

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, CHAIRMAN

MR. AARON BISHOP, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

CHERYL HARRIS, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MS. YOLANDA ANDERSON

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

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 CHAIRMAN DEVINE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) LEGAL STATUS; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-5) ADMINIS-TRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (6) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (7) MINUTES: MAY 28, 2019; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: TEMPORARY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST STAFFING

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SERVICES; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
MASTERYCONNECT LICENSES; (10) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: HOSTED WEB-BASED
COMMUNICATION SOLUTION; (11) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: IDIQ FOR CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS; (12) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: ROOF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; (13)
BOARD REPORT; (15) REVISED 2019-2020 BOARD
MEETING SCHEDULE; (16) SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT; (17) CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF BUSES; (18)
CONTRACT: GENERAL GROCERIES, FOOD
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM; (19) CONTRACT:
CAUGHMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF
REPLACEMENT; (20) EARLY LEARNING PROPOSAL
MOU FOR THRIVERICHLAND.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON JUNE
11, 2019.

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

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PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN JAMIE DEVINE, MR. AARON BISHOP,
MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS, MRS. CHERYL HARRIS,
MR. DARRELL BLACK, MS. YOLANDA ANDERSON.
COMMISSIONER BEATRICE KING NOT PRESENT FOR
TONIGHT'S MEETING.

INVOCATION:

REVEREND RODNEY J. OLIVE, OF OUR LADY IN THE
HILLS CATHOLIC CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MR. CODY SMITH, SIC CHAIRMAN FOR A.C.
MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPOKE THE BAORD
ABOUT THE CHANGES TO ESOL PROGRAM.

ANDREA WILFRUM SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT
THE CHANGES TO THE ESOL PROGRAM AT A.C.
MOORE.

ROBBIE COLISH SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT
THE CHANGES TO THE ESOL PROGRAM AT A.C.
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REV. RODNEY J. OLIVE SPOKE TO THE BOARD BOARD ABOUT ISSUES CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS AND HOURS MISSED BY OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES (MAY 28, 2019)

CONTRACT EXTENSION: TEMPORARY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST STAFFING SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: MASTERYCONNECT LICENCES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: HOSTED WEB-BASED COMMUNICATION SOLUTION

CONTRACT EXTENSION: IDIQ FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ROOF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

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OFFICE OF BOARD:

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

COMMISSIONER HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE STAFF AND RICHLAND ONE AMILY AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS THAT SUPPORTED HER FAMILY DURING THE PASSING OF HER BROTHER-IN-LAW AND DURING THEIR BEREAVEMENT.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED THAT ALL OF THE DISTRICT'S GRADUATIONS WERE OUTSTANDING.

HE STATED PENDERGRAS GRADUATION WAS SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL. HE ADDED TGHAT THOSE CONSIDERED TO HAVE A SPECIAL NEEDS, THEY ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR EDUCATION. HE STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THEY WILL GO ON AND DO SOME GREAT THINGS.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE PARTICIPATED WITH DR. JILL BIDEN, WHO CAME TO LOOK AT OUR CDL PROGRAM, WHICH IS ONE OF THREE IN THE NATION AND THE ONLY ONE THAT IS SELF-CONTAINED.

REVISED 2019-2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2019-2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE WITH THE DELETION OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. THE DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 25-29, 2019.

MOTION:

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

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 REPORTED THAT WE HELD OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES JUNE 3-5 AND CONGRATULATED THE ENTIRE RICHLAND ONE CLASS OF 2019.

HE ADDED THAT IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE WHEN WE GET TO SEND OUR STUDENTS OFF INTO THE WORLD AND THE NEXT PHASE IN THEIR LIFE, AND

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LOOK FORWARD TO THEM COMING BACK AND SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES AND LETTING US KNOW HOW WE DID IN TERMS OF THEIR PREPARATION.

Dr. WITHRESPOON FURTHER REPORTED THAT THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES COLLECTIVELY EARNED MORE THAN \$86.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID (STEADY GROWING), WHICH IS \$3.3 MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR AND A NEW DISTRICT RECORD!

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OVER BUT THE DISTRICT IS ANYTHING BUT QUIET, AS WE GET READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. ALSO, OUR 2019 SUMMER SOAR CAMPS AND PROGRAMS BEGAN YESTERDAY (JUNE 10) AND THEY WILL RUN THROUGH AUGUST 1. STUDENTS WILL BE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES TO HELP ENSURE THAT LEARNING CONTINUES DURING THE SUMMER. SOME PROGRAMS STILL HAVE SLOTS AVAILABLE. PARENTS MAY CALL OUR SUMMER

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SOAR HOTLINE AT 400-1692 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT AGAIN THIS SUMMER, RICHLAND ONE IS OFFERING FREE MEALS TO CHILDREN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

THROUGH AUGUST 2, MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT DESIGNATED SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. ANY CHILD CAN GO TO ONE OF THE SCHOOLS FOR A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT NO COST TO THEM OR THEIR PARENTS. A LIST OF THE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM SITES IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG.

HE ADDED THAT ALSO, WE ARE PROUD AND PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AGAIN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, RICHLAND ONE WILL OFFER MEALS AT NO COST TO ALL OF OUR STUENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILY INCOME. WE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS THROUGH OUR CONTINUED PARTCIPATION IN

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THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) PROGRAM, WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

THIS MEANS THAT ALL RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS CAN EAT BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACKS AND SUPPER AT SCHOOL FOR FREE. PARENTS DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ANY FORMS OR OTHER PAPERWORK.

PARENTS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY CONTACT OUR STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 231-6953.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT THANKS TO OUR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP, RICHLAND LIBRARY IS OPERATING A SUMMER SATELLITE BRANCH AT LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN THIS SUMMER. THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN THROUGH JULY 31, FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY. RICHLAND LIBRARY STAFF WILL HAVE BOOKS, MUSIC AND MOVIES TO CHOOSE FROM, AS

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WELL AS COMPUTER ACCESS AND CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES AND ACTIVITIES.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT OUR SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE BEGAN YESTERDAY (MONDAY, JUNE 10). EMPLOYEES WILL WORK 10-HOUR DAYS MONDAY-THURSDAY. BUILDINGS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 8 A.M TO 5 P.M. ALL BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. REGULAR WORK SCHEDULES WILL RESUME ON JULY 29.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE SITES FOR THE SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM AND TALKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ABOUT THEIR SITES AS TO NOT OVERSATURATE THE AREAS.

HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS FROM THIS BOARD AS TO COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE PARTNERS SO THAT WE SELECT OUR PROGRAMS SITES WHERE ALL AREAS CAN BENEFIT.

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COMMISSIONER SAULS ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON SECURITY.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL HAVE A WORK SESSION IN TWO WEEKS WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS AS WE LOOK AT WAYS TO CONTINUE ENSURING THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE AS SAFE AS IT CAN BE.

COMMISSIONER SAULS THANKED RICHLAND ONE, THE TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUPPORT STAFF. SHE ADDED THAT SHE KNOWS THAT HER OLDEST SON IS READY TO GO OUT AND CONQUER THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE EDUCATION HE RECEIVED AT RICHLAND ONE.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAS A SON TO GRADUATE. SHE THANKED RICHLAND ONE'S TEAM OF TEACHERS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS OF RICHLAND ONE. SHE ADDED, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS DISTRICT.

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OFFICE OF
OPERATIONS:

CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF BUSES
CONTRACT: GENERAL GROCERIES, FOOD
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
CONTRACT: CAUGHMAN ROAD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

CHAIRMAN DEVINE READ ALL THE CONTRACTS IN COLLECTIVELY.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PURCHASING OF BUSES, THE DISTANCE OF THE ROUTES OF THE BUSES AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. LONG STATED THE HR/PERSONAL UPDATES WERE PROVIDED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF SHANEQUA COLES TO THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF LASHONDA OUTING TO THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT, WAREHOUSE AND PRINTING SERVICES FOR 2019-2020 YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA CURTIS, TO THE POSITION OF COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 2019-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE HIRING OF ALL OF THE TEACHERS ON THE ATTACHED LIST FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR. THERE ARE 40 TEACHERS LISTED.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:

EARLY LEARNING PROPOSAL
MOU FOR
THRIVERICHLAND

DR. BROSSARD STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE South Carolina DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF A DISTRICT DEVELOPED EARLY MODEL ENTITLED THRIVERICHLAND.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE ON OUR CURRENT PROGRAM?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMS. SHE ADDED THAT IT CERTAINLY WILL COORDINATE WITH PROGRAMS LIKE TITLE ONE, SO THAT WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON FAMILY ENGAGEMENTS. **COMMISSIONER BISHOP** ASKED WILL THIS BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS TO BE ENROLLED IN 4K?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED WHAT THIS ACTUALLY DOES IS PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE TEACHERS,

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INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS IN THE PRE-K, 3-4 PROGRAMS. ALSO PROVIDES FOR SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH PRENATAL AND PRETEEN CHILDREN IN THE HOMES. SO IT'S AN EXPANSION OF SERVICES.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IS THIS A GRANT OR THROUGH GENERAL FUND DOLLARS?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED THIS IS STATE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IS THIS A PILOT PROGRAM, FIRST IN THE STATE, THAT WE KNOW OF?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED, YES, IT IS.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OUTCOMES THAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE PROGRAM?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED IT IS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE READY FOR KINDERGARTEN, WHICH IS OUR LONG TERM GOAL. WE CERTAINLY WANT TO HELP PARENTS. HELP SUPPORT LITERACY AND EARLY LEARNING FROM

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THE HOME. BUT OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE RATINGS OF CHILDREN COMING TO KINDERGARTEN.

OUR SECOND GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR TEACHERS WHO ARE SERVING EARLY LEARNERS ARE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE.

OUR THIRD GOAL IS FOR US TO ESTABLISH A LEARNING LAB THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A STATE MODEL.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WILL THIS ALIGN WITH OUR STRATEGIC PLAN THAT'S COMING OUT IN THE FALL?

DR. BROSSARD RESPONDED ABSOLUTELY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ADJOURNED THE MEETING
7:50 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER,
BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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