE STATED TO HAVE PREDETERMINED NOTION WILL PRESENT LOSERS.

MR. BISHOP STATED IT'S ALARMING THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY HAVE JUSTIFIED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS. THIS BELL CURVE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IS UNACCEPTABLE. I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENTIATES OF WHY CERTAIN STUDENTS OR SCHOOLS ARE ON A PREDETERMINED CATEGORY. WE NEED TO MOBILIZE OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED THEIR VOICE.

DR. COLEMAN STATED THIS WILL BE YET ANOTHER ROAD MAP OF POVERTY. IT WILL PUSH SCHOOLS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF POVERTY INTO THE LOWEST LEVEL OF THIS ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

MRS. SAULS REQUESTED TO INVITE A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO A WORK SESSION WITH THE BOARD, POSSIBLY A PUBLIC WORK SESSION, WHERE ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN BE A PART OF IT. SHE ALSO REQUESTED AS WE DEVELOP THE LETTER, MAKE SURE WE USE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM TO GET THAT INFORMATION OUT. WE NEED TO ENGAGE AND EDUCATE OUR PARENTS.

VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING REQUESTED THAT THE WORK SESSION NOT BE ON SCHOOL BOARD NIGHT.

FY 2017-2018 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS BUDGETS

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING THE APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF THE

LEGAL STATUS UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNED THAT HE HAD HIS FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR WITH THE MEMBERS OF MY 2017-2018 SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL. HE ADDED THAT THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF STUDENTS REPRESENTING EACH OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THEIR PRINCIPALS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL.

WE WILL HAVE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE STUDENTS ABOUT DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES AND TO EXPOSE THEM TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARE OF INTEREST OR CONCERN TO THEM.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT LAST WEEK (THURSDAY, SEPT. 21), I ATTENDED AND

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PARTICIPATED IN BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS "TOGETHER FOR PEACE: RESPECT, SAFETY AND DIGNITY FOR ALL." THE CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS' OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE. HE ADDED THAT PERHAPS NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS AND ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE PEACE AND CELEBRITY DIVERSITY, LIKE WE DO AT BROCKMAN AND THROUGHOUT RICHLAND ONE. CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MARIAN CRUM-MACK AND THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT BROCKMAN ON A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 FROM 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. AT THE CAROLINA COLISEUM. OUR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, MILITARY BRANCHES AND

BUSINESSES TO LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM AFTER GRADUATION. PARENTS OF OUR JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS POSTED AT RICHLAND ONE.ORG.

HE ADDED THAT PALMETTO HEALTH HAS ASKED US TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ITS INITIATIVE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE. LAST YEAR IN SOUTH CAROLINA, THERE WERE 94 DEATHS FROM THE FLU, INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN. THE PALMETTO HEALTH'S HEALTH CARE VAN WILL BE ROLLING OUT TO NEIGHBORHOODS IN RICHLAND, LEXINGTON AND SUMTER COUNTIES IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER TO OFFER FREE FLU SHOTS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN SIX MONTHS AND OLDER. INSURANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. THE FREE FLU SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

BASIS. THE FIRST STOP WILL BE AT ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH IN COLUMBIA ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7. ALONG WITH THE FLU SHOTS, THERE WILL BE FREE FOOD, GAMES AND PRIZES. THE FULL SCHEDULE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE RICHLANDONE.ORG.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION FOR MR. DEVINE ROBINSON FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT HAND MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MS. KIMBERLY SUBER TO THE POSITION OF RESET COORDINATOR WITHIN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF JOHNATHAN WHITE FOR THE POSITION OF ESOL CONSULTANT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

ACADEMICS:

KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL-INTERNATIONAL TRIP-

COSTA RICA-APRIL 201

MS. SCOTT STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF W.J. KEENAN'S REQUEST TO TRAVEL OUT OF COUNTRY TO SAN JOSE COSTA RICA DURING THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1-9, WHICH IS SPRING BREAK. THE FOCUS OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD IS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT PRESERVATION OF OUR ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND MAINTENANCE OF A STABLE ENVIRONMENT. THE TRIP IS OPEN TO EVERY STUDENT WHO IS INTERESTED. FUNDS WILL BE GATHERED THROUGH FUND RAISING AND PARENT CONTRIBUTION. THIS IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. BISHOP ASKED IF COSTA RICA HAD ANY IMPACT OF THE RECENT HURRICANE?

MS. SCOTT SAID NO.

MRS. SAULS ASKED IS THERE A MECHANISM IN PLACE IF A CHILD IS NOT ABLE TO AFFORD THROUGH PARENT CONTRIBUTION?

MS. SCOTT RESPONDED WE'VE OFTEN GOT HELP FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THESE CASES.

MR. DEVINE ASKED IS THERE ANY INTERNATIONAL THREATS TO THIS AREA?

MS. SCOTT RESPONDED THERE IS A CURRENT ADVISORY REGARDING THEFTS. WE WILL CONSISTENTLY LOOK AT THAT. OUR SECURITY DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK WITH US TO MONITOR THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

MR. DEVINE STATED I WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THIS CONTINGENT UPON THE ADVISORY AT A CLOSER DATE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF
OPERATIONS:

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING
CONTRACTS:

CONTRACT: NAVIANCE: COLLEGE & CAREER
READINESS SOFTWARE

CONTRACT: TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING
SERVICES

CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
ON-SITE LITERACY STAFF DEVELOPMENT
TRAINING FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS GRADES 3-
5

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

MRS. KING ASKED FOR A DEFINITION FOR
NAVIANCE

MS. OFFING STATED NAVIANCE IS A COLLEGE AND
CAREER READINESS PLATFORM FOR OUR
STUDENTS.

MR. DEVINE ASKED HOW DOES THIS ALIGN WITH
THE GOALS OF THE DISTRICT? ARE WE TRYING TO
IMPROVE STUDENT GRADUATE RATE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THE INDIVIDUAL ABILITY TO INTERACT THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR SYSTEM THAT THEY CAN EXPLORE COLLEGE AND CAREER OFFERINGS AND HAVE THAT CONTACT TO SEE THE ABILITY TO KNOW WHAT'S ON VARIOUS SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND HOW THAT ALIGNS TO COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS. IT WILL BRIDGE SOME OF THOSE OPPORTUNITY GAPS. WILL PHYSICALLY VISIT SOME OF THE CAMPUSES. WE DO BRING A LOT OF SCHOOLS HERE AT OUR COLLEGE FAIR. IT'S ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO GET THAT EXPERIENCE.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WILL THIS HELP TO EXCEED OUR POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK SO. IT WILL PROVIDE EXPOSURE THROUGH LOCAL INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS A COMPLIMENTARY PIECE.

MR. DEVINE ASKED IS THIS DATA RESEARCH DRIVEN FROM OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED YES. THIS PLATFORM IS ALSO BEING USED IN SOME OF OUR

NEIGHORING DISTRICTS AND IN THE STATE. WE HAVE RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM THOSE DISTRICTS AS WELL.

MR. BISHOP ASKED HOW WILL THIS IMPACT TESTING?

MS. OFFING RESPONDED THIS PLATFORM WILL ALSO LOOK AT AP POTENTIAL. SO IT WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE IDENTIFIED BASED ON TEST SCORES. IT WILL COLLABORATE ALL OF THAT TOGETHER TO LET THEM KNOW HOW TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. LOOKING AT THE SCORES, ACT. WE WILL ALSO LOOK AT SCHOLARSHIPS.

MR. BLACK ASKED AFTER REVIEWING THE SOFTWARE AND WHAT IT DOES, YOU ARE NOW TAKING A PERSON WITH POTENTIAL AND GUIDING THEM TOWARDS CAREER.

MS. OFFING RESPONDED IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO INVEST IN OUR SCHOOL'S COUNSELORS. SO INVESTING AND PROVIDING THEM WITH A PLATFORM TO UTILIZE THE SUPPORT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO CLOSE THE GAP ON.

MR. BLACK ASKED WHERE IS THE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION HOUSED AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT?

MS. OFFING RESPONDED THAT THE COUNSELORS HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

MRS. KING STATED IT IS A TOOL FOR THEM TO REALLY GET ORGANIZED THROUGH DASHBOARD THAT THEY CONTROL. IT REALLY PUTS THE ACCOUNTABILITY, THE STAKE INTO STUDENT'S AND FAMILIES. ONE STOP SHOP.

MS. OFFING RESPONDED THEY CAN SET GOALS. AND TEACHERS WILL ALSO HAVE A COMPONENT WITHIN THIS PLATFORM.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHAT GRADE WILL THIS START AT?

MS. OFFING RESPONDED WE ARE GOING TO START WITH GRADES 9-12.

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHEN?

MS. OFFING RESPONDED THE TIMELINE, IF APPROVED, WE ARE LOOKING AT A STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT STARTING FIRST WITH ACCESS, AND GETTING EVERYING SET UP. THEN THE IMPORT,

WHICH IS GETTING ACCESS FOR OUR TEACHERS. SO
OUR TIMELINE IS LOOKING AT STARTING IN
OCTOBER AND MOVING TO HAVING THIS PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTED NO LATER THAN JANUARY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

INFORMATION ITEM: COCA-COLA CONTRACT

UPDATE: VENDED AND NON-VENDED BEVERAGE

SERVICES (REVENUE GENERATION)

MR. HARDISON STATED THIS IS AN INFORMATION
ITEM.

MR. DEVINE ASKED REGARDING THE NAVIANCE
CONTRACT: DON'T WE START CAREER PATH IN 8TH
GRADE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE ARE
BEGINNING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IN 9-12, BUT WE
ARE LOOKING AT EXPANDING AT THE MIDDLE
GRADE ONCE WE GET THINGS STARTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

VICE CHAIRMAN SMILING ADJOURNED THE
MEETING AT 8:21 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
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