

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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, JULY 23, 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) EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION; (4-7) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (8) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (9) MINUTES: JUNE 23, 2019; (10) JUNE 2019 FINANCIALS; (11)

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CONTRACT EXTENSION: READ 180 UNIVERSAL
STAGE C/SYSTEM 44 NEXT GENERATION HOSTING
FEE; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND STAFF TRAINING; (13)
CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE CERTIFIED
ATHLETIC TRAINERS; (14) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL OF THE MIDLANDS; (15)
CONTRACT EXTENSION: SCHOOL CROSSING
GUARDS; (16) CONTRACT EXTENSION: RICHLAND
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS; (17) CONTRACT
EXTENSION: ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTE
MANAGEMENT; (18) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS; (19)
CONTRACT EXTENSION: MONTHLY TRUNKING AND
TOWER FEE SERVICES; (20) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
COURIER SERVICES; (21) FINANCIAL ADVISOR
SERVICES; (22) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (23)
BOARD REPORT; (24) THIRD READING APPROVAL OF
THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET;
(25) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (26) CONTRACT:

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LU UNO PLAYGROUND ON-SITE LICENSE BUNDLES;
(27) CONTRACT: NEWSELA ON-LINE LICENSE
BUNDLE; (28) CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF MILK
PRODUCTS; (29) CONTRACT: PEARSON CONNEXUS
ON-LINE SITE LICENSE; (30) CONTRACT: VIDEO
RECORDER AND 6 HIGH DEFINITION CAMERA KITS;
(31) CONTRACT: PROVIDE FINANCE AND
PROCUREMENT AUDIT; (32) CONTRACT: LEGAL
SERVICES (ATTORNEYS); (33) CONTRACT:
PURCHASE OF PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON JULY
23, 2019.

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

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PRESENT:

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

INVOCATION:

COMMISSIONER CHERYL HARRIS GAVE THE
INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL
AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP.
CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED WE HAVE TWO ITEMS
TO ADD TO THE AGENDA: EXECUTIVE SESSION,
ITEM 2.02, STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST.
IN OPEN SESSION THIS ITEM WILL BE 8.03.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

BUDGET PROCESS OVERVIEW

MR. CARLON PROVIDED A BUDGET PROCESS
OVERVIEW.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THIS YEAR’S PROCESS HAS BEEN THE SAME PROCESS THAT WE HAVE USED FOR YEARS IN TERMS OF INPUT SESSIONS, WORK SESSIONS AND MAKING VARIOUS ADJUSTMENTS. HE ADDED THAT ONE CHANGE THIS YEAR, BUT STILL IN KEEPING WITH THE BUDGET PROCESS, WE DID AN ADDITIONAL WORK SESSION. AND OTHER THAN THAT, THE PROCESS HAS BEEN THE SAME AS WE CONTINUE TO SERVE RICHLAND DISTRICT ONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: **MS. REBECCA DILLIARD** SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS.

MS. KATHERINE TODD SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HIRING OF PERSONNEL AND BUDGET PROCESS.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES (JUNE 25, 2019)
JUNE 2019 FINANCIALS
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CONTRACT EXTENSION: COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL

OF THE MIDLANDS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: SCHOOL CROSSING

GUARDS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: RICHLAND COUNTY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL

RESOURCE OFFICERS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ABSENCE AND

SUBSTITUTE MANAGEMENT

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: MONTHLY TRUNKING AND

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CONTRACT EXTENSION: COURIER SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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CHAIRMAN DEVINE READ ALL CONTRACTS

TOGETHER INTO THE RECORD.

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OFFICE OF BOARD:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

BOARD:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO THE
FAMILY OF AARON GRAVES.

BOARD REPORT

COMMISSIONER HARRIS RECOGNIZED THE
PRESIDENT OF LOWER RICHLAND NAACP AND HIS
FAMILY AND ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOWER
RICHLAND ALUMNI, DR. WILSON AND HIS STAFF,
ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE RECOGNIZED MR. JOHNATHAN
KIRKWOOD, TREASURER FOR THE COLUMBIA
BRANCH OF THE NAACP IN ATTENDANCE.

THIRD READING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED

2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE THIRD READING
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND
BUDGET.

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MOTION:

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DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED REGARDING THE SCHOOL ALLOCATION WITH REGARD TO TEACHERS, AT ONE POINT WE WERE LOOKING AT GOING FROM 250 TO 175. ARE WE STILL LOOKING AT A REDUCTION FOR ALLOCATION?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED, NO. WE HAD DISCUSSED A POSSIBILITY, BUT WE NEVER PUT IT ON THE TABLE, TO THE BOARD. HE ADDED THAT IT'S GOING TO STAY THE SAME OF 250.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED WE'D MENTIONED AT THE LAST MEETING THAT WE WERE IN CONTINGENCY UNTIL WE ACTUALLY APPROVED THE BUDGET. HE ADDED THAT WITH THE MANDATE FROM THE LEGISLATORS ENACTING JULY 1, HOW DOES THAT IMPACT US?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED, IT DOESN'T. WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING ON LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT, WHICH WE CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON NOW. THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS MISSED ANYTHING THAT IS

INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET IS THE STEP INCREASE FOR THE 12 MONTHS. HE ADDED THAT TEACHERS DON'T START THEIR FIRST PAY FOR THE NEW YEAR UNTIL AUGUST 30. SO THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO TAKE CARE OF THAT. WE WILL GO BACK AND RETRO THE ONE PAY FOR THE 12 MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED ARE WE KEEPING THE FUND BALANCE?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED YES, WE DID INCLUDE ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF THE FUND BALANCE.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED WITH THAT, HOW DO WE MAINTAIN OUR STANDING?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED THE BOARD'S POLICY IS TO MOVE FROM 7% TO THE 9% AND WE ARE AT 7.75. WE ALSO HAD TWO MILLION DOLLARS ON TOP OF THAT 7.75. NOW, AGREED, WE DON'T WANT TO TOUCH THE FUND BALANCE IF WE DON'T HAVE TO. EVERY YEAR THAT WE HAVE EVER USED FUND BALANCE AS PART OF REVENUES, WE NEVER HAD TO USE IT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. SO, UNTIL WE USE IT, IT'S NOT GOING TO REALLY AFFECT US.

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UNLESS WE ARE REALLY CLOSE, WE WON'T KNOW THAT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED, IS IT BASICALLY IN AN ESCROW SOURCE AND WON'T BE UTILIZED?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED, UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED IF WE UTILIZE IT, WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED, THE RATING AGENCIES TO OUR BONDS WILL LOOK AT IT AND POSSIBLY REDUCE WHAT OUR RATINGS ARE, BUT HOPEFULLY THAT WON'T HAPPEN.

WE ALSO HAVE LAST YEAR, 2019, WHICH WE HAVE TO FINALIZE, WE MAY BE ABLE TO ADD TO FUND BALANCE.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED ARE WE BEING FUNDED AT A 2008 LEVEL?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED, THAT'S CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THIS DISTRICT HAS BEEN AT \$35,000 LONG BEFORE THE STATE DECIDED TO DO THIS. SO, NOW OUR FIRST YEAR

TEACHERS ARE AT \$39,000 ALMOST \$40,000. SHE ADDED THAT EARLIER WE LEARNED FROM OUR HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY HELPING US TO RECRUIT TEACHERS RIGHT NOW. SO WE ARE DOING FAIRLY DECENT WITH HIRING TEACHERS RIGHT NOW WITH THAT FIRST YEAR PAY AT \$39,000. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT THE CONTINUED RESOLUTION IS SOMETHING THAT IS PUT IN PLACE THAT WE CAN USE. NORMALLY, UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETIMES THE STATE HAS NOT FINISHED THEIR BUDGET, WHICH MEANS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE. SO THIS IS NOTHING NEW THAT WE STARTED? RICHLAND ONE DIDN'T CREATE THIS, CORRECT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED NO. WE USE ONE EVERY YEAR, IN CASE WE NEED IT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED ARE THERE SOME CUTS, BUT THEY ARE NON TEACHER VACANCIES, CORRECT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED CORRECT.

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COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED, WE ARE NOT CUTTING TEACHERS OUT OF CLASSROOMS?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED NO, WE ARE NOT. STAFFING ALLOCATIONS REMAIN THE SAME.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED IF THE REASON WE ARE DOING THAT IS BECAUSE WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE CLASS THE SIZE, CORRECT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THE SAME CLASS SIZES. THEY ARE NOT BEING AFFECTED.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED REGARDING THE TEACHER ALLOCATION, THAT MONEY IS NOT EVEN BEING TOUCHED? SO THAT MONEY THAT WE GIVE THE TEACHERS EVERY YEAR IS STILL THE SAME?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED YES, FOR BOTH US AND THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED IS IT NOT ABNORMAL TO TOUCH FUND BALANCE. WE'VE HAD A GOOD PRACTICE IN THIS DISTRICT OF WHAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE IN THE FUND

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BALANCE. WE NORMALLY GO ABOVE THAT. WE ARE SAFE IN SAYING THOSE FUNDS ARE THERE FOR OUR USE IF WE NEED TO USE THEM, BUT NORMALLY WE DON'T, EVEN AFTER WE HAVE ALLOCATED?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED RIGHT. **MR. CARLON** STATED THAT FOR 15 OF THE LAST 18 YEARS WE ALLOCATED A MILLION BEING OUT OF FUND BALANCE. MAYBE ONE YEAR WE USED \$500,000. **MR. CARLON** ADDED THAT THE LAST TWO YEARS WE DIDN'T ALLOCATE ANY FUND BALANCE. THIS YEAR, IF WE NEED IT, WE DO HAVE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THE 274 MILL, OUR MILL IS ALMOST THE LOWEST, ONE OF THE LOWEST? IT IS NOT THE HIGHEST? IT IS GOOD FOR TAXPAYERS THAT THIS MILL IS AMONGST THE LOWEST, CORRECT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED RIGHT. WE ARE THE SECOND LOWEST OF THE LARGE DISTRICTS IN THIS AREA.

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COMMISSIONER HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO DR. WITHERSPOON AND MR. CARLON FOR THEIR WORK EFFORT WITH THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED I WAS IN A MEETING WHERE WE WERE TOLD BY COUNTY THAT WE COULD COME BACK AND ASK FOR OUR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, WHICH IS A PRACTICE WE NORMALLY DID NOT PRACTICE.

MR. CARLON RESPONDED LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED REFERENCING ITEM #7, FUND BUDGET, THE DECREASE OF 15%, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO MOST OF THAT, THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED THAT WOULD BE TECHNOLOGY ALLOCATION. THAT'S ONLY A PORTION OF WHAT WE ALLOCATED, THAT'S NOT ALL OF IT.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ASKED REGARDING ITEM 2K, REDUCE CENTRAL OFFICE, THOSE ARE POSITIONS, NOT INDIVIDUALS?

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MR. CARLON RESPONDED CORRECT.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IF THE HEALTH BENEFITS FROM THE EMPLOYER PORTION INCREASED THIS YEAR?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED WE DON'T HAVE A FINAL NUMBER ON THAT. HE ADDED THAT USUALLY COMES OUT IN AUGUST, BUT WE ANTICIPATE WILL GO UP.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IF THE HEALTH BENEFITS PORTION FOR THE EMPLOYEE, WILL THAT INCREASE THIS YEAR?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED AT THIS TIME WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE AN INCREASE THERE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IS THERE A STEP INCREASE FOR ELIGIBLE STAFF, BOTH CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED STEPS FOR THE CLASSIFIED, AND THEN YOU HAVE YOUR TEACHERS THAT GET THE INCREASE, WHICH IS A MINIMUM OF 4%. THE LOWER ONES COULD BE

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ANYWHERE FROM 8 TO 9.5% AND THEN THEY ALSO GET A STEP, WHICH THAT WILL AVERAGE ANOTHER 2%.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IF BASICALLY EVERYBODY WILL GET SOMETHING IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED IF THEY QUALIFY, BASED ON HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN WITH THE DISTRICT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. HARRIS AND MS. ANDERSON

IN ABSTENTION: MR. BLACK (4-1)

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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 DURING THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENTS AT LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN A YEAR-LONG, IN-SCHOOL MEDIA PROGRAM

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PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIE GRITS LABS. *THE LOWER RICHLAND STORYLAB: PLACES OF FREEDOM*

FOCUSED ON THE ISSUES FACED BY RURAL COMMUNITIES IN AND AROUND HOPKINS, SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

WITH THE INSTRUCTION OF ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE AND LOWER RICHLAND NATIVE MAHKIA GREENE, OVER 50 LR STUDENTS CREATED NEW WORKS OF MEDIA ART THAT EXAMINE THEIR COMMUNITY'S PAST, TELL ITS STORIES, CHALLENGE MISCONCEPTIONS, EXPLORE CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED BY RESIDENTS AND PRESENT A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF LOWER RICHLAND COUNTY.

THEIR WORK IS ON DISPLAY NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15 AT THE COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS ON A JOB WELL DONE. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STOP BY THE MUSEUM TO SEE THEIR WORK. THE SUMMER IS GOING BY VERY QUICKLY.

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DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT OUR SUMMER SOAR CAMPS AND PROGRAMS END NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 1) AND, BEFORE WE KNOW IT, IT WILL BE TIME FOR US TO START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND WELCOME OUR 24,000 STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT TEACHERS WILL RETURN TO WORK ON AUGUST 14, AND STUDENTS WILL BEGIN CLASSES A WEEK LATER ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21. OUR 2019-2010 CALENDAR IS POSTED AT RICHLANDONE.ORG. HE ADDED THAT PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FALL 2019 EDITION OF OUR SPOTLIGHT ONE PUBLICATION BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS. IT WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AS WELL.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT WE ARE HAVING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDING ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR NEW TEACHERS AND OTHER NEW EMPLOYEES. WE

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WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW EMPLOYEES TO THE RICHLAND ONE FAMILY. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM.

DR. WITHERSPOON, ANNOUNCED THAT WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND ONE TEAM WHO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. HE ADDED THAT ON FRIDAY (JULY 19), BRIAN WESTON, WHO IS AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS, WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS PARLIAMENTARIAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS.

DR. WITHERSPOON CONGRATULATED MR. WESTON. WE KNOW HE WILL REPRESENT RICHLAND ONE AND THE ORGANIZATION WITH DISTINCTION.

DR. WITHERSPOON REMINDED EVERYONE ONE THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019

RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

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CLASS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.
NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.
THE NOMINATION PACKET, WHICH INCLUDES THE
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND NOMINATION FORM,
IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.
IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AT 231-7504.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE TO DR. TANNERLY ON A JOB WELL
DONE AT THE HEYWARD CAREER CENTER WITH
THE SUMMER SOAR PROGRAM THIS YEAR. SHE
STATED THEY WERE VERY HANDS-ON AND THE
ACTIVITIES WERE ENTICING FOR THE STUDENTS
THAT ATTENDED. SHE ADDED THAT HER STUDENTS
ATTENDED AND DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO ANY
OTHER CAMP.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED IT WAS A
FANTASTIC STEM EXTRAVAGANZA. THE "IRLY
BIRD" SYSTEM THAT WE BROUGHT ON BOARD,
THEY HAD EVERYTHING FROM INTERACTIVE
VIDEOS, ROBOTICS, ELECTRONICS, AND DRONES. IT

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WAS SO WELL LAID OUT AND PROFESSIONALLY DONE. THE KIDS SEEMED TO HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING AND LEARNING AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ECHOED COMMISSIONER BLACK'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE STEM PROGRAM AND SAID IT WAS AMAZING. IT WAS STATE OF THE ART AND WELL RECEIVED BY THE STUDENTS.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP CONGRATULATED THE SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THAT SHE WAS ASKED BY MR. TYRONE DAVIS' FAMILY TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT DURING HIS PASSING.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE REQUESTED AT SOME POINT TO GET A REPORT OF THE NUMBERS ON THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND FOR A STATUS REPORT ON THE MIDLANDS TECH DUAL COURSE ENROLLMENT THIS SUMMER.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL GET THE NUMBERS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

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STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST

DR. COLES STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF THE STUDENT WITH INITIALS K.G. TO C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AS A SENIOR FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER WITH A FEE WAIVER FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR SUBJECT TO THE RELEASE FROM LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED WE WILL HAVE A CLASSIFIED RECRUITMENT FAIR ON THURSDAY, JULY 25, AT OLYMPIA FROM 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

OFFICE OF
OPERATIONS:

CONTRACT: LU UNO PLAYGROUND ON-SITE

LICENSE BUNDLES

CONTRACT: NEWSELA ON-LINE LICENSE BUNDLE

CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF MILK PRODUCTS

CONTRACT: PEARSON CONNEXUS ON-LINE SITE

LICENSE

CONTRACT: VIDEO RECORDER AND 6 HIGH

DEFINITION CAMERA KITS

CONTRACT: PROVIDE FINANCE AND PROCURE-

MENT AUDIT

CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF PERISHABLE AND NON-

PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

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**VOTE: IN FAVOR: MR. BISHOP. MRS. SAULS, MRS.
HARRIS, MR. BLACK AND MS. ANDERSON**

IN ABSTENTION: CHAIRMAN DEVINE (5-0)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE RELINQUISHED

CHAIRMANSHIP TO VICE CHAIRMAN BISHOP.

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CONTRACT: LEGAL SERVICES (ATTORNEYS)

MS. OUTING STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VENDORS AS OUTLINED.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: MR. BISHOP, MRS. HARRIS, MR. BLACK AND MRS. ANDERSON

IN ABSTENTION: CHAIRMAN DEVINE (5-0)

VICE CHAIRMAN BISHOP RELINQUISHED CHAIRMANSHIP BACK TO CHAIRMAN DEVINE.

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY

DR. LONG STATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-25-450 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF LAWS, THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE

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EMPLOYEE WITH INITITALS L. P. EMPLOYMENT BE
SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY FOR FIVE DAYS.

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AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACK.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST
TIMMONS TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL AT C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM
ESTES TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
JULY 23, 2019

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HARRIS
MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER BLACK

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MECCA
STEPHANIE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR AT ARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT MONICA
LAWTON TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR AT BRENNEN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE HIRING OF ALL THE TEACHERS ON THE ATTACHED LIST. THERE ARE 49 TEACHERS FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED WITH APPROVAL OF THESE TEACHERS TONIGHT, WHERE DOES THAT PUT OUR TEACHER VACANCIES FOR THE DISTRICT?

DR. LONG RESPONDED WE WILL HAVE 88 VACANCIES OF TEACHERS.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED WHERE DOES THAT RANK US COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS?

DR. LONG RESPONDED WE ARE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WE WERE LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR WE WERE AT 124 AT THE END OF JULY.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED DO YOU HAVE AN APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME THAT YOU THINK THE SYSTEM WILL SHOW THE CHANGES?

DR. LONG RESPONDED I REALLY CAN'T GIVE THAT TIME FRAME BECAUSE OF OTHER THINGS THAT IS INVOLVED.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO **DR. WITHERSPOON** AND OTHERS FOR THEIR WORK ON THE BUDGET.

HE STATED WE ALWAYS PUT OUR CHILDREN FIRST IN ALL THAT WE DO.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE RECOGNIZED **MS. MCRAE** FROM THE NAACP, IN ATTENDANCE.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ADJOURNED THE MEETING 7:55 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
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