MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STEVenson ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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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RECORD: INFORMATION ACT PASSED BY THE SOUTH

CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE RECORDS

WILL SHOW THAT THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA WERE

NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING.

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.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BLACK 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 HARRIS SECOND THE MOTION.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

THE VOTE AND MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS TAKEN BY EVA WILSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD.

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) PERSONNEL MATTER; (2) LEGAL STATUS; (3) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (4) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (5) MINUTES: AUGUST 13, 2019; (6) ABBREVIATED JULY 2019 FINANCIALS; (7) CONTRACT EXTENSION: ENGENIITYSC IN RICHLAND ONE; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION:
TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING SERVICES; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION: FACILITIES MATERIAL, REPAIR, OPERATION (MRO) AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES; (10) CONTRACT EXTENSION: COCA-COLA CONTRACT UPDATE: VENDED AND NON-VENDED BEVERAGE SERVICES; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: WIRELESS SOFTWARE (XIRRUS) SUPPORT RENEWAL; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS; (13) BOARD REPORT; (14) FY 2019-2020 ENTERPRISE FUNDS; (15) FY 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE; (16) SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT; (17) CONTRACT: READ 180 UNIVERSAL COACHING SERVICES; (18) CONTRACT: FOUNTAS AND PINNELL CLASSROOM INTERACTIVE READ-ALOUD COLLECTION; (19) CONTRACT: FRONTLINE RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) SOFTWARE; (20) CONTRACT: MEDIA CENTER FURNITURE; (21) W.A. PERRY MS COMPLEX/BOLDEN STADIUM-ELECTRIC; (22) ENGENUITYSC.
CALL TO ORDER: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON AUGUST 27, 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 AARON BISHOP OF GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WHAT IS THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD?

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: HARRY HUNTLEY, FORMER GOLF COACH FOR A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT A REQUEST FROM A.C. FLORA TO CONSIDER A.C. GOLF TEAMS BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION TO GOLF MATCHES.
FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. (COPY OF LETTER WAS PROVIDED TO MR. FRALEY TO GIVE TO THE BOARD).

PETE LEVENTIS, A STUDENT AT A.C. FLORA SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT ISSUES WITH HIS CLASS SCHEDULE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE DIRECTED MR. LEVENTIS TO MEET WITH DR. BROSSARD AFTER THE MEETING.

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:

ENGENUITYSC

DR. BROSSARD MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON ENGENUITYSC.

MEGAN HICKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENGENUITYSC PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIFFERENT PARTNERSHIPS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS YEAR WITH RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE. SHE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE INCREDIBLE PRIVILEGE SHE, HER TEAM AND HER PARTNERS HAVE IN WORKING WITH THE REMARKABLE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT.
SHE SHARED A QUOTE FROM A STUDENT IN THE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM SPEAKING ABOUT HER PARTICIPATION IN THE SIGNATURE DRESS TO IMPRESS PROGRAM, WHICH WAS DELIVERED IN NINE OF RICHLAND ONE’S SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS. “I’VE LEARNED THAT THE THINGS YOU THINK ARE NOT FOR YOU, MAY ACTUALLY BE FOR YOU.”

SHE NOTED THIS IS THE SEVENTH YEAR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RICHLAND ONE. SHE STATED WE MAY CALL IT COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS, BUT WE KNOW THAT SO MUCH MORE IS HAPPENING WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP IN RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE. THE WORK THAT WE DO TOGETHER HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR UNTAPPED TALENTS AND INTEREST. WE HELP THEM SEE THE ART OF WHAT HIS HELPFUL FOR THEIR FUTURE. WE OPEN NEW DOORS THAT THEY NEVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED FOR THEMSELVES.
SHE STATED LAST YEAR THEIR WORK BEGAN TO TRANSFORM FROM SCHOOL BASED PROJECTS TO CROSS DISTRICT PROGRAMMING AT YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND IT WAS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. SHE ADDED THAT THEY LOVED MEETING MORE OF OUR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS. SHE STATED THAT IT WAS MORE THAN 2,200 OF THEM THAT THEY GOT TO WORK WITH DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

SHE REPORTED THAT FROM AUGUST UNTIL JUNE ENGENUITYSC AND THEIR TEAM SPENT 2,412 HOURS DEDICATED TO PROGRAMMING IN YOUR SCHOOLS. IN THAT TIME SPAN LIFE TEN FIELD STUDIES, THREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS, 12 OUTSIDE PARTNERS WHO LED CLASSES AND CLUBS OF MULTI DAY COLLEGE EXPLORATION TRIPS. WE CREATED A MAKER SPACE, A COMMERCIAL GARDEN, A STEM LAB, AN ARTS PERFORMANCE, TWO WEEKEND SUMMITS, 45 DRESS TO IMPRESS LEARNING MODULES WERE
IMPLEMENTED. WE EVEN ESTABLISHED A BRAND NEW RUBIC SPEED CUBING LEAGUE.

A VIDEO PRESENTATION WAS PRESENTED OF SOME PHOTOS AND IMAGES OF RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS ENJOYING THE BENEFITS OF ENGenuitySC.

JORDAN JONES, STUDENT (SENIOR) SHARED SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT HE RECEIVED WHILE IN THE ENGenuitySC PROGRAM. HE STATED THE PROGRAM BOOST HIM AND HIS FELLOW CLASSMATES’ CONFIDENCE. HE ASKED THAT DRESS TO IMPRESS BE CONTINUED.

COMMANDER RANDALL JONES, FATHER OF JORDAN JONES, SHARED HIS EXPERIENCES AS A PARENT WITH THE ENGenuitySC PROGRAM. HE STATED WE NEED TO PUT MILLENNIALS IN SITUATIONS WHERE THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE. WE NEED TO TEACH THEM SOCIAL SKILLS, WHICH THEY ARE LACKING BECAUSE OF CELL PHONES. DRESS FOR SUCCESS DOES THAT.
MS. HICKMAN STATED THAT IS WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT, CREATING THOSE MOMENTS OF CONNECTION, SHOWING THE ART OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR GETTING TO DO THAT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SHE SHARED WHAT SHE HOPE IS TO COME IN THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS YEAR OUR MISSION FOR RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE IS GOING TO FOCUS AROUND EXECUTING UPON YOUR BRAND NEW STRATEGIC PLAN, HELPING STUDENTS BECOME COLLEGE AND CAREER READY, AND AID IN INCREASING TEACHER RETENTION.

WHAT WILL BE FOCUSED ON THIS YEAR, IS FIRST A DISTRICT WIDE CAREER FAIR FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS SUPPORTING THE DISTRICT AND BRINGING BACK TO LIFE. WE ARE EXCITED TO GET TO WORK WITH SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR TO SHARE TO ALL EIGHTH GRADERS THE ART OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE ACROSS THE 15 CAREER
CLUSTERS, INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO SKILLS, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR INDUSTRY BEFORE THEY CHOOSE A CAREER TRACK IN HIGH SCHOOL.

WE ARE ALSO_excited TO CONTINUE OUR POPULAR DRESS TO IMPRESS PROGRAM; TO CONTINUE OUR WORK WITH NINE SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS THAT WE SERVED LAST YEAR AND EXPAND UPON THAT POINT OF CONNECTION PIECE WITH A NEW INTERVIEWING MODULE THAT WAS SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED LAST YEAR. WE WANT TO EXPAND IT TO INCLUDE MOCK INTERVIEWS AND COACHING AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST WITH DISTRICT WIDE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING.

WE KNOW THAT THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING FULL SEMESTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLASSES IN ALMOST EVERY HIGH SCHOOL. WE ARE THRILLED TO WORK WITH
YOU ALL TO MAKE THIS CLASS AS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT AND POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE, BRINGING THE REAL WORLD INTO THOSE CLASSROOM THROUGH PARTNERS AND BUSINESS LEADERS. WORKING WITH PROFESSIONAL REVIEWERS SO THAT EACH SCHOOL PARTICIPATING GETS THEIR OWN BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION AND THAT WE CAN HELP YOU ALL THROUGH A DISTRICT WIDE BUSINESS COMPETITION TO TAKE IT JUST A STEP FURTHER.

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE WORKING WITH YOUR INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THEM RIGHT HERE IN RICHLAND ONE. BUILDING UPON OUR SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROGRAM LAST YEAR, THE INTERNATIONAL TEACHER DISCOVERY DAY, WE WILL GO FROM ONE TO FIVE IN THE NEXT FULL YEAR AND WILL ADD AN ADDITIONAL TWO 90 MINUTES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS ON STRENGTH BASED TRAINING FOR TEACHING STUDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY, SO THAT THOSE
INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE STUDENTS THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH.

WE ARE ALSO THRILLED TO CONTINUE THE SUCCESSFUL RUBIC SPEED CUBING PROGRAM.

BUILDING CAPACITY RIGHT HERE IN THE DISTRICT WORKING WITH TWO OF YOUR TEACHERS WILL TAKE MAN OF THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR WITH OUR HELP. WE WILL HOLD NOT ONLY DISTRICT WIDE COMPETITIONS, TWO IN FACT. WE ARE THRILLED THAT RICHLAND ONE WILL BE A GROUND BREAKING LEADER HOSTING THE FIRST EVER REGIONAL RUBIC SPEED CUBING COMPETITION THAT WE WILL HELP PRODUCE AND BRING TO LIFE WITH YOUR TEACHERS.

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE WORKING WITH YOUR CATE DEPARTMENT ON CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES FIELDS TRADITIONALLY DOMINATED BY A SINGLE GENDER. THIS IS ALL ABOUT BREAKING STEREOTYPES. HELPING STUDENT UNDERSTAND THAT ALL NURSES ARE
NOT WOMEN AND ALL ENGINEERS ARE NOT MEN.
AND IF YOU ARE A DIFFERENT GENDER
INTERESTED IN A FIELD THAT IS GENERICALLY
DOMINATED BY A MALE OR FEMALE, WE WANT TO
SHOW YOU THAT FIELD IS POSSIBLE TO YOU AND
OPEN UP THE DOORS TO WHAT THAT CAN LOOK
LIKE.

MS. HICKMAN STATED SHE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO WORK NOT ONLY WITH YOU BUT
THE INCREDIBLE STUDENTS IN YOUR DISTRICT.

**DISCUSSION:**

**COMMISSIONER BISHOP** REFERENCED WHAT WAS
TALKED ABOUT OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
AND SELF AWARENESS. HE STATED ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS ABOUT YOUR OWN BRAND.
HE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOTCAMP.

**MS. HICKMAN** RESPONDED THIS HAS BEEN A PART
OF OUR PROGRAM FOR THE FULL SIX YEARS NOW.
WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING IT IN A BOOTCAMP
STYLE PROGRAM. IT’S GENERICALLY BEEN AFTER
SCHOOL. WE HAVE OFFERED IT AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL AND AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL.

THIS YEAR WE ARE REALLY EXCITED THAT WE ARE CONVERTING BASED ON POPULARITY. WHAT STARTED OFF AS SMALL BOOTCAMP COMPETITIONS AT ONE OR TWO SCHOOLS, TO NOW SUPPORTING THE DISTRICT’S EFFORT TO PROVIDE FULL SEMESTER LONG ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE YES CAROLINA CURRICULUM. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING IN SIX OF THOSE HIGH SCHOOLS IS WORKING WITH THE TEACHERS THAT INSTRUCT THOSE YES CAROLINA COURSES. WE ARE GOING IN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING WHERE THEIR SOFT AND WEAK SPOTS ARE IN THE CURRICULUM SO THAT WE CAN BRING BUSINESS LEADERS AND LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, AND SOLAR ENTREPRENEURS TO HELP BEEF UP THE OUTSIDE WORLD EXPOSURE THAT THOSE STUDENTS ARE GETTING.

SHE ADDED THAT THEY ARE EXCITED AT A.C. FLORA WHERE THEY WILL NOT HAVE A SEMESTER
LONG PROGRAM, THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING
THAT BOOTCAMP MODEL TO LIFE IN THAT SCHOOL
SO THAT THOSE STUDENTS GET AN OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPERIENCE THAT “YES CAROLINA” ENTREPRE-
NEURAL PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED DOES IT HAVE
ANY CONNECTION TO CITY OF COLUMBIA OFFICE
OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES?

MS. HICKMAN RESPONDED WE HOPE TO CREATE
THAT CONNECTION. SHE ADDED THAT THEY ARE
FORTUNATE IN ENGenuity TO HAVE STRONG
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THEY WILL BE
LOOKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL OF THOSE
RELATIONSHIPS TO LEVERAGE WHAT HAPPENS IN
THOSE SIX SCHOOLS.

CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES: AUGUST 13, 2019
ABBREVIATED JULY 2019 FINANCIALS
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CONTRACT EXTENSION: COCA-COLA CONTRACT UPDATE: VENDED AND NON-VENDED BEVERAGE SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: WIRELESS SOFTWARE (XIRRUS) SUPPORT RENEWAL

CONTRACT: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED CAN WE TAKE ALL THESE ITEMS AT ONE TIME.

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

**DISCUSSION:** COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE DID HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT ENGENUITYSC. SHE ASKED TO TAKE IT SEPARATELY.
CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IF HER AMENDMENT IS TO HEAR ALL EXCEPT FOR CONTRACT: ENGENUITYSC?

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED, YES.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 7.03: CONTRACT EXTENSION: ENGENUITYSC IN RICHLAND.

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

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

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

**MOTION:** COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE PRIMARY MOTION AND MOVE
THAT WE DELAY THE APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT UNTIL WE KNOW MORE WHERE WE ARE BUDGET WISE, TO AROUND OCTOBER, WHEN WE HAVE THE NEW NUMBERS FROM THE COUNTY ON MILLAGE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BLACK SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THERE WAS A SECOND.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED NO, THERE WAS A PAUSE. NO ONE SECONDED THE MOTION. SO, I SAID THERE WAS NO SECOND, BECAUSE THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED MR. BLACK SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, IT WAS AFTER HE SAID “DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.”
COMMISSIONER KING STATED “BUT THERE WAS A SECOND. YOU DIDN’T HEAR IT. YOU CANNOT DENY THIS, MR. CHAIR.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED “THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED “THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE RECORD THERE WAS A SECOND.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED “THE MAIN MOTION IS TO APPROVE THE ITEMS EXCEPT 7.03.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED “YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED “YOU CAN’T CALL ME OUT OF ORDER. I CAN CALL YOU OUT OF ORDER.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “NO, I CAN.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “NOW IS THE POINT OF DISCUSSION OR QUESTION.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “YOU DO NOT RULE”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “MA’AM, WE ARE AT THE POINT OF DISCUSSION.”
COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “CHAIRMAN, THERE WAS A SECOND.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “NO, MA’AM.”

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED, “YES, THERE WAS.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “DON’T RAISE YOUR VOICE AT ME, MA’AM. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND. WE HAVE MOVED ON TO QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION.”

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED, “YOU HAVE. I HAVE NOT.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION?

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU ARE DOING THIS, MR. CHAIR. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. WE ARE A DELIBERATIVE ASSEMBLY. IT’S OKAY IF YOU DIDN’T HEAR IT. “

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED COMMISSIONER BLACK, DID YOU SECOND ME?

COMMISSIONER BLACK RESPONDED, I DID.
CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED “AFTER I SAID DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND, THEN I HEARD HIM SAY, SECOND. NOW WE ARE BACK AT DISCUSSION.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED. “THIS IS ON TAPE. THIS IS HOW SCHOOL BOARDS ARE BEING TREATED BY THEIR EQUALS. BY THE WAY, WE ALL HAVE ONE VOTE.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED IS THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS FROM ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS?

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED, “I DO HAVE A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “PLEASE PROCEED.”

COMMISSIONER KING THANKED THE ENGENUITY TEAM FOR COMING. SHE ADDED THAT JORDAN AND COMMANDER JONES HAVE LEFT BUT IT IS ALWAYS GREAT TO HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS.

COMMISSIONER KING GAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF HOW ENGENUITY CAME TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE DISTRICT. SHE ADDED THAT SHE DOES BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF SOME OF THE
PROGRAMS THAT ENGenuity PROVIDES,

HOWEVER SHE DOES HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THIS SCHOOL
DISTRICT SPENDS WITH THE ORGANIZATION.
SHE ADDED THAT ENGenuity HAS BEEN IN
EXISTENCE SINCE 2013-2014 AND THAT DISTRICT
ONE WAS THEIR FIRST CLIENT. SHE ADDED THAT
SINCE 2013-2014 RICHLAND ONE HAS GIVEN OVER
3.3 MILLION DOLLARS.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “OUT OF THE 514
MILLION DOLLARS, 5 MILLION DOLLARS, IS
COMING FROM RICHLAND ONE. YOU ARE GETTING
ABOUT 64 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE FOR THE
ORGANIZATION. THAT’S A LOT OF MONEY. WE
ARE THE NUMBER ONE CLIENT FOR ENGenuitySC.
SHE ADDED THAT WE ARE IN A BUDGET CRUNCH
AND SHE HAS ASKED THAT THE MOTION BE
AMENDED SO WE COULD ACTUALLY LOOK AT
WHERE WE ARE GOING, BUDGET WISE, BECAUSE
THERE IS NOTHING TIME SENSITIVE ON THE

PROGRAM.”
CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED FOR THE RECORD, RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE IS NOT IN A BUDGET CRUNCH.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “WE HAVE MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE NEED TO FIND.”

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, “THAT IS NOT ACCURATE. WE PASSED A BUDGET ON JULY 23RD FOR 337 MILLION DOLLARS. IT WAS A BALANCED BUDGET. YOU WERE NOT HERE FOR THAT VOTE. SO PLEASE DO NOT SAY DISPARAGING THINGS ABOUT THIS DISTRICT, MA’AM. THERE WAS NO DEFICIT. THERE WAS NO NOTHING. PLEASE CONTINUE.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “I DO BELIEVE IN SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS LIKE THE CAREER – THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ETC., BUT ESPECIALLY WITH THE DRESS TO IMPRESS, WHICH IS OF COURSE A VALUBLE THING, BUT WE HAVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN OFFER THOSE SERVICES FOR FREE. WE HAVE LOTS OF
ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFERS THOSE SERVICES FOR FREE. WE HAVE A JUDICIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO OVERSEE EVERY DOLLAR. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO APPROVE A CONTRACT OF THAT MAGNITUDE WITH VERY, VERY LITTLE – AND I GO BACK TO A COMMITTEE MEETING WHERE NOTHING WAS PRESENTED TO ME IN COMMITTEE MEETING TO JUSTIFY THE AMOUNT WITH EVIDENCE OF MEASUREABLES.” “I THINK IT IS VERY EASY TO GET WRAPPED UP INTO THE EMOTIONAL COMPONENTS OF SOME OF THOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, DRESS FOR SUCCESS. THIS TOUCHES 15 KIDS PER SCHOOL. THEY GET TO SPEND $300 ON A WARDROBE AND HAIR AND NAILS, ETC. WE ARE ALWAYS SAYING THAT WE DON’T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. BUT WE ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT REALLY MOVING THE NEEDLE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THINGS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED FOR FREE BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.”
COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT “ANOTHER THING THAT I WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD WHICH REALLY BOTHERS ME, AND I THINK IT IS OUR ROLE AND CERTAINLY PROCUREMENT AND YOU DR. WITHERSPOON. YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND WE REFERENCE COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS THAT WE GIVE MONEY TO AND CITY YEAR. BUT WHEN YOU GO AND LOOK AT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT – WHEN YOU GO TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DEPARTMENT YOU SEE HOW MUCH MONEY, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE VERSUS EXPENSES AND IT IS LIKE 80 PERCENT, 90 PERCENT. IN THIS CASE, 62 TO 64 PERCENT OF THE REVENUE FROM ENGENUITY GOES BACK TO SAGACIOUS PARTNERS. THAT’S VERY TROUBLESOME TO ME. WHEN WE LOOK AT HOW MUCH WE WANT TO FUND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, WE LOOK AT THEIR PERCENTAGE OF ADMINISTRATION COST. IN THIS CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND FEES IS LIKE 64 PERCENT. IT JUST DOESN’T MAKE ANY SENSE. AT FIRST WE STARTED WITH GRANT MONEY, WHICH WAS THE SIG GRANT, PARTICULAR IN THE LOWER RICHLAND AREA, AND THAT WAS GREAT BECAUSE WE DIDN’T HAVE TO DISH OUT A LOT OF MONEY. BUT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GENERAL FUNDS. IT IS NOT GRANT MONEY ANYMORE. A LOT OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY ENGenuity ARE THINGS THAT OUR OWN EMPLOYEES ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE. RICHLAND ONE HAS HIRED INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS FOR DECADES. THIS IS THE FUNCTION OF HUMAN RESOURCES. WE’VE KNOWN FOR DECADES THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A MUCH BETTER, WHAT WE CALL, ACCREDITATION PROGRAM AND WE HAVEN’T DONE IT. THIS IS A FUNCTION OF THEIR JOB. A LOT OF THIS PROGRAMMING ARE FUNCTIONS OF OUR OWN TEACHERS. WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT WE PAY AN ORGANIZATION ABOUT $230 BUCKS AN HOUR TO
DO SERVICES THAT OUR TEACHERS DO ALL DAY LONG FOR LIKE 30-50 BUCKS AN HOUR. IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE.”

“ACCREDITATION, THIS IS THE FUNCTION OF THIS DISTRICT. WHY WOULD AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION, A NONPROFIT COME AND HELP US WITH ACCREDITATION. IT IS OUR STAFF THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT.”

“I LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT ENGenuity. IT IS NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT WE DO NOT GIVE ANY OF OUR VENDORS THE PRIVILEGE TO COME AND PRESENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD. NONE OF OUR VENDORS HAVE THAT PRIVILEGE. SO I AM REALLY WONDERING WHAT IS IT THAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR VENDOR AS IT COST MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS. BECAUSE IT IS FOR MONEY. WE DON’T HAVE WET MOP VENDOR COMING IN HERE AND CLAIMING ANYTHING. WE DON’T HAVE THE PLAYGROUND VENDORS COMING IN. WE DON’T HAVE THE PEST CONTROL COMPANY TELLING US --
FOR THE VENDOR TO ACTUALLY COME AND HAVE THE MIC, IT IS UNFAIR. I THINK THAT PUTS US AT A LIABILITY AND EXPOSURE TO UNFAIR TREATMENT. I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO LOOK AT THAT. OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO ME IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE.”

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED THAT SHE DID ASK FOR THE NUMBERS INVOLVING THE OTHER NONPROFITS WE WORK WITH. SHE ADDED THAT CITY YEAR, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND; EIGHT CORE MEMBERS, EIGHT, ONE SCHOOL (RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE); COMMUNITY THROUGH SCHOOLS, THAT WAS NOT AS RECENT, 70ISH. THAT WAS COLUMBIA, ST. ANDREWS AND SANDEL.

SHE STATED IN PRESENTATION, NINE HIGH SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS. SHE ASKED HOW MANY MIDDLE? (RESPONSE FROM AUDIENCE) I AM TOLD THIS IS ONE CLUSTER.

SHE STATED WE ARE BEYOND DRESS FOR SUCCESS, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. (RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE). SHE STATED THE
PROPOSAL IT IS NOT JUST DRESS FOR SUCCESS.

LAST YEAR –

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THE AMOUNT HAS
NOT CHANGED.

COMMISSIONER SAULS ASKED HAVE INCREASED,
DECREASED, STAYED THE SAME?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT IT HAS
STAYED THE SAME. SERVICES HAVE NOT
INCREASED.

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED OCTOBER
HAPPENS. MILLAGE RATE IS AFFECTED. WE HAVE
TO MAKE DECISIONS. SHE ADDED THAT SHE
DIDN’T WANT TO PUT TEACHERS IN JEOPARDY FOR
A CONTRACT WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO
ENGENUITY OR CITY YEAR.

DO WE HAVE THAT OPTION?

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WHAT IS YOUR
QUESTION REGARDING MILLAGE?

COMMISSIONER SAULS RESPONDED MILLAGE,
FOR CLARIFICATION, IN ANY YEAR, IF WE LOOK UP
AND THE COUNTY MONEY IS NOT ON TARGET.
MRS. KING IS SAYING, WHAT IF WE LOOK UP AND
WE DON’T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY AND WE
CHOOSE TO USE ENGenuity. MRS. SAULS STATED
THAT SHE IS SAYING THAT WOULD NOT BE A
PROBLEM.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT WOULD NOT BE
THE CASE. THE BUDGET THE BOARD HAS
APPROVED INCLUDES THIS. WE DON’T HAVE A
BUDGET ISSUE. WHAT WE ARE BRINGING TO THE
BOARD AT THIS POINT, WHETHER IT IS ENGenuity
OR ANYTHING ELSE, IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED IT IS GOOD TO
KNOW THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

HE ADDED THAT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH
JORDAN JONES AND THE THINGS HE SAID TONIGHT
IS NOT AN ACT. HIS PROJECTORY OF LIFE HASN’T
CHANGED. THE THINGS IN THIS LIFE AND WHAT
WE ARE DOING TO PREPARE OUR KIDS, THINGS
THAT ARE SO DYNAMIC AND SO EVER CHANGING
AND EVOLVING, THOSE ARE CORE CONFIDENCES
OF HOW WE PREPARE OUR KIDS IN THIS DISTRICT AND THIS COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON STATED ONLY QUESTION IS ABOUT THE BOARD. 7.03, A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED LOOK AT THE MOTION. APPROVAL OF THE 7.01, 7.02, 7.04 –

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON STATED THAT’S MY ONLY CONCERN.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THAT SHE HAS SOME QUESTIONS AND SOME THINGS FOR CLARIFICATION.

SHE ASKED DR. WITHERSPOON, ARE WE IN A BUDGET CRUNCH IN RICHLAND ONE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED, NO, WE ARE NOT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED TO SAY THAT WE ARE IN A BUDGET CRUNCH, TO NOT WANT TO FUND THE PROGRAM, IS NOT TRUE.

ANOTHER QUESTION THAT WAS MENTIONED BY ENGENUITY BEING ALLOWED TO PRESENT. SHE
STATED THAT SHE RECALLED, CITY YEAR HAS PRESENTING TO US, AS WELL.

**DR. WITHERSPOON** RESPONDED, THAT IS CORRECT.

**COMMISSIONER HARRIS** STATED JUST A QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES IN THE TRUTH BEING SPOKEN, SO THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS, OUR STAFF, WHOEVER, KNOWS THE TRUTH. MRS. HARRIS ADDED THAT SHE DOESN’T BELIEVE IN PERSONAL HIDDEN AGENDAS. SHE SIGNED UP TO SERVE AND WORK FOR KIDS. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. SHE ADDED THAT IT IS A LITTLE BIT DISHEARTENING SOMETIMES. BUT IT IS OKAY. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT SHE SEES THE FACIAL EXPRESSION OF SO MANY OF YOU IN HERE BUT IT IS OKAY. BECAUSE A THE END OF OUR DAY OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

THESE PROGRAMS THAT ENGenuity OFFERS ARE NOT JUST IN ONE CLUSTER. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT SHE IS ASKING THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE
SHE WAS INFORMED BY SOME PARENTS THAT THERE WERE SOME SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS THAT WERE CIRCULATING ABOUT A BOARD MEMBER SAYING THAT A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WAS GOING INTO THE LOWER RICHLAND COMMUNITY. MRS. HARRIS, FOR CLARIFICATION, STATED THAT THIS STARTED WITH ENGENUITY THROUGH A (SIG) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT. SHE ADDED THAT THIS GRANT WORKED SO WELL AND WAS SO EFFECTIVE THAT IT MOVED OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES. IN MOVING THOSE STUDENTS WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA’S PROGRAM, MY BROTHER’S KEEPER. SHE REPORTED THAT THE MY BROTHER’S KEEPER PROGRAM IS IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE DATA ON LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL. BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF ENGENUITYSC. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT ENGENUITY ARE HUMAN BEINGS THAT SERVE THIS DISTRICT.
RELIGIOUSLY. THEY BRING OPPORTUNITY TO THESE STUDENTS ALL ACROSS THIS DISTRICT. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT SHE WILL PUT A DISCLAIMER OUT THERE FOR YOU BECAUSE SHE WANTS IT TO BE KNOWN. SHE IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ENGENUITYSC. SHE HAS NO VOTING RIGHTS. SHE WORKS WITH RICHLAND TWO, FAIRFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WELL AS LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THEY DON’T JUST BRING PRODUCT TO RICHLAND ONE. THEY BRING IT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE MIDLANDS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GIVEN, AS JORDAN SAID, OUR STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEVER HAD. SHE ADDED THAT IT BOTHERS HER THAT WE GET TO THIS CONTRACT EVERY YEAR ANNUALLY AND WE GET BOGGED DOWN. SHE REPORTED THAT SHE AND DR. WITHERSPOON ATTENDED A SESSION WITH TRANSFORMSC A FEW YEARS BACK. WE MEET WITH CEO’S OF MAJOR COMPANIES ACROSS THIS STATE TALKING WITH THEM ABOUT THE LACK OF SOFT SKILLS THAT
OUR STUDENTS NEED SUCH AS INTERVIEWING, DRESSING FOR INTERVIEWS ETC. HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD START AT LOWER RICHLAND AND BLOSSOM ACROSS THIS DISTRICT GIVING OUR CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ALL OF THOSE THINGS.

SHE ADDED THAT IT IS REALLY BOTHERSOME THAT WHEN WE GET TO THIS CONTRACT, THE ROLE PLAYING AND THE BACK AND FORTH FOR WHATEVER REASON. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT SHE WANTED TO SHARE HER CONCERNS BECAUSE SHE WANTS THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THERE IS NO BUDGET CRUNCH. THE MONEY WE ARE GOING BACK FOR IN OCTOBER IS THE MONEY TO CLOSE OUT THE YEAR. AND WE HAVE HAD PLENTY OF SESSIONS TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

THINGS SUCH AS THE SUMMER CAMP THAT WE DO. SUMMER SOAR, TO BE FUNDED OUT OF THOSE FUNDS THAT WE GET, BECAUSE WE DON’T NEED THOSE FUNDS RIGHT NOW. WE ARE GONNG TO
NEED THEM AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE BOOKS THAT WE SEND HOME WITH OUR CHILDREN, WE WILL NEED THEM AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

SHE REINTERATED THAT THE BUDGET HAS BEEN PASSED. THERE IS NO SHORTFALL. BUT THE DISTRICT IS WAITING FOR ADDITIONAL TAX DOLLARS THAT IS COMING TO US IN OCTOBER. THAT INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO US BY THE COUNTY, THAT WE CAN COME BACK AND GET THE REST OF OUR MONEY. IT’S NOT A LOAN. IT’S OUR MONEY. THAT MONEY CARRIES US OVER TO THE END OF THE YEAR TO TAKE CARE OF THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT WE SPONSOR AT THE END OF THE YEAR. SHE ADDED THAT SHE FEELS THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH. WE HAVE TO MONITOR THE DOLLARS, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT A GOOD STEWARD IS SUPPOSED TO DO.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED THAT ONE OF HIS MENTORS IN EDUCATION SAID THAT THE
BIGGEST BATTLE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, IS EDUCATION IN ITS CURRENT STATE IN SOCIETY. THE BIGGEST BATTLE IS QUALITY EDUCATION. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE MEETING THAT RICHLAND ONE FUNDS 64 PERCENT OF THIS CONTRACT. 64 PERCENT IS THREE-FIFTH OF A HUNDRED PERCENT. HE ADDED THAT THE LAST TIME HE HEARD THREE-FIFTH, IT WAS DISCOUNTING A HUMAN BEING. OUR CHILDREN ARE HUMAN BEINGS. THEY WANT TO BE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. SO IT IS A COST. HE ADDED THAT HE REALLY BUILDS MY LIFE ON UNDERSTANDING SEVERAL THINGS TO HELP ME INFLUENCE OUR KIDS. THIS IS ABOUT SOCIAL WELFARE. HE ADDED THAT WHEN THE COMMANDER SPOKE ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MILLENNIALS WHO HAVE ALL THESE SKILLS -- THEY HAVE SO MANY THINGS, BUT WHAT THEY LACK IS SOCIAL WEALTH.

MR. BISHOP STATED THAT THIS PROGRAM RAISES THE GAP THROUGH THE POWER OF SOCIAL
WELFARE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND GAPS THAT TEACHERS CAN’T TEACH. MR. BISHOP EXPRESSED THAT IT BOTHERS HIM THAT WE DON’T SEE THE TOTAL VALUE. THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB SERVING THOSE CHILDREN WHO MAY BE FALLING BETWEEN THE GAPS.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS A CHILD THAT NEEDED SOCIAL WEALTH. BEFORE THERE WAS AN IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA, PHONES, HE JUST NEEDED

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT IN HEARING ALL OF THIS, SHE TOTALLY RESPECTS EVERYBODY’S OPINION AND SHE DEMANDS THAT HERS IS RESPECTED. SHE ADDED THAT BECAUSE IF WE CLAIM THAT WE ARE DIVERSE AND WE HAVE DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, AND WE ARE DIFFERENT IN MANY WAYS, SHE JUST HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION. SHE ADDED THAT SHE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SHE DID SEE VALUE IN ENGenuity, JUST NOT AT THAT LEVEL. SHE ADDED THAT SHE BELIEVES IN OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT TO DO A LOT OF THINGS AND
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DISTRICT THAT
WOULD LIKE TO HELP FOR FREE.
MRS. KING STATED THAT COMMISSIONER HARRIS
STATED THAT SHE IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF
ENGENUITY, SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW WHEN THAT HAPPENED. BECAUSE TO
BE AN EX-OFFICIO, YOU HAVE TO BE VOTED BY
THIS BOARD TO BE AN EX-OFFICIO. THAT IS THE
DEFINITION OF EX-OFFICIO AND THIS HAPPENED IN
2013. MRS. KING STATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN
SERVING TOGETHER THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT
OF TIME ON THIS BOARD AND NOT ONCE HAS SHE
EVER PARTICIPATED IN A VOTE WHERE
SOMEBODY WAS MADE EX-OFFICIO OF ANOTHER
ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT ON A BOARD. SHE
ADDED THAT WE DON’T EVEN HAVE A POLICY
THAT ADDRESSES THAT. MRS. KING ASKED FOR
SPECIFICS ON THAT, TOO.
COMMISSIONER HARRIS REINTERATED THAT SHE
DOESN’T REPRESENT RICHLAND ONE ON
ENGENUITY’S BOARD. SHE REPRESENTS THE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS AN EDUCATION LIASON. MRS. HARRIS ADDED THAT SHE DOESN’T HAVE TO HAVE THE BOARD’S APPROVAL TO BE AN EDUCATION LIASON TO EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD BECAUSE OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF DEALING AND DEEP DIVING WITH SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND THE DISPARITY THAT WE FACE WHEN IT COMES TO REACHING SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING STUDENTS.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT MEANS YOU ARE NOT AN EX-OFFICIO FOR RICHLAND ONE, WHICH IS A DEFINITION OF EX-OFFICIO. YOU HAVE TO BE VOTED BY THE BOARD.

MRS. KING’S STATED THAT MY FINAL COMMENT IS THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INSERTED INTO THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING AN INFORMAL ADVISORY OPINION WHICH SHE ASKED OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED IT IS SAD. WE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT WORKS WITH BOARDS.
ACROSS THIS COUNTRY AND CERTAIN FIELDS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THAT. IT IS INTERESTING THAT MS. KING WOULD EVEN MENTION THAT SHE HAS ASKED FOR AN OPINION OF THE ETHIC’S COMMISSION. MRS. HARRIS STATED THAT IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE AND THE ETHIC’S COMMISSION HAS RESPONDED TO SAY THAT SHE CAN VOTE AS SHE HAS DONE IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

MRS. HARRIS EXPRESSED, “MS. KING, I AM GLAD THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THOSE SECTIONS OF THE LAW, WHICH SECTION 8-13-100. SECTION 8-13-700. BECAUSE THAT LAW ALSO TALKS ABOUT BOARD MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKING PART IN VOTES WHERE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED BY THE BOARDS THAT WE MIGHT VOTED ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS.

BACK ON JUNE 23, 2015, YOU TOOK PART IN A VOTE FOR $112,000 TO A SUBSIDIARY OF PRISMA HEALTH. JUNE 28, 2016, YOU TOOK PART AND
SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE $112,000 FOR ANOTHER (INAUDIBLE) IN A VOTE. AND THEN JUST LAST YEAR, JUNE 12, 2018, WE VOTED ON $233,000 CONTRACT FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS. YOU TOOK PART IN THOSE VOTES AND YOU HAVE A RELATIVE IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THAT BOARD AND IS FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED.”

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED NO, MA’AM THEY ARE NOT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED “I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN TO US AS TO WHY YOU HAVE BEEN VOTING ON THESE CONTRACTS. YOU CLEARLY SHOWED THIS BOARD NOT JUST TONIGHT, BUT EVEN IN RECENT VOTES, LAST YEAR GOING BACK TO THIS SAME CONTRACT WHEN YOU ALLEGED THAT COMMISSIONER DEVINE AND I WAS COMMITTING SOME TYPE OF UNETHICAL THING TO VOTE ON A CONTRACT TO AWARD FUNDS TO PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS. THESE CONTRACTS LIST DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT GO TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT A MEMBER OF
YOUR FAMILY, IMMEDIATE FAMILY SERVES ON THAT BOARD AND IS FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED.”

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED “BUT YOU ARE AWARE OF EVERYBODY ELSE. SO HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE?”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT ATHLETIC TRAINER IS JUST A CLASS.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED “THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS ARE THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK WITH OUR STUDENT ATHLETES IN THIS DISTRICT. AND THE COMPANY IN WHICH WE PULL THOSE STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS FROM, A MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY SERVE ON THOSE BOARDS AND IS FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED. AND WHEN I CALCULATE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THOSE CONTRACTS, THAT’S A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS GOING TO ENGENUITY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN APPROVING
EVERY YEAR. AND AT NO TIME WAS IT DISCLOSED
TO THIS BODY, THIS BOARD, THAT YOU HAVE A
FAMILY MEMBER IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY,
NOT A DISTANT RELATIVE, THAT IS PAID A
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY, THAT HAVE
BEEN VOTED ON AND APPROVED. I WILL TAKE IT
A STEP FURTHER, THE LAST CONTRACT THAT WE
JUST VOTED ON IN 2018, YOU MADE THE MOTION
AND IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
BISHOP TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WHERE A
MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS
FINANCIALLY COMPENSATED ON THAT BOARD.”
COMMISSIONER KING STATED “I WILL REVIEW
THAT. I WILL ASK LEGAL TO REVIEW THAT.”
COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED “YOU DON’T
HAVE TO REVIEW IT. I’VE GOT THE MINUTES
RIGHT HERE FROM THE MEETING. I WILL BE
HAPPY TO MAKE COPIES AND SHARE THEM WITH
YOU.”

COMMISSIONER KING STATED, “WE WILL REVIEW
THAT AND I WILL TAKE OWNERSHIP OF IT. THAT IS
COMMISSIONER HARRIS responded “IT IS NOT OUR JOB TO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION.”

COMMISSIONER KING stated, “I DID TO YOU.”

COMMISSIONER HARRIS stated, “JUST LIKE IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY – AND I STILL HAVE THE FLOOR—JUST LIKE IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE I JOINED ENGENUITYSC TO GO AND GET THE OPINION OF THREE ATTORNEYS AT THE ETHICS COMMISSION, IS THIS SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO. AND IT WAS CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO ME, MS. HARRIS, YES, YOU CAN, BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO VOTING POWER. YOU ARE JUST THERE AS A LIASON TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE.

BUT LAST YEAR THIS SAME TIME WE SIT HERE AND HAVE A LONG LIST OF DISCUSSION OVER A COLLEAGUE SAYING TO MYSELF AND ANOTHER COMMISSIONER THAT WE WERE DOING SOMETHING UNETHICAL. AND THE STATE ETHICS DEPARTMENT HAS RULED AND SAID THAT I AM NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION.”
NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANYTHING UNETHICAL.

THAT HASN’T BEEN BROUGHT BACK OUT. BUT
LIKE YOU CAME INTO THIS MEETING AND
BROUGHT THIS OUT BEFORE THIS ENTIRE BODY
THAT WE WERE DOING SOMETHING ILLEGAL TO
IMPROVE MONEY FOR CHILDREN. WHO DOES
THAT? “

MRS. HARRIS ADDED, VINCE FORD HAS A SAYING,

“ARE YOU FOR KIDS, OR ARE YOU KIDDING?” OUR
STATE IS STRUGGLING AND SO ARE OUR
CHILDREN. SHE ADDED THAT SHE TAKES WHAT
SHE DOES VERY SERIOUSLY. MRS. HARRIS STATED
TO SIT HERE AND TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE
MEMBERS OF THIS BODY WOULD DO SOMETHING
WRONG, AND AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU HAVE
BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON STATED THAT ALL
BOARD MEMBERS HAVE ONE VOTE AND THAT IT
MOVES HER THAT THE BOARD SPENDS A LONG
TIME GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH THIS
PARTICULAR INFORMATION. SHE ADDED THAT SHE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
STEVenson ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUGUST 27, 2019
IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CASTING A VOTE SO THAT WE CAN ALL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT OBJECT.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED HOW MANY STUDENTS DOES ENGENUITY TOUCH?


CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY IS SPENT, AND YOU ARE NONPROFIT

MS. HICKMAN RESPONDED IN OUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE BUDGET WE PUT TOGETHER THIS YEAR, OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT FROM RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, 56 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD GO STRAIGHT BACK INTO SCHOOLS.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ASKED WHAT ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION?
MS. HICKMAN responded that she would need to go back and pull that to make sure it is accurate.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE asked do you know the mission of Engenuity?

MS. HICKMAN responded, it is to make the Midlands of South Carolina the most prosperous and competitive region it can be.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE stated that he echoed Mrs. Harris’ position. He, too is disappointed by a colleague who stated some untruth about our budget. We are not in a budget crunch. Never have been and never will be at this point. He added that on July 23, Richland County School District One did approve a budget of 337 million dollars that was passed. Secondly, this organization has been given a contract with deliverables and they have delivered on those items. And therefore a
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONTRACT EXTENSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO THIS ORGANIZATION BY OUR CEO WHO TAKES CARE OF THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

WE ARE GOVERNANCE AND THAT IS OUR ROLE AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. WE DO LOOK AT THE BUDGET. WE DO LOOK AT EXPENDITURE ITEMS. HOWEVER, IT IS UP TO THE CEO AND HIS STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE WITHIN BUDGET AND THAT THEY CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHOM WE PUT OUR TRUST IN TO DO THAT.

AGAIN, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT ASKING FOR CONTRACTS TO BE REDUCED OR ASKING FOR A CONTRACT NOT TO GO THROUGH. AGAIN, IT’S IN THE BUDGET AN APPROVED. THAT IS OPERATIONAL. IN MY OPINION, MICRO MANAGEMENT. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO AS BOARD MEMBERS. WE ARE HERE TO GOVERN. WE ARE HERE TO PASS A BUDGET. WE ARE HERE TO HIRE AND FIRE THE SUPERIN-
TENTENT. AND WE ARE TO OFFER COMMUNITY
RELATIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ENGENUITY
BASED ON THE VOTES TONIGHT.

**VOTE:** IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR.
BISHOP, MRS. SAULS, MRS. HARRIS, MR. BLACK
IN OPPOSITION: MRS. KING
IN ABSTENTION: MRS. ANDERSON (5-1-1)

**OFFICE OF BOARD:**
**PERSONNEL MATTER**

**BOARD:**

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THIS WAS AN
INFORMATION ITEM THAT WAS PRESENTED TO US.
THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS.

**BOARD REPORT**

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN
BACK IN FOUR DAYS NOW. WE WILL BE GEARING
UP FOR CHAT-WITH-THE-CHAIR IN THE HIGH
SCHOOLS COMING UP SOON. WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BE IN OUR SCHOOLS.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS WENT TO VARIOUS SCHOOLS
FOR THE FIRST FOUR–FIVE DAYS; HOWEVER, WE
CAME SHORT THIS YEAR MISSING FOUR SCHOOLS.
COMMISSIONER BLACK STATED THAT THE CAROLINA PANTHERS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION FROM NORTH CAROLINA CAME DOWN AND WORKED WITH DR. COOPER AND OTHERS TO PUT TOGETHER A GREAT PEP RALLY AT FOREST HEIGHTS, WHEREBY THE STUDENTS RECEIVED BOOKBAGS. MR. BLACK ALSO REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED THE SCSBA SCHOOL LAW CONFERENCE WHERE WE GOT A LOT OF INFORMATION FROM A FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL STANDPOINT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED SHE ALSO ATTENDED THE SCSBA SCHOOL LAW CONFERENCE WHICH WAS AN EYE OPENING SESSION. SHE ADDED THAT THIS CONFERENCE PREPARES US AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE THINGS THAT ARE TO COME, SO THAT WE WON’T ALWAYS BE SO MUCH AS REACTIVE, BUT PROACTIVE IN DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO AMONG OURSELVES TO THE STATE AND AS WELL AS FEDERAL STANDARDS.
MRS. HARRIS ALSO ATTENDED THE CAUGHMAN ROAD RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW MONTESORRI WING. SHE THANKED RAYMOND PERKINS AND ED CARLON. SHE THANKED THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK ENSURING A QUICK TURNAROUND OF THE DISTRICT TO MAKE SURE THOSE STUDENTS ARE IN A BUILDING NOW WITH A BREEZEWAY TO COVER FOR THOSE STUDENTS TO TRANSITION IN AND OUT OF THE BUILDING.

MRS. HARRIS REFERENCED AN ARTICLE THAT CAME OUT THAT TALKED ABOUT A HELICOPTER RIDE THAT WAS TAKEN ON OCTOBER 2015 DURING THE THOUSAND YEAR FLOOD. SHE STATED THAT AT THAT TIME SHE WAS SERVING AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP TO ACCESS THE DAMAGES IN THE RURAL AREAS OF OUR DISTRICT. DOMINION ENGERY AND THE NATIONAL GUARD STEPPED IN TO HELP US AND WE WERE ABLE TO GO UP IN A HELICOPTER TO GET AN AERIAL VIEW, WHICH WAS NOT A JOY RIDE. SHE STATED THAT THE ARTICLE
STATED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. SHE ADDED THAT SHE DID IT AS A BOARD MEMBER TO ASSESS DAMAGES SO THAT WE COULD MAKE THE BEST DECISION ABOUT THE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS.

SHE APPLAUDED DR. WITHERSPOON FOR ALLOWING US TO DO THAT. SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS WERE USED AS SHELTERS: A.C. FLORA, ST. ANDREWS AND LOWER RICHLAND. DR. WITHERSPOON AND I WERE ABLE TO RIDE IN A HUMVEE THANKS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD TO GO DOWN DIRT ROADS THAT CHILDREN LIVE ON IN THE RURAL PORTIONS OF THIS DISTRICT. WE HAD TO GET TO OUR CHILDREN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE OKAY AND MAKE SURE THAT WE MADE THE RIGHT DECISIONS. SHE ADDED, THAT IT WASN’T REPORTED BECAUSE IT WASN’T A JOY RIDE. IT WAS US DOING OUR JOB.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED THE HELICOPTER RIDE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH A
GIFT. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS DOING HIS JOB, IS WHAT THE HELICOPTER WAS ABOUT. SO THERE WASN’T A PRICETAG.

**FY 2019-2020 ENTERPRISE FUNDS**


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

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

**FY 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE**

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGETS.

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

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

**OFFICE OF THE**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** 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 THIS IS OUR FIRST BOARD MEETING SINCE WE WELCOMED STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL LAST WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 21). HE REPORTED THAT HE’S HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SEVERAL SCHOOLS AND I CAN REPORT THAT THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF TO A STRONG START THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

HE THANKED BUILDING SERVICES, TEACHING AND LEARNING, STUDENT NUTRITION, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, AND EVERYONE, FOR THEIR WORK LEADING UP TO THE START OF SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS.

WE WOULD ASK PARENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION AND ROUTES TO GET TO NEW STUDENTS, TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AS THEY WORK THROUGH ROUTES AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.
DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT WE HAD CONVOCATION LAST MONDAY. OUR THEME: “START STRONG, FINISH STRONGER.” WE THANK OUR AV DEPARTMENT, COMMUNICATION, AND BAND CHORUS, FOR PUTTING THAT TOGETHER.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR CAUGHMAN ROAD MONTESSORI BUILDING AS WELL AS THE COACHES CONVOCATION, SPORTSARAMA AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT SPEAK TO THE START OF SCHOOL, GREAT START.

THE PANTHERS ORGANIZATION DONATED OF 5,000 BOOKBAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES, WE THANK FOREST HEIGHTS FOR HOSTING THAT EVENT.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT STARTING THIS YEAR, RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS CAN GET DENTAL SERVICES – INCLUDING EXAMS, X-RAYS, CLEANINGS AND FILLINGS – AT SCHOOL. THE CONVENIENCE OF THIS NEW SERVICE MEANS STUDENTS WON’T HAVE TO MISS SCHOOL AND
PARENTS WON’T HAVE TO LEAVE WORK TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO THE DENTIST.
A VAN COMPLETE WITH DENTAL EQUIPMENT AND A DENTIST FROM DENTAL ACCESS CAROLINA WILL VISIT DISTRICT SCHOOLS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS. THE MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AT ALL RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS. DENTAL ACCESS CAROLINA ACCEPTS ALL FORMS OF HEALTH INSURANCE. PARENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE NEW PROGRAM AT WWW.DENTALACCESSCAROLINA.COM OR GET A FORM FROM THEIR CHILD’S SCHOOL.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT NEXT WEEK, OUR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, MILITARY BRANCHES AND BUSINESSES FROM ACROSS THE NATION AT OUR 2019 COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR. REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION
ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

THE COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 FROM 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. AT THE CAROLINA COLISEUM. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

PARENTS MAY CONTACT THEIR CHILD’S HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT OR THE DISTRICT’S SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE AT 231-6940 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND ONE TEAM WHO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. AT OUR JULY MEETING, IT WAS NOTED THAT 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. MR. WESTON, WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE, WAS RECOGNIZED.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. REGULAR SCHEDULES WILL RESUME TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. HE WISHED EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

COMMISSIONER SAULS ASKED DR. WITHERSPOON TO CHECK INTO HOW WE ARM OUR TEACHERS TO DEAL WITH EXCESSIVE CELL PHONE USAGE IN CLASSROOMS.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT IS IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT. WE DO HAVE A CELL PHONE POLICY. DEPENDING ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE USE OR WHAT HAVE YOU OF A CELL PHONE, WHERE IT COMES INTO CLASSROOM RULES AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS, SO THAT PIECE CAN BE ADDRESS.
COMMISSIONER SAULS made note of putting together some type of notification system to let parents know when buses are running behind.

DR. WITHERSPOON stated that is something we can do. At the beginning of the year we do take the time, certainly at the elementary level, to make sure they are all on the right bus. So that may delay some of the other routes. Point taken.

COMMISSIONER BLACK commended Dr. Witherspoon on the extreme left brain, right brain activity during the convocation. He added that he appreciates the fit methodology that you shared with the district. He added that he also enjoyed the Craig talk.

He asked regarding dental service that is coming, will the district provide or assist with any insurance or capabilities for kids that don’t have insurance?
DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT HE KNOW’S THEY WORK WITH MEDICAID AND OTHER INSURANCES. WE DO HAVE OUR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES WHO WILL WORK WITH FAMILIES. THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY TO MANAGE THAT. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED OVER THE SUMMER WE HAD A SESSION WITH SHERIFF LOTT AND CHIEF HOLBROOK ABOUT THE DOGS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SHE ASKED WILL WE COMMUNICATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO REMIND THE PARENTS THAT THIS IS FORTHCOMING?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED, ABSOLUTELY.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THE BUS STOP ON GARNERS FERRY ROAD, IN FRONT OF THE DEER MEADOW VILLAGE, THE STUDENTS ARE STILL BEING PICKED UP ON GARNERS FERRY ROAD. SHE ASKED THAT THIS MATTER BE LOOKED IN TO BECAUSE IT IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR STUDENTS ARE COMING OUT OF THE GATE AND COMING ON
THE ROAD TO BOARD A BUS. SHE ASKED THAT THE DISTRICT CONTACT THE MANAGERS OF THE APPARTMENT COMPLEX ALLOW THE BUS INTO THE APARTMENT COMPLEX AND PICK UP THE STUDENTS Versus them being picked up on the Garners Ferry Highway.

**DR. WITHERSPOON** responded yes, ma’am.

**CHAIRMAN DEVINE** stated that he appreciated the opening this year at the convocation. What you said, “When you compromise the process, you compromise the promise.” He stated that he also enjoyed the Craig talk.

He added that appreciate the overview of ELA and math, to show people we are more focus. We are more intentional about what we are trying to do and what we are going to do this year. So everybody is on the same floor going in the same direction with student achievement.

**CHAIRMAN DEVINE** thanked the administra-
TORS, THE SUPPORT STAFF, FOR WHAT THEY DO EACH AND EVERYDAY. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU. TELL US WHAT YOU NEED AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET IT TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED WE HAVE THREE SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF FOUR THAT WE NEED TO VISIT. WE WILL COMPLETE THOSE THREE TOMORROW.

COMMISSIONER BLACK ACKNOWLEDGED KAREN YORK AND HER STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT WAS DONE DURING THAT CONVOCATION.

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:

CONTRACT: READ 180 UNIVERSAL COACHING SERVICES

CONTRACT: FOUNTAS AND PINNEL CLASSROOM INTERACTIVE READ-ALOUD COLLECTION

CONTRACT: FRONTLINE RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) SOFTWARE

CONTRACT: MEDIA CENTER FURNITURE

CHAIRMAN DEVINE READ THE CONTRACTS FOR THE RECORD.
MOTION: COMMISSIONER BLACK

MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

W.A. PERRY MS COMPLEX/BOLDEN STADIUM – ELECTRICAL EASEMENT

MR. PERKINS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS ELECTRICAL EASEMENT REQUEST FROM DOMINION ENERGY FOR THE W.A. PERRY COMPLEX AT BOLDEN STADIUM. THE EASEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING SUFFICIENT ELECTRICAL LINES FOR THE STADIUM RENOVATIONS.

THE ADMINISTRATION SO RECOMMENDS.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES: DR. LONG STATED THE HR/PERSOAL UPDATES WERE PROVIDED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION AS INFORMATION ITEM.
HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE HIRING OF THE TEACHERS ON THE ATTACHED LIST. THERE ARE 22 TEACHERS FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED WHERE ARE WE IN TERMS OF TEACHER VACANCIES?

DR. LONG RESPONDED WE HAVE 37 VACANCIES RIGHT NOW. WE ARE RIGHT AT ABOUT 99 PERCENT FILLED.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED WE RECENTLY JUST CAME BACK FROM A CONFERENCE WHERE IT WAS MENTIONED FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS ABOUT THEIR TEACHER SHORTAGE, WHICH WERE IN THE HUNDREDS. HE COMMENDED DR. LONG AND HIS STAFF FOR DOING AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT HE HOPES WE ALL LEARNED A LESSON AND GOT SOME THINGS
STRAIGHT TONIGHT AND THINGS THAT ARE NOT TRUE. WE PASSED THE BUDGET, 337 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE. 31 YEARS OF CLEAN AUDITS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING WITH OUR BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. WE THANK OUR STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SENIOR CABINET FOR WHAT THEY DO. WE THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING US. WE WANT TO START STRONG AND WE WANT TO FINISH STRONGER THIS YEAR. WE THANK THIS BOARD FOR WHAT THEY DO.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ADJOURNED THE MEETING 9:00 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
STEVenson ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUGUST 27, 2019

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