MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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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STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOTION WAS TAKEN BY EVA WILSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD.) THE COMMISSIONER JAMIE DEVINE, CHAIRMAN, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M. COMMISSIONERS DEVINE, BISHOP, SAULS, HARRIS, KING, BLACK AND ANDERSON WERE PRESENT. COMMISSIONER KING MOVED THAT THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE, DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS. COMMISSIONER BLACK SECOND THE MOTION. THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARD WOULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE, DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS.

THE RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT CHAIRMAN DEVINE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) LEGAL STATUS; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3-5) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (6-7) LEAVE OF ABSENCES; (8) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (9) MINUTES: JULY 23, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) AND JULY 30, 2019 (BUDGET WORK SESSION); (10) CONTRACT EXTENSION: CITY YEAR COLUMBIA MENTORING PROGRAM; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: CERTIFIED BUILDING INSPECTION OF ASBESTOS AND LEAD...
MANAGEMENT; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION: ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL FOR DISTRICT WIDE BUS FLEET; (13) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF FRESH PRODUCE; (14) CONTRACT EXTENSION: MULTI-FUNCTIONAL COPIER EQUIPMENT AND Services (LEASE); (15) CONTRACT EXTENSION: LIBRARY MEDIA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE; (16) CONTRACT EXTENSION: GRADE LEVEL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT; (17) CONTRACT EXTENSION: LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS, LLC; (18) CONTRACT EXTENSION: EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS; (19) APPROVAL FOR CITY OF COLUMBIA POLICE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCES; (20) BOARD REPORT; (21) APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION/SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD; (22) SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT; (23) CONTRACT: CLASSROOM FURNITURE; (24) CONTRACT: AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS; (25) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STAFF TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL
LEADERS AND CLASSROOM TEACHERS; (26) CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HVAC RENOVATION AT THE CENTRAL SERVICES FACILITIES BUILDING; (27) ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR RABBIT ONE – DOT PENNY PROJECT; (28) DEED OF WATER LINE FOR CAUGHMAN ROAD; (29) DEED TO WATER LINES AT BOLDEN STADIUM; (30) ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR DREHER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UPGRADES; (31) INCREASE FOR LED SPORTS LIGHTING AT THE NEW DREHER FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON AUGUST 13, 2019.

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

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN JAMIE DEVINE, COMMISSIONERS AARON BISHOP, LILA ANNA SAULS, CHERYL HARRIS, BEATRICE KING, DARRELL BLACK, AND YOLANDA ANDERSON.
INVOCATION: REVEREND GENEVA STAFFORD, SENIOR PASTOR OF FRANCIS BURNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THERE IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: ADD ITEM 2.02 IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: SAFETY AND SECURITY (INFORMATION ITEM); WHICH CORRESPONDS IN OPEN SESSION, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ITEM 8.03.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL BOARD: COMMISSIONER BLACK GAVE THE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2019 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION).
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MR. CODY SMITH STATED HE IS FOLLOWING UP ON A LETTER THAT HE SENT LAST WEEK IN REGARD TO ESOL.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES: JULY 23, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) AND JULY 30, 2019 (BUDGET WORK SESSION)

CONTRACT EXTENSION: CITY YEAR COLUMBIA MENTORING PROGRAM

CONTRACT EXTENSION: CERTIFIED BUILDING INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD MANAGEMENT

CONTRACT EXTENSION: ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL FOR DISTRICT WIDE BUS FLEET

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PURCHASE OF FRESH PRODUCE

CONTRACT EXTENSION: MULTI-FUNCTIONAL COPIER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (LEASE)

CONTRACT EXTENSION: LIBRARY MEDIA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

CONTRACT EXTENSION: GRADE LEVEL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT

CONTRACT EXTENSION: LEXIA LEARNING
SYSTEMS, LLC

CONTRACT EXTENSION: EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

APPROVAL FOR CITY OF COLUMBIA POLICE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROS)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE READ ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE RECORD.

**MOTION:** COMMISSIONER BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON ASKED TO EXTRACT 6.02: CONTRACT EXTENSION: CITY YEAR MENTORING PROGRAM AS A SEPARATE ITEM.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

CONTRACT EXTENSION: CITY YEAR COLUMBIA MENTORING PROGRAM

MS. OUTING STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TO CITY YEAR COLUMBIA MENTORING PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL OF J.P. THOMAS ELEMENTARY.
MOTION: COMMISSIONER BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLACK.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. SAULS, MRS. KING, MR. BLACK AND MRS. ANDERSON

IN ABSTENTION: MRS. HARRIS (6-0)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE RECOGNIZED CITY YEAR STAFF AND CORE MEMBERS.

OFFICE OF BOARD: BOARD REPORT

BOARD: CHAIRMAN DEVINE PRESENTED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD’S ASSOCIATION TO COMMISSIONER DARRELL BLACK FOR REACHING LEVEL 4 AND TO COMMISSIONER YOLANDA ANDERSON FOR REACHING LEVEL 2 ON THE BOARDMANSHIP INSTITUTE TRAINING PROGRAM AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IN RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF A LETTER, POTENTIAL COMPLAINT BY MR. SMITH. HE STATED THAT LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE
BOARD. THE BOARD HAS RESPONDED. CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT MR. SMITH WOULD RECEIVE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD TOMORROW.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED FOR ATTORNEY WILLIAMS TO ADDRESS POLICY KE, WHICH ADDRESSES PUBLIC COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD. SHE SAID IT STATES, AS SOON AS THE BOARD RECEIVES THE COMPLAINT THAT THE BOARD HAS TO DISPOSE OF THE COMPLAINT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

SHE ASKED WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF DISPOSING OF THE COMPLAINT? DOES THAT TRANSLATE INTO A VOTE?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED THE POLICY READS THAT THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING OR AT A SPECIAL MEETING WILL CONSIDER THE COMPLAINT AND DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDING TO ITS BEST JUDGMENT.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF THE COMPLAINT, HOW DO WE DO
THAT? IS THERE A VOTE? IS THERE A MOTION? IS IT A DISCUSSION WHERE WE END UP WITH A VOTE FOR A RESOLUTION?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS responded that there was a discussion during executive session.

COMMISSIONER KING stated there was a discussion but then there needs to be an action taken. Mrs. King asked is the only way we can take an action is by a vote by the board; is that right?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS responded, saying that she can’t say that is correct but that there was a discussion previously.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE stated that there was a discussion. And as the best judgment of the board, a response letter will be sent in regards to the complaint. He added that we are going to send a letter out tomorrow, once it gets on letterhead, based off of the discussion we had in executive session.
COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE DISAGREES WITH THE LETTER. SHE ADDED THAT WE CAN’T VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MRS. KING STATED THAT SHE HAS ON THAT TOPIC A DIFFERENT RESOLUTION FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF STUDENTS. SHE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DISCUSSION, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE AN ACTION TAKEN. SHE ADDED THAT IF THERE IS A LETTER, IT HAS TO BE SIGNED BY MR. DEVINE, BUT SHE DISAGREES WITH THE LETTER. SHE ADDED THAT THERE HAS TO BE A VOTE AT SOME POINT AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A MOTION.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THERE DOESN’T HAVE TO BE A MOTION. DOESN’T HAVE TO BE A VOTE. WE CAN DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDING TO BEST JUDGMENT. OUR BEST JUDGMENT IS TO RESPOND TO MR. SMITH IN WRITING.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED FOR THE RECORD, “WHAT IS STATED IN THE LETTER IS NOT MY POSITION. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE MATTER OF SHIFTING OF THE ESOL
PROGRAM SERVICES DID MAKE A GOOD MOVE, WHICH I SUPPORTED BY VOTE. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THE TRANSITION INTO THIS MOVE IS RESULTING IN SOME FAMILIES BEING SOMEWHAT HURT, BECAUSE OF THE DATES AND THE TIMELINE OF THIS DECISION WHERE THE TRANSFER WINDOW ACTUALLY WAS IMPOSED ON THEM BEFORE THEY KNEW THAT THEY WOULD BE IMPACTED BY DIRECTION.

MY POSITION ON THIS PARTICULAR TOPIC WOULD BE TO REOPEN A TRANSFER WINDOW FOR SPECIFICALLY THE ESOL FAMILIES TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY CAN REQUEST A SPECIAL TRANSFER, SO THAT THEY ALL KNOW THAT’S A POSSIBILITY.”

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO TO EXPERIENCE TWO GREAT EVENTS: ONE AT BIBLE WAY CHURCH ON ATLAS ROAD, WHICH WAS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT.
HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO PASTOR JACKSON AND ANTWOINE JACKSON FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS AS WE GO BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

HE STATED FOOD NUTRITIONAL SERVICES WAS ANOTHER GREAT EVENT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED SHE ATTENDED SEVERAL EVENTS, ALONG WITH EDUCATIONAL RECEPTION WHICH BROUGHT EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. BIBLEWAY DOES SO MUCH FOR THE COMMUNITY AND STUDENTS AT LARGE.

SHE NOTED SHE WAS AT ZION MILLCREEK CHURCH, WITH DR. WENDELL SUMTER. SHE ALSO ATTENDED A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH EVENT WITH THE WEBBER ALUMNI FOUNDATION, THE LOWER RICHLAND ALUMNI FOUNDATION ALONG WITH A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MS. LEVOLA TAYLOR. SHE NOTED WHAT PARKS AND RECREATION HAS DONE ACROSS THE COUNTY AND ALSO FRIENDSHIP.
BAPTIST CHURCH, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PASTOR CURETON.

SHE STATED AT THE EVENTS THE STUDENTS HAVE SAID THEY ARE READY TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL. WHAT THE RICHLAND ONE COMMUNITY IS DOING IS NOT GOING UNNOTICED BY THIS DISTRICT. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SHE GAVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO MR. OWENS WHO REACHED OUT ON FACEBOOK ASKING TEACHERS WHO NEEDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO CONTACT AND HE WOULD HELP. MRS. HARRIS STAED THAT SHE’S SEEN PICTURES OF HIM MAKING TRUCK LOADS OF DELIVERIES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO OUR TEACHERS FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP COMMENDED CHAIRMAN DEVINE AND DR. WITHERSPOON FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT.

HE NOTED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TRIO PROGRAM, BY WAY OF UPWARD BOUND, DOES TREMENDOUS WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS.
CHAIRMAN DEVINE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE RICHLAND ONE DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL BASHES.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE CHALLENGED THE BOARD TO ATTEND AS MANY SCHOOLS AS THEY CAN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS CHALLENGED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO RIDE THE BUS TO SCHOOL AND CHALLENGED COMMISSIONER BISHOP TO RIDE HIS BICYCLE TO SCHOOL.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION/SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD

MS. YORK STATED THE BOARD APPOINTS TWO COMMITTEES TO CARRY OUT THE WORK RELATED TO HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS AND ULTIMATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR ITS FINAL APPROVAL EVERY YEAR. OUR HALL OF FAME PERIOD CLOSED ON AUGUST 1ST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NOMINATION
COMMITTEE TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

WE HAVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHOSE TWO YEAR TERMS HAS EXPIRED. THE MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS TIME IS TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO SERVE IN THEIR PLACES OR TO REAPPOINT THOSE MEMBERS. INFORMATION HAS BEEN SHARED WITH THE BOARD REGARDING THOSE APPOINTMENTS FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP MOVED FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF THE TWO MEMBERS WHOSE TWO YEAR TERM HAS EXPIRED TO THE HALL OF FAME NOMINATION AND SELECTION COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. SAULS, MRS. HARRIS, MRS. KING AND MR. BLACK.

IN ABSTENTION: MRS. ANDERSON (6-0)
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. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THE SUMMER BREAK IS COMING TO AN END FOR RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE START OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. OUR TEACHERS WILL RETURN TO WORK TOMORROW (AUGUST 14) TO GET READY TO WELCOME OUR 24,000 STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

- DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT WE ARE RUNNING A START STRONG BACK-TO-SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN THAT OFFERS TIPS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS ON GETTING A HEAD START ON A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE CHECK OUT THE #RISTARTSTRONG TIPS ON FACEBOOK AND
• DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT OUR PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FALL 2019 EDITION OF OUR SPOTLIGHT ONE PUBLICATION WHICH INCLUDES OUR 2019-2020 CALENDAR, KEY DATES, INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN, POINTS OF PRIDE AND MORE. SPOTLIGHT ONE IS ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.

• DR. WITHERSPOON REMINDED PARENTS THAT, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE LOG INTO THE POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL AND COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM IN INFOSNAP. COMPLETING THE FORM IS IMPORTANT FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION ASSIGNMENTS AND FOR ENSURING THAT WE HAVE UP-TO-DATE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION.
• DR. WITHERSPOON EXPRESSED THAT ATTENDANCE MATTERS AND GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HABITS START WITH THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE ARE ENLISTING PARENTS’ SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL AND ON TIME FOR SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT OUR COACHES, ATHLETICS COORDINATORS AND ATHLETICS DIRECTORS ALSO ARE GEARING UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THEY WILL GATHER FOR OUR ANNUAL COACHES CONVOCATION ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 16) AT C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE THEY WILL ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS. THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER WILL BE MR. VINCE FORD, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WITH PRISMA HEALTH AND A FORMER RICHLAND ONE
BOARD MEMBER. ALSO DURING THE CONVOCATION, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OF THE YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINEES, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ATHLETICS STAFF FOR THEIR WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ADDED THAT ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 17), WE WILL KICK OFF THE 2019 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON WITH OUR ANNUAL SPORTSARMA FOOTBALL JAMBOREE AT MEMORIAL STADIUM. THE FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN WITH THE PRE-GAME SHOW AT 5:45 P.M. THE FIRST OF FOUR GAMES WILL KICK OFF AT 6 P.M. TICKETS ARE $5 AND THEY WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND JOIN US IN CHEERING ON OUR TEAMS.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS BACK TO SCHOOL RALLIES THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION AND SUPPLIES AND
INFORMATION FOR OUR STUDENTS, FOR OUR PARENTS. WE HAD OUR STAFF MEMBERS THERE. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO WHAT WE DO AS A COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING OUR PARENTS AND OUR FAMILIES AND OUR SCHOOLS. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING OUR TEACHERS BACK. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING OUR VARIOUS STAFF BACK IN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND DOING THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SO FORTH.

DR. WITHERSPOON EXPRESSED THAT IT WAS A GRAND TIME WITH STUDENT NUTRITION. OUR TEACHERS RETURNING WILL SEE THEM. STUDENT SERVICES WILL BE HAVING THEIR BACK TO SCHOOL TRAINING AND JUST GETTING GEARED UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK IN ADVANCE THAT IS BEING DONE.

DR. WITHERSPOON NOTED THAT THAT SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS HAVE HAD THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATIVE RETREATS AND VARIOUS MEETINGS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SITES ACROSS THE
DISTRICTS. THESE AND SOME OTHERS ARE GEARING UP AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF INFORMATION THAT WE SHARED AT OUR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP RETREAT/MEETING, BACK-TO-SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. AND THEY HAVE BEEN SHARING THAT INFORMATION WITH THEIR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS AND WITH THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS. ALL ARE GEARING UP FOR WHAT WE ANTICIPATE BEING ANOTHER STRONG YEAR FOR RICHLAND ONE.

MR. PERKINS STATED THE BOLDEN PROJECT IS DOING VERY WELL. THE TURF HAS BEEN INSTALLED. THE SCORE BOARD LIGHTS ARE IN PLACE. CANTEEN AND RESTROOMS ARE 85 PERCENT COMPLETE. CURRENTLY 80 PERCENT COMPLETE ON THE TICKET BOOTH. WE HAVE MOVED VERY WELL WITH THE PRESS BOX. WE ARE STARTING TO PUT THE SCANNER ON. WE ANTICIPATE OPENING IN SEPTEMBER.

DREHER PROJECT IS ALSO MOVING VERY WELL. THE SUBSURFACE WORK AND TRANE SYSTEMS
UNDERNEATH THE TENNIS COURT AREA IS COMPLETE. THE PARKING SPACES HAS BEEN PAVED. THE BUS LOOP HAS BEEN PAVED. WE JUST PUT THE FIRST COAT FOR THE BUS LOOP AND THEN WE WILL FINISH THAT AFTER ALL THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE WILL SCHEDULE AN UPDATE.

**DISCUSSION:**

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED REGARDING THE DREHER PROJECT, THE TENNIS COURT, HAVE ANY OF THE TREES BEEN MOVED?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED ALL THE TREES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS THE TREES THAT ARE THERE, ARE THEY GOING TO BE CLOSE TO THE TENNIS COURT?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT AT THIS POINT, UNLESS THEY BECOME AN ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THE ISSUE WAS FORMALLY INDICATED. SHE ASKED IS THAT NOT GOING TO BE AN ISSUE?
MR. PERKINS responded as to the original design, we took out all of the trees.

COMMISSIONER KING stated over the years the trees are going to grow. She asked are we not going to move them until we have some issues?

MR. PERKINS responded yes.

COMMISSIONER KING asked when will the tennis court be finished?

MR. PERKINS responded we have not set a specific date on the tennis court.

COMMISSIONER KING asked wasn’t there a timeline when the tennis court would be finished?

MR. PERKINS responded our major concern was getting the busing back in place. We are now working on the tennis courts. We are working on both ends.

COMMISSIONER KING asked what about the (inaudible) trees?
MR. PERKINS responded the trees that were removed early on in the process will be this year. The other ones to plant, we will do that later, after all the construction has been completed.

DR. WITHERSPOON stated the Trio program that we are apart of, a number of students and a number of our high schools, they are going to start to do 8.0 programs with our middle schools. We are looking at if we can find some synergy also within our Advid program. But it does speak to a number of students that have now came through that. With that support that those programs provide, it shows that our students can go on and do very well in terms of college admissions. Also graduation rates. We do get some of those scholarships and so forth. They have to maintain certain GPAs, certain amount of community service and some other
ACTIVITIES WHILE THEY ARE IN COLLEGE. THEY ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THE GROUP THIS SUMMER WENT TO THE NETHERLANDS AND OTHER PLACES IN THE PAST. WE ARE PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PROGRAM AND EVEN MORE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS THAT COMES THROUGH THE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER SAULS REQUESTED THE BOARD BE PROVIDED AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE NOPROFITS WE HAVE IN THE COLUMBIA CLUSTER.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE WILL.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM PRESENTED BY MR. CARLON AND MR. FRALEY DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.
MOTION:
COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED FOR APPROVAL
AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KING.

DISCUSSION:
COMMISSIONER KING STATED REGARDING THE
CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR HVAC RENOVATION AT THE
CENTRAL SERVICES FACILITIES BUILDING, IT SAYS
IN THERE IT IS FOR $80,000, FOR THE DESIGN AND
REPLACEMENT. SHE ASKED DOES THAT INCLUDE
THE REPLACEMENT OF THE UNIT ITSELF?
MR. PERKINS responded it is for the design of the replacement. It is a very large project. It is to replace the handlers for that building. We are failing on a regular basis with that. We have been trying to put that in place. The large portion of it is we are putting in various controls that are needed in order to be effective. It is probably going to be close to about $700-800,000 to do the actual work.

COMMISSIONER BLACK asked is the company that is doing the design, is that the same company that is going to do the replacement?

MR. PERKINS responded they will do the design and then we will come back with the project.

COMMISSIONER KING asked where can we see on the procurement website the scope of the work through those contracts and what is actually being provided?
CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THE SCOPE OF WORK IS ALSO IN THE CONTRACT THAT IS PRESENTED BEFORE US, TOO.

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THAT IS CONTRACTUAL INFORMATION. WHAT THE VENDOR WILL CHARGE, SERVICES, USUALLY SOMETHING THAT IS PROPRIETARY.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS THERE NO BID FOR THAT?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THERE IS A BID.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS THE SCOPE OF WORK PROPRIETARY?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED THE SCOPE OF WORK WE CAN PROVIDE. IT’S NOT SOMETHING ON THE WEBSITE. WHEN WE GO OUT AND REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, WE GIVE THEM AN IDEA OF WHAT WORK WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)
ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR RABBIT RUN

-DOT PENNY PROJECT

DEED TO WATER LINE FOR CAUGMAN ROAD

DEED TO WATER LINES AT BOLDEN STADIUM

ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR DREHER HIGH

SCHOOL ATHLETIC UPGRADES

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED REGARDING THE ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR RABBIT RUN, IS THAT THE BACK SIDE OF THE STADIUM AREA THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED NO. THIS IS THE SIDE BY THE PARKING LOT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE FIELD ON THE LOWER RICHLAND BOULEVARD SIDE.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THEN IT’S NOT RABBIT RUN. IT IS LOWER RICHLAND BOULEVARD.

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED I BELIEVE THAT’S WHAT IT IS. THAT AREA GOES UP TOWARDS RABBIT RUN.
COMMISSIONER HARRIS REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP CLARIFICATION AS TO LOWER RICHLAND BOULEVARD VERSUS RABBIT RUN.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE DIGITAL DRAWINGS OF THE PROPOSED DEED.

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED I WILL GET THAT FOR YOU.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

INCREASE FOR LED SPORTS LIGHTING AT THE NEW DREHER FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS

MS. OUTING STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION AS INFORMATION ONLY.

OFFICE OF

HUMAN RESOURCES: DR. LONG STATED THE HR/PERSOANL UPDATES WERE PROVIDED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION AS INFORMATION ITEM.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF ROCHELL BENNETT TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUGUST 13, 2019
ADMINISTRATOR AT MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH SMITH TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AT SANDEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY ANN TILLMAN TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR AT HORRELL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL FOR THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH THE INITIALS J.C. TO COMPLETE HER STUDENT TEACHING.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

**MOTION:**

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

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL FOR THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH INITIALS S.M. FOR MEDICAL.
MOTION: COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAULS. VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE HIRING OF ALL THE TEACHERS ON THE LIST FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR. THERE ARE 15 TEACHERS INCLUDED.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAULS. VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE VACANCY NUMBER FOR TEACHERS.

DR. LONG RESPONDED AFTER THIS VOTE WE ARE NOW DOWN TO ABOUT 38.5.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR AND GREAT THINGS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT TICKETS FOR SPORTSARAMA IS $6.00.
ADJOURNMENT: CHAIRMAN DEVINE ADJOURNED THE MEETING 8:20 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS