

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

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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 UPDATE; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-6) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (7-8) LEAVE OF ABSENCES; (9) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (10) MINUTES: OCTOBER 25, 2017; NOVEMBER 20, 2017; NOVEMBER 28, 2017; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: DATA CABLING PARTS AND INSTALLATION

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SERVICES; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT,
HARDWARE, AND INSTALLATION; (13) BOARD
REPORT; (14) BOARD ELECTIONS; (15)
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (16) 2016-2017
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT
(CAFR); (17) FEDERAL PRIORITY SCHOOLS; (18) 2018-
2019 NEW COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS; (19)
CONTRACT: USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
PROGRAM (FFVP); (20) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND HEYWARD
CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER; (21) CONTRACT:
MEMORIAL STADIUM RENOVATION: (22)
CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR
DISTRICT'S MOTOR POOL; (23) CONTRACT: SCE&G
EASEMENT REQUEST FOR ATLAS ROAD WIDENING
PROJECT (C.R. NEAL)

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017.

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

PRESENT: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, DWAYNE SMILING, JAMIE DEVINE, DARRELL BLACK, BEATRICE KING, LILA ANNA SAULS.

COMMISSIONER AARON BISHOP NOT PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

INVOCATION: COMMISSIONER DWAYNE SMILING GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

SPOTLIGHT: COMMISSIONER BLACK GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: FRANCIS PARKER, SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HER CONCERNS OF VIOLENCE AT LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES: OCTOBER 25, 2017; NOVEMBER 20, 2017
AND NOVEMBER 28, 2017

CONTRACT EXTENSION: DATA CABLING PARTS
AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE AND
INSTALLATION

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND
WAS SECONDED COMMISSIONER DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CONGRATULATED JAMIE
DEVINE WHO WAS ELECTED THIS PAST WEEKEND
AS THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE SOUTH
CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION.

BOARD ELECTIONS

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS DECLARED ALL OF THE
OFFICERS WITHIN THE BOARD AS VACATED AND
THE FLOOR WAS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
CHAIR OF THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER TOOK OVER
THE NOMINATION PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE NOMINATED CHERYL HARRIS FOR BOARD CHAIR.

COMMISSIONER SMILING ASKED ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD CHAIR?

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE MOVED TO CLOSE ON SAID NAME AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAULS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR.

COMMISSIONER SMILING NOMINATED JAMIE DEVINE FOR VICE CHAIR.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS?

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER SAULS MOVED TO CLOSE ON SAID NAME AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE NOMINATED LILA ANNA SAULS FOR SECRETARY-TEASURER.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE MOVED TO CLOSE ON SAID NAME AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF THE

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT THE THE RICHLAND ONE CHOICE FAIR WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 FROM 5:30-8:00 P.M. IN THE CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM. THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT IS TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE MANY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS WE OFFER STUDENTS IN RICHLAND ONE. PARENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SCHOOL AND DISTRICT STAFF ABOUT OUR CHOICE PROGRAMS AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. HE ADDED TO PLEASE BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE CHOICE FAIR IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNED THAT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 14TH ANNUAL RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION GALA, WHICH WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 AT THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER. THE RED CARPET RECEPTION WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M., AND THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. HE ADDED THAT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW. FOR TICKET INFORMATION AND OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE GALA, GO TO RICHLANDONE.ORG OR CALL THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AT 231-7504.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT THE DISTRICT'S CALENDAR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY ON DEVELOPING A PROPOSED CALENDAR FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. TWO DRAFT CALENDARS (CALENDAR A AND CALENDAR B) AND A CALENDAR SURVEY LINK WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK. THE SURVEY WILL BE OPEN UNTIL

JANUARY 5. WE ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE DRAFT CALENDARS AND SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ABOUT WHICH CALENDAR YOU WOULD PREFER BY TAKING THE SURVEY.

HE ADDED THAT STUDENT ARTIST THAT CREATED ART WORK FOR HOLIDAY CARDS WERE RECOGNIZED, ALONG WITH THEIR ART TEACHERS. (CARDS WERE SHOWCASED).

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15) IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK. HE ADDED THAT OUR BUILDINGS WILL BE OPEN MONDAY AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 18 AND 19), WHICH ARE WORKDAYS FOR 240-DAY EMPLOYEES. SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 1. TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 IS A TEACHER WORKDAY AND A STUDENT HOLIDAY. CLASSES WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE. DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED TO ENJOY YOUR TIME

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS.

2016-2017 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT (CAFR)

MS. EDMONDS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE 2017 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. NO ACTION IS REQUESTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF MS. MARY FORD FOR THE POSITION OF COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT FOR MS. LISA MCCLAIN FOR THE POSITION OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COORDINATOR WITH HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEE WITH INITIALS N. I. FOR THE POSITION AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

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FOR THE POSITION AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF STUDY AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

MOTION:

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

COMMISSIONER KING EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THIS EMPLOYEE FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. SAVAGE COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS NON PAID MEDICAL LEAVE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF

FEDERAL PRIORITY SCHOOLS-MOA

ACADEMICS:

DR. CANDILLO STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL PRIORITY SCHOOLS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR WATKINS NANCE ELEMENTARY AND CARVER LYON ELEMENTARY FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

2018-2019 NEW COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

MS. JENNINGS STATED DURING COMMITTEES INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO YOU ON NEW COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. IF APPROVED, THESE COURSES WILL BECOME A PART OF OUR MASTER COURSE CATALOG AND BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT. THE COURSES INCLUDE CYBER SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS, INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH PROFESSIONS, MEDICAL VOCABULARY AND ANATOMY, COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, INTRODUCTION TO LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY, MEDIA

TECHNOLOGY III, MEDIA DRONES, ANIMAL SCIENCE FOR THE WORKPLACE I, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND STEEL DRUMS I, II, III, IV.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING STATED SHE ATTENDED THE 37TH ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE AT USC. IT'S AN OUTLOOK ON WHAT THE ECONOMY LOOKS LIKE AND WHAT WE NEED AND WHERE OUR SHORTAGES ARE. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT OUR COURSES ARE IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED HE APPRECIATES BRINGING IN CYBER-SECURITY ALONG WITH THESE OTHER RECOMMENDED COURSES. ALSO, WE HAVE ONE MORE COURSE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE 16 PATHWAYS. HOPEFULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT PATHWAY WE CAN INCLUDE THE STUDENT BODY. IT WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONSTITUTION.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR CONTINUING TO BRING THESE ADDITIONAL COURSES TO OUR CHILDREN TO OPEN UP A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THEY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED AS WE ARE ADDING COURSES, ARE WE ALSO WEENING OUT COURSES FROM THE CATALOG THAT ARE OUTDATED?

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED YES, THAT IS A PART OF THE PROCESS, TO INACTIVATE COURSES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF
OPERATIONS:

CONTRACT: USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM (FFVP)

CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND HEYWARD CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

CONTRACT: MEMORIAL STADIUM RENOVATION

CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT'S MOTOR POOL

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE LISTED CONTRACTS.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE ASKED IS THE CONTRACT FOR THE MEMORIAL STADIUM PORTION OF THE BOND, THE NEXT PROJECT THAT IS COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE.

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED YES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCE&G EASEMENT REQUEST FOR ATLAS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT (C.R. NEAL)

MR. PERKINS STATED THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT AN ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR THE ROAD WIDENING OF C.R.NEAL ON ATLAS ROAD.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER DEVINE ASKED IS THERE ANY COST TO THE DISTRICT?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THERE IS NO FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THE PROPERTY. THIS IS JUST FOR THE EASEMENT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED WE DID COMPLETE OUR LAST COMMUNITY CHAT WITH THE CHAIR. WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH CLOSE TO 75 PLUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PARENTS. WE HOSTED THOSE AT WEBBER ELEMENTARY, SOUTHEAST MIDDLE AS WELL AS MILL CREEK DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. 99.9 PERCENT OF EVERYONE THAT WE TALKED TO WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE GROWTH OF THIS DISTRICT. WE WANT TO CONTINUE SHARING OUR STORIES OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RICHLAND ONE.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHARED HOLIDAY WISHES TO THE RICHLAND ONE DISTRICT COMMUNITY.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 8:00 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS