

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 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 COMMISSIONER JAMIE DEVINE, CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

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MOTION:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, BISHOP, SAULS, HARRIS, BLACK, KING, ANDERSON, 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 BISHOP SECOND THE MOTION.

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 CHAIRMAN DEVINE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) LEGAL SERVICES UPDATES; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT; (4) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (5) MINUTES: AUGUST 27, 2019 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2019; (6) AUGUST 2019 ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS; (7) CONTRACT

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EXTENSION (CONSENT): TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING SERVICES; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT) TEMPORARY NURSING STAFF SERVICES; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT) ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE; (10) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WRITING WORKSHOPS FROM THE LIVING LITERACY NETWORK; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): NAVIANCE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SOFTWARE; (13) CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT) GRANT PROGRAM EVALUATOR SERVICES; (14) BOARD REPORT; (15) FY 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS BUDGETS; (16) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (17) 2019-2020 MOAS FOR STATE PRIORITY AND CSI SCHOOLS; (18) CONTRACT (ACTION) SECURITY GUARD AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019.

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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 CHARLES DELAUGHTER OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER SAULS MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARRIS. CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THERE IS ONE ITEM TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: 7.03, POLICY REVIEW.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THIS IS AN ADDITION TO THE AGENDA. SHE ASKED THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM; IS THAT RIGHT?

CHAIRMAN DEVINE RESPONDED CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT WE ARE OUTSIDE OF THE USUAL FOIA WINDOW. SHE ADDED THAT THE MATTER IS

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LINKED TO A COURT ORDER. SO REGARDING THAT, WE WOULD QUALIFY UNDER AN EMERGENCY MATTER. IN THAT REGARD IT CAN BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AS AN ACTION ITEM, WHICH IS OUTSIDE OF THE 24 HOUR NOTICE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

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SPOTLIGHT:

COMMISSIONER KING GAVE THE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 MEETING. (SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MR. WILLIE CANTY SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE COST OF COPIES FOR INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT.

MR. CODY SMITH SPOKE TO THAT BOARD ABOUT AN ESOL MATTER.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES: AUGUST 27, 2019; SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
AUGUST 2019 ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS
CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING SERVICES
CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): TEMPORARY NURSING STAFFING SERVICES

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CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): ANTI-VIRUS
SOFTWARE

CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FOR WRITING WORKSHOPS FROM
THE LIVING LITERACY NETWORK

CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): NAVIANCE:
COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SOFTWARE

CONTRACT EXTENSION (CONSENT): GRANT
PROGRAM EVALUATOR SERVICES

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING RAISED A QUESTION
ABOUT NAVIANCE AND ITS BENEFITS.

COMMISSIONER SAULS RAISED A QUESTION
ABOUT THE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR
TEMPORARY PERSONNEL STAFFING SERVICES.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF BOARD:

BOARD REPORT

BOARD:

COMMISSIONER SAULS REPORTED THAT SHE
VISITED A.C. FLORA'S INTERNATIONAL
CLASSROOMS IN AN EFFORT TO __ THE

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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LANGUAGE BARRIERS, IF ANY FOR THE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS. SHE STATED SHE WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WITHIN THE CLASSROOMS.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT WE DO HAVE A TEAM THAT WORKS FROM VARIOUS ASPECTS FROM WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS ARRIVE AND WHAT WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF COMPARABLE SITUATIONS, ASSISTANCE WITH DEPARTMENTS AND NAVIGATING SOME OF THE THINGS IN THE CITY AND COUNTY AS THEY TRANSITION.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE RECORD REFLECT THAT AFTER THE VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TODAY THAT SHE DID EXPRESS CONCERN IN THE FORMAT THAT WE HAVE BEEN USING FOR YEARS. SHE ADDED THAT IN LIGHT OF A RECENT COURT ORDER THAT WENT TO LAWSUITS, WHERE THE BOARD WAS ACTUALLY SUED AS A CODEFENDANT OF THIS DISTRICT, SHE

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DID EXPRESS THE DESIRE FOR OUR AGENDAS TO REFLECT EXACTLY WHAT THE FOIA LAW STATES. SHE ADDED THAT SHE DID NOTICE, AFTER DOING A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH THIS AFTERNOON, IS THAT FINALLY SINCE THE LAST TWO BOARD MEETINGS, AUGUST 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 10TH, THE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE MINUTES ON THE AGENDA. THIS MEETING REFLECTED WHEN IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE. SO THAT'S A REALLY POSITIVE STEP.

MRS KING STATED THAT SHE DOES BELIEVE THAT THE AGENDA THAT WAS POSTED, IS VERY GENERIC AND NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA, WHICH REALLY REQUIRES TO LIST THE SPECIFIC TOPICS DISCUSSED AND THEY CANNOT JUST BE LEGAL STATUS REPORT OR HUMAN RESOURCES AND IT HAS TO BE SPECIFIC ITEMS OF DISCUSSION.

MRS. KING STATED THAT SHE DID MAKE IN THE PAST, THE SUGGESTION THAT WE LOOK AT THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S AGENDA, WHICH IS VERY

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CLEAR AND VERY TRANSPARENT. IT ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO LOOK AT EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE CITING THE STATUS FROM FOIA. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED ALSO THE BENEFITS, FOR BOARD MEMBERS LIKE ME, IF SHE MISSES A MEETING, SHE CAN GO BACK TO THE AGENDA AND KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SHE MISSED. SHE ADDED THAT RIGHT NOW, IT IS NOT THAT WAY.

MRS. KING STATED THAT TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WOULD SAY A LOT ABOUT OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, ETC., AND OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE. SHE WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE HER COLLEAGUES TO HAVE A WORK SESSION SO WE CAN TALK ABOUT OUR AGENDA AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT THEY ASK EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD TO BE PRESENT BECAUSE EXPERTS SOMETIMES HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS.

MRS KING STATED THAT SHE DOES BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW THE STRUCTURE OF OUR COMMITTEE

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MEETINGS, WHAT WE USE IN OUR VOTES TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO COMMISSIONERS THAT IS PROBLEMATIC, BECAUSE WE CAN CANCEL EACH OTHER'S VOTES. SHE ADDED THAT USUALLY IN A COMMITTEE YOU HAVE EITHER A COMMITTEE OF THREE, SO YOU WOULD HAVE A TIE BREAKER. SHE SUGGESTED THAT THE MINUTES NEED TO BE RECORDED IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS. CURRENTLY IT IS NOT BEING DONE.

MRS. KING ENCOURAGED THE BOARD TO IMPROVE OUR PROCESS. SHE ADDED THAT IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE DONE THINGS IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, THAT WE DON'T DO THEM NECESSARILY RIGHT. ONCE WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE SOME THINGS, WE GOT TO DO IT. WE REQUIRE THAT FROM OUR KIDS. AND SOMETIMES WE ARE WRONG. IT'S OKAY TO SAY THAT WE ARE WRONG. LET'S MOVE ON AND FIX IT. THE COMMON PLEASURE OF THIS DISTRICT IS ONE OF TRANSPARENCY AND

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OPENNESS. AND HONESTY AND INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, IT STARTS WITH US.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT HE DID HAVE ONE CLARIFICATION FOR THE RECORD. HE SAID THAT MRS. KING SAID THAT WE VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. HE SAID, THAT WE DO NOT VOTE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COMMISSIONER KING RESPONDED THAT SHE DIDN'T THINK SHE SAID THAT. SHE SAID THAT SHE SAID, WE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THAT THAT VOTE WAS RECORDED.

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED THAT SHE HAS REKINDLED LOTS OF FRIENDSHIPS OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS REVISITING FOIA. SHE ADDED THAT TO COMMISSIONER KING'S CREDIT FOR BEING THE FIRST ONE TO SPEAK PUBLIC TONIGHT. MRS. SAULS THAT ALSO STATED THAT WE WERE TRYING FOR THE SAKE OF TRANSPARENCY TO GET THINGS DONE AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S INPUT. WE ARE WORKING TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON STATED THAT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND TWO WONDERFUL EVENTS. THE FIRST ONE WAS AT BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY. SHE ADDED THAT SHE CAME AWAY WITH QUITE A BIT OF INSIGHT AND MINDFULNESS OF PEACE.

SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT ON THAT SAME AFTERNOON SHE JOINED DR. WITHERSPOON AT THE RICHLAND ONE TASTE TESTING EVENT FOR THE SCHOOL PLANT BASE MENU AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED IF THE DISTRICT PARTICIPATED IN THE ALIVE AT 25 PROGRAM FOR OUR STUDENTS.

MS. OFFING RESPONDED, YES. STATED THAT ALIVE AT 25 IS FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE DRIVING ON OUR CAMPUSES. ONCE A STUDENT RECEIVES THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE, THEY QUALIFY

TO TAKE A CLASS AT ALIVE AT 25, SO THEY ARE PERMITTED TO DRIVE ON CAMPUS.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED DOES IT HAVE ANY BENEFITS OUTSIDE OF WHAT PARENTS – CAR INSURANCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT?

MS. OFFING RESPONDED THAT IT ACTUALLY HAS THE SAME BENEFITS TO PARENTS THAT THE DRIVING CLASSES HAVE THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE TO TAKE IF THEY ARE 16, YOUNGER THAN 17, GETTING A DRIVER’S LICENSE. SO PARENTS CAN THEN PRESENT THAT CERTIFICATE THAT THOSE

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED FOR THE DISTRICT’S POSITION ON VAPING.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WE DID INCLUDE VAPING AND SOME OTHER RELATED SMOKELESS AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE UPDATES TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED THE CITY OF COLUMBIA JUST PASSED AN ORDINANCE DECISION TO “BAN THE BOX” ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS. HE ASKED IS THAT SOMETHING

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THAT WE NEED TO FOLLOW SUIT WITH FOR OUR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS?

DR. LONG STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CITY'S ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE HAD ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT?

DR. LONG RESPONDED NO.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED IS THE REASON BECAUSE WE ARE DEALING WITH CHILDREN?

DR. LONG RESPONDED, RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER BLACK GAVE A BRIEF UPDATE OF THE SCHOOLS THAT HE VISITED SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING. MR. BLACK RESIGNED FROM THE RICHLAND ONE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE A LEARNING INSTITUTION. BEING A LEARNING INSTITUTION OUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY IS THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF OUR CHILDREN. A LOT OF

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THINGS THAT WE SEE ON VARIOUS LEVELS, THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ALL THESE CANNOT BE MIMIC IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, BECAUSE WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO NOT JUST KEEP A CHILD SAFE, BUT TO PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY.

MRS. HARRIS ADDED THAT SHE'D HEARD ABOUT THE CITY'S BANNING THE BOX ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION, BUT ADDED THAT WE CAN'T UTILIZE THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS SAFE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THIS IS A LEARNING INSTITUTION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEARN AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. WE WILL BE HAVING SOME WORK SESSIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO FOIA AGENDA SETTING AND SOME OTHER THINGS IN THE FUTURE. WE WILL HAVE THOSE SESSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO BE IN COMPLIANCE.

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FY 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS

BUDGETS

MR. CARLON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECT BUDGETS

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

POLICY REVIEW

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED THAT BOARD DENIES THE REQUEST TO AMEND POLICY K.E. UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO FULLY REVIEW ANY AND ALL REQUESTED CHANGES TO POLICY.

THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY HAS A PROCESS TO REVIEW FILES ANNUALLY AND THAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THIS DISTRICT WILL REVIEW THIS POLICY AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS. COMMISSIONER HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER KING STATED WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THE TERMS OF THE LETTER THAT MR. CODY SMITH SENT TO THE BOARD WHICH

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IS LINKED TO POLICY K.E.; THAT ALLOWS ANYBODY TO FILE A COMPLAINT TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD BY POLICY K.E. SAYS THAT THE BOARD HAS TO DISPOSE OF THE COMPLAINT ACCORDING TO THE BOARD'S JUDGMENT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DISPOSED PROPERLY IN A PUBLIC SETTING.

SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HEARD THE MOTION. AND MY DISCUSSION AROUND THAT IS, SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT MR. SMITH'S REQUEST WAS TO CHANGE THE POLICY. SHE ADDED THAT SHE READ THAT MR. SMITH'S REQUEST WAS TO CHANGE THE POLICY, BUT IT WAS APPEALING TO THE BOARD AND TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN LIGHT OF A CHANGE IN PROBLEMATIC DESIGN OF THE ESOL PROGRAM TO ALLOW FAMILIES THAT WERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED FROM THAT CHANGE, WHICH BY THE WAY WAS COMMUNICATED TO THOSE FAMILIES AFTER MAY 1ST, WHICH IS THE DATE BY WHICH TRANSFER REQUEST ARE CLOSED.

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CHAIRMAN DEVINE RESPONDED THAT THAT IS NOT ACCURATE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED BECAUSE THE DISTRICT DID NOT COMMUNICATE UNTIL MAY 17TH, AND THE FAMILIES WERE NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE A LETTER SAYING THAT WE ARE CHANGING THIS FOR THESE PARTICULAR REASONS.

MRS. KING ADDED THAT OVERALL, SHE SUPPORTED THAT CHANGE, BUT SHE WON'T SUPPORT IT DUE TO MINIMAL IMPACT—TEMPORARY ACT FOR FAMILIES AND THE ARGUMENT THAT SHE PUT INTO AN EMAIL. IF THE FAMILIES HAVE TRANSPORTATION AND ARE ABLE TO DO IT WHERE THE BURDEN IS NOT PUT ON THE DISTRICT, SO WHAT. SHE ADDED THAT THIS IS REALLY A TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WE CLAIM TO DO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CHILDREN.

SHE APPEALED TO THIS BOARD TO REALLY LOOK AT IT AGAIN. SHE STATED THAT WE ACTUALLY RECEIVED TODAY AN EMAIL FROM A YOUNG MAN

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WHO MATRICULATED THROUGH OUR RANKS. HE IS NOW 19 YEARS OLD. HE HAS SIBLINGS AND HE EXPLAINED TO US HOW IT HAS IMPACTED – THIS IS REAL. IT IS NOT REALLY HURTNG THE LONG TERM PROCESS OF THIS PROGRAMMATIC CHANGE.

SHE ASKED FOR US TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SAULS ASKED HAVE WE HAD FAMILIES THROUGH THE PROCESS AS IS TRANSFER TO THIS POINT, CORRECT, THROUGH HARDSHIP?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE HAVE HAD, AS WE ALWAYS HAVE, PARENTS TO REQUEST HARDSHIP TRANSFER REQUESTS. HE ADDED THAT HE CAN'T SAY IT IS ANYTHING THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE STUDENT POPULATION.

COMMISSIONER SAULS STATED BEING THIS FAR INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR, ARE THERE INDICATORS THAT WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE THERE IS A HIGH NUMBER OF DESIRED TRANSFERS?

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WHEN TRANSFER REQUEST COME, REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF

YEAR, STUDENT REQUEST ARE REVIEWED PER PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED, THAT SHE WAS GOING TO ASK AS PARLIAMENTARIAN THAT WE CALL FOR THE VOTE. SHE STATED THAT SHE THINKS THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THIS DISCUSSION BECAUSE IT INVOLVES A CERTAIN GROUP OF STUDENTS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A POLICY AND WE HAVE GONE INTO A FULL PLEDGE DISCUSSION THAT IDENTIFIES STUDENTS AND OTHER THINGS.

SHE STATED THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO SPEAK TO AMENDING THE POLICY.

COMMISSIONER KING OBJECTED ON PARLIAMENTARIAN GROUNDS. SHE ASKED IF THERE WAS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO LIMIT THE DEBATE?

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THERE ISN'T A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED YOU HAVE TO HAVE ONE.

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CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED SHE CALLED FOR QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED NO, SIR. YOU HAVE TO MOVE TO LIMIT THE DEBATE AND IT HAS TO BE VOTED ON BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO THE MAIN MOTION.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED NO.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THOSE ARE ROBERT'S RULES, WHICH WE FOLLOW.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT IS CORRECT, AND I AM FOLLOWING THAT. THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO A VOTE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED I COMPLETELY OBJECT.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP RESTATED THE MOTION. I MOVE THAT WE DENY THE REQUEST TO AMEND POLICY KE UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO FULLY REVIEW ANY AND ALL REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE POLICIES. THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY HAS A PROCESS TO REVIEW FILES ANNUALLY AND THAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE

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DISTRICT WILL REVIEW THIS POLICY AS PART OF THAT PROCESS.

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

IN OPPOSITION: MRS. KING

IN ABSTENTION: MRS. ANDERSON, MR. BLACK AND MRS. SAULS (3-1-3)

COMMISSIONER HARRIS FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, ASKED THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ADDRESS THE TRANSFER POLICY.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT THE DATE IS SET FOR TRANSFERS SO THAT WHEN THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS CONCLUDED AND A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, WE CAN APPROPRIATELY STAFF PERSONNEL WITH HOW MANY KIDS ARE GOING TO BE AT THAT PARTICULAR SITE; HOW MANY TEACHERS WE NEED; RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND POSSIBLE HOUSING CONCERNS.

LEARNED THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR, THE THREE MONTHS COME AND THERE IS NO CLOSING, THERE

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OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

DISCUSSION:

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHEN LEGAL MATTERS ARISE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE BOARD IS EITHER THE DEFENDANT OR CODEFENDANT ON LAWSUITS, DOES THE ADMINISTRATION INFORM THE BOARD?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YES.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IN WHAT TIME FRAME?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED DEPENDING ON WHEN IT OCCURS. IT'S HARD TO GIVE AN EXACT TIME FRAME, BUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WOULD YOU SAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ATTORNEY KING RESPONDED YES.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IF THE BOARD IS A TARGET IN A LAWSUIT, IS THE BOARD ENTITLED TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE?

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ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YES, THEY ARE.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED UPON RECEIVING THAT LEGAL ADVICE, THE BOARD COMES OUT IN PUBLIC SESSION AND TAKE A VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ACT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LEGAL ADVICE; IS THAT RIGHT?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED, NO, THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY RIGHT.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO ADVISE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT IT IS JUST A PROCESS AND PROCEDURE. THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT CLOSED DOOR ON THAT.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE BEGS TO DIFFER.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED IF YOU TALK ABOUT LEGAL ADVICE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH IS PRIVILEGED UNDER FOIA, AND IS

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JUSTIFIED. SHE ASKED COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IN PUBLIC SESSION, WOULDN'T THE BOARD EVENTUALLY VOTE TO UPHOLD YOUR COURSE OF ACTION BASED ON YOUR LEGAL ADVICE?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED NOT NECESSARILY.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHAT WOULD BE THE CASE OF WHEN THE BOARD WOULD DO THAT?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE IS NOT AT LIBERTY TO PROVIDE THAT RESPONSE RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHY? SHE ADDED THAT IT IS JUST A PROCESS.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE IS NOT AT LIBERTY TO ANSWER THAT RIGHT NOW.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHAT IS CONFIDENTIAL ABOUT JUST THE PROCESS?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE IS UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE PROCESS AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED I HAVE TRIED TO REVIEW OUR POLICES ON LEGAL. CAN THE ADMINISTRATION MAKE LEGAL DECISIONS TO LET'S SAY ON A LAWSUIT WITHOUT BEING (INAUDIBLE)

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS INVOLVED.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED LET'S SAY THE BOARD IS NAMED AS A DEFENDANT, CAN THE ADMINISTRATION NOT TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT IT AND THEN MAKE A DECISION FOR THE COURSES OF ACTION WITHOUT THE BOARD'S INPUT?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT HAPPENING WITH THIS BOARD.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED IT JUST HAPPENED. THE DISTRICT WAS SERVED IN A LAWSUIT ON SEPTEMBER 6TH. THE BOARD GOT SERVED, I GUESS. DURING THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT'S WHEN THE TOPIC MATTER CAME UP THAT THERE WAS A LAWSUIT.

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ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT THAT IS NOT TRUE.

COMMISSIONER DEVINE STATED THAT IT CAME UP.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS IT NOT IN THE REPORT?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE CAN'T PUT SOMETHING ON THE REPORT WHEN IT HAPPEN AND THE REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED. SHE ADDED THAT, SHE CAN'T ADD TO A REPORT AND THE REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED. AND AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE, WHEN THINGS COME UP RAPIDLY LIKE THAT, THE BOARD IS INFORMED.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WAS NEVER INFORMED.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YOU WERE AT THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED IT'S NOT ON YOUR LEGAL REPORT. IN FACT, WE HAD COMMITTEE MEETING LAST WEEK AND IT IS STILL NOT ON YOUR REPORT.

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ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YOUR COMMITTEE DID NOT VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED WE DID VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SHE ADDED BUT ALL THE SAME, SHE IS PRIVY TO THE LEGAL REPORTS AND IT IS NOT IN THERE.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BASED ON WHAT WAS ON THE AGENDA AND YOU ALL WANTED TO ONLY DISCUSS CERTAIN THINGS.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED IT WAS VERY LEGITIMATE FOR YOU TO INFORM ME AND VOTE.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED I WAS NOT. IN ACTUALITY INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED PRIOR THERETO ANYWAY AND THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO STATE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WAS NEVER PROVIDED WITH THE INFORMATION BUT THAT SOME BOARD MEMBERS DID.

THE COURT HEARING DATE WAS NEVER GIVEN.

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ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YES, IT WAS.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHEN WAS IT?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS GIVEN AT THE BOARD MEETING DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED “WE DIDN’T TALK ABOUT IT UNTIL TODAY. IT’S BEEN TWO WEEKS. ATTORNEYS AND THE BOARD NEVER GOT TO GIVE ITS INPUT ON THE COURT OF ACTION. THE BOARD IS NAMED IN THE LAWSUIT. WHATEVER THE RESULT OF THAT LAWSUIT IS REFLECTED ON THE BOARD. WHEN THE BOARD GETS NAMED IN A LAWSUIT OF A PERSONNEL MATTER, WHAT RESULT OF THAT LAWSUIT REFLECTS ON THE BOARD. ONE THING WHEN THE BOARD GETS NAMED IN A LAWSUIT OF A PERSONNEL MATTER, OR AN INJURY. BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY ON A MATTER OF WHAT THE BOARD DOES, WHICH IS SETTING MEETINGS AND AGENDA AND FOIA. SO IT’S AN ATTACK ON THE BOARD. AND THE BOARD MAY HAVE RECEIVED LEGAL ADVICE ON THE COURSE OF ACTION, SO

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THERE WAS A HEARING A FEW DAYS LATER, AND I DIDN'T KNOW OF THAT. THEN THERE WAS A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND THERE WAS NO INPUT FROM THE BOARD, IS THAT RIGHT? AT NO POINT DID WE ACTUALLY RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE. AT NO POINT DID THE BOARD, WHICH IS NAMED IN THE LAWSUIT, RECEIVED LEGAL ADVICE AND HAD ITS CHANCE TO CHOOSE THE COURSE OF ACTION FOR IT. I AM BEYOND DISAPPOINTED. BUT THAT ROBS ME AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ON THIS BOARD. “

MR.S KING ASKED IN REGARDS TO THE MEREMONTE VS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE STATED THAT IN THE ORDER FROM THE BOARD, THE DISTRICT IS ORDERED TO PAY FOR ATTORNEYS FEES, ABOUT \$4200 FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND WE HAVE ALSO INCURRED FEES FROM THE ATTORNEYS, ETC. SHE ASKED WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS? IS IT COMING FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED NO.

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COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS THIS GENERAL FUNDS' MONEY?

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS RESPONDED YES, IT IS.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT IS ALSO PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE OF MONEY GOING TO THE CLASSROOM, WE ARE GIVING TO LAWYERS.

MOTION:

COMMISSIONER KING MOVED THAT WE WITHDRAW BASED ON THE LEGAL ADVICE THAT WE RECEIVED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, THAT WE WITHDRAW THE NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR LAWSUIT.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED THE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS A MEETING THAT ATTORNEY WILLIAMS WAS IN AND SHE GAVE ADVICE. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS A VERY DISRUPTIVE MEETING, WHICH IS WHY SOME THINGS HAVE BEEN MISSED OUT AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN THINGS THAT WENT OUT OF PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE

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PROCESS. ATTORNEY WILLIAMS WAS TELLING THE TRUTH FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WHEN SHE SAID THAT SHE DID REPORT OUT.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED EARLIER TONIGHT, WE RECOGNIZED 14 RICHLAND ONE SENIORS WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE FOUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS.

THESE ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS WERE AMONG 34,000 NATIONWIDE TO BE SELECTED FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR BASED ON THEIR SCORES ON THE PSAT IN OCTOBER 2018. COMMENDED SCHOLARS RECEIVE LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMENDED SCHOLARS. THEIR NAMES, PICTURES AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THEIR RECOGNI-

TIONS ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE (RICHLANDONEORG).

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE CONTINUES TO SET THE PACE AS A NATIONAL AND STATE LEADER IN CREATING HEALTHY SCHOOLS. LAST WEEK, WE ANNOUNCED THAT 17 RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN NAMED NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS BY THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION. THAT MEANS OF THE 32 South Carolina SCHOOLS EARNING THE RECOGNITION THIS YEAR, MORE THAN HALF ARE RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS.

TO EARN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SCHOOLS DESIGNATIONS, THESE SCHOOLS IMPROVED THEIR NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS TO MEET OR EXCEED STRINGENT STANDARDS SET BY THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION'S PROGRAM. THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY THE AMERICAN

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HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE CLINTON FOUNDATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HONORING THEM AT AN UPCOMING BOARD MEETING.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT SINCE OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, WE ANNOUNCED THAT NOVEMBER 25 WILL BE THE DAY STUDENTS AND STAFF MAKE UP THE DAY THAT WAS MISSED WHEN SCHOOLS AND OFFICES WERE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 5 AS A PRECAUTION DUE TO HURRICANE DORIAN. WITH THE MAKE-UP DAY ON NOVEMBER 25, THANKSGIVING BREAK WILL NOW BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 26 AND RUN THROUGH NOVEMBER 29.

WE ALSO ANNOUNCED A FEW REVISIONS TO THE 2019-2020 CALENDAR UNRELATED TO THE HURRICANE MAKEUP DAY:

- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 31. PARENTS WILL

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RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS. REPORT CARDS WILL BE ISSUED AS SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 30, WHICH WILL BE A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.

- OCTOBER 31 WILL REMAIN A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY; THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THAT DAY.
- STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED EARLY ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (JUNE 5).

THE REVISED CALENDAR IS POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT OUR 2019 COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 FROM 8:30 A.M. – 2 P.M. AT THE CAROLINA COLISEUM.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, MILITARY BRANCHES AND BUSINESSES FROM ACROSS THE NATION. REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PARENTS MUST GET A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THEIR CHILD'S HIGH SCHOOL IN ADVANCE TO BE ADMITTED TO THE EVENT. PARENTS WHO NEED MORE INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT OF THEIR CHILD'S HIGH SCHOOL OR THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES OFFICE AT (803) 231-6940.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT OUR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 2019 FALL INTERVIEW DAY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 FROM 9 A.M. – NOON AT HEYWARD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 3.

CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED PARTICIPANTS ARE

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REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A RICHLAND ONE APPLICATION PRIOR TO THE EVENT. CERTIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST POSSESS OR BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHING CERTIFICATE BY DECEMBER 31, 2019. FOR THE INTERVIEW DAY REGISTRATION LINK AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS, GO TO RICHLANDONE.ORG.

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER BISHOP STATED HE RECEIVED SOME CALLS REGARDING THE OCTOBER 30, 31 AND NOVEMBER 1ST DATE. HE ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATION FELT THAT THERE MIGHT BE A LOT OF STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OUT.

DR. LONG RESPONDED THAT HE DOESN'T SEE ANY REASON WHY THERE WOULD BE.

COMMISSIONER BISHOP ASKED WAS THERE ANY CONSIDERATION TO MAKE OCTOBER 31ST THE MAKE-UP DAY AND PUSH THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ANOTHER DAY?

DR. LONG RESPONDED ORIGINALLY IN THE CALENDAR THOSE DAYS WERE SET FOR THAT FULL WEEK OF NOVEMBER, FOR THE MONDAY AND

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TUESDAY TO BE USED AS MAKE-UP DAYS. BECAUSE IN THE PAST WE HAD TO USE THE DAYS FOR MAKE-UP. WE TRY TO GET THOSE DAYS IN THE FIRST SEMESTER. WE ARE ALLOTTED TWO DAYS IN NOVEMBER, WHICH WOULD WORK IN THE CALENDAR SO WE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THOSE DAYS IF WE NEED IT.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WITH THE CALENDAR COMMITTEE THERE ARE A LOT OF CONSIDERATIONS TO SET UP THE CONFERENCES AND PD DAYS AND ALL THOSE. THEY TRY TO DO THOSE DAYS FOR THE MOST PART AROUND THE GRADING PERIOD. WHAT WE HAVE HAD HAPPEN HERE IS AGAIN TRYING TO LOOK AT WHERE THE GRADING PERIOD ENDED, HAVE THE CONFERENCES AND THEN ALSO WHERE DO WE PUT THOSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED WITH THIS CALENDAR IT WAS THAT THURSDAY. IT'S KIND OF HOW IT PLAYED OUT IN SETTING UP THE CALENDAR IN TERMS OF WHEN WE START, THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE GRADING

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PERIOD. YOU SCHEDULE THOSE CONFERENCES AND HAVE YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THOSE DAYS BY COUNTING THE CALENDAR SOMETIMES END UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK, BEGINNING OF THE WEEK, IN THIS CASE THE END OF THE WEEK. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE AT THIS TIME. AGAIN, IT'S AROUND THOSE GRADING PERIOD. PERHAPS FOR NEXT YEAR WE MAY INDEED NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED REGARDING THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHY GENERATION, SHE SAW THE VIDEO THAT THEY PUT OUT. SHE ADDED THAT FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE, SHE WROTE THE ORIGINAL GRANT WHEN SHE SERVED AT PTO PRESIDENT FOR THOSE SALAD BARS. MRS. HARRIS REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLEANLINESS OF THE SCHOOLS AND WHAT THAT MEANS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DIETARY PRACTICES AND WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE BEING TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS WHEN IT COMES TO NUTRITION AND EXERCISE.

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COMMISSIONER KING ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A PRESENTATION ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE AT AN UPCOMING BOARD MEETING.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WE HAD THREE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS LAST SCHOOL YEAR AND WE ARE GOING TO DO THOSE AGAIN. PART OF THAT WE HAD OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS THERE. WE ALSO HAD STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SPEAK TO OUR MTSS PROCESS, SOME OF THE INTERVENTIONS THAT WE HAVE AND THINGS THAT WE DO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THAT PIECE AGAIN. SOME OF THOSE DATA POINTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AS WELL. WE DO PUT THAT INFORMATION OUT AND WE GET THAT FEEDBACK. WE WILL CERTAINLY GET WITH STAFF AND LOOK AT A TIME FRAME. AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON.

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COMMISSIONER KING STATED ON AUGUST 19TH
YOU WROTE A LETTER SEEKING AN ADVISORY
OPINION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED YES.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED WHAT PROMPTED
THAT REQUEST?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WHAT WE DID AS
A MATTER OF COURSE, WE CAN REACH OUT TO ANY
ENTITY OR AGENCY AND ASK QUESTIONS. IN LIGHT
OF SOME DISCUSSION THAT WERE BEING HAD, WE
DRAFTED A LETTER.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT IT DID
INDICATE A REQUEST TO CLARIFY FOIA RULES
TOWARDS AGENDAS. WE HAVE OUR OWN POLICY.
BUT IT WAS MORE OF A REQUEST ASKING WHETHER
COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER FORMS OF
MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC. WE HAVE A POLICY BDE THAT CLEARLY
STATES COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC. DO WE NOT DO RESEARCH ON OUR
POLICY?

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DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE STILL WROTE THE LETTER. THAT'S NOT OUTSIDE OF ANY POLICY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WE WANT TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ADVICE OR OPINIONS, WE DO THAT ON A REGULAR BASIS.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE DISTRICT SOUGHT ADDITIONAL ADVICE OR OPINIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WITH REGARD TO ANY TIME, NOT THAT IN PARTICULAR.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED WHEN I FINALLY GOT THE LETTER THAT YOU WROTE, THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRIVIED TO THAT REQUEST.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT WAS SHARED WITH THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED ON WHAT DATE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL THE DATE, BUT KNEW THAT IT WAS SHARED WITH THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE WENT BACK TO ALL THE AGENDA MEETINGS AND THIS DISCUSSION, SHE COULDN'T FIND IT.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED THAT MAY HAD BEEN THE MEETING THAT YOU MISSED.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED BUT IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA, NOT THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. FOIA CLEARLY STATES THAT YOU HAVE TO BE VERY SPECIFIC ON THE TOPICS THAT YOU TALK ABOUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

COMMISSIONER KING SAID IN THE LETTER, THE FIRST SENTENCE, THE RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUEST AN OPINION REGARDING STATUTE 30-4 SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS. WHEN DID THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTE TO AGREE TO MAKING THAT REQUEST?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED AS ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED THE BOARD IN ANY REQUEST OR WHAT HAVE YOU, THIS WAS SHARED. BUT NOT

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EVERYTHING THAT THE BOARD REQUEST CALLS FOR A VOTE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED “MANY ACTION THAT’S TAKEN WITH THE UMBRELLA OF THE RICHLAND ONE SCHOOL BOARD, THAT’S SEVEN OF US. I WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THERE WAS A VOTE, THE AGREEMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AS A WHOLE, BECAUSE I CERTAINLY WASN’T THERE. MY CONCERN IS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, WHICH BUSINESS IS MOSTLY TO VOTE ON POLICIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. MY CONCERN IS THIS HAPPENED AND I DIDN’T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL YESTERDAY. IT WAS NEVER SHARED WITH THE BOARD UNTIL YESTERDAY. WHAT OTHER INFERENCES WHERE THE NAME OF THE BOARD AS A WHOLE IS SPOKEN OF WITHOUT EVEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOARD, OR MAYBE CERTAIN BOARD MEMBERS. THAT IS WHAT MY CONCERN IS.”

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THIS PARTICULAR ITEM WAS SHARED.

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ASKED WHO GAVE AUTHORIZATION FOR YOU TO WRITE THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THE INFORMATION I HAVE SHARED WITH THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN DEVINE STATED, THAT IS CORRECT.

WE WILL MOVE NOW TO OFFICE OF ACADEMICS.

OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:

MS. JENNINGS STATED DURING COMMITTEES INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON SIX MOAS FOR TWO OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SCHOOLS AND FOUR PRIORITY SCHOOLS. THE MOA NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON ASKED IS THE APPLICATION AFFIRMING, IS THAT STATE OR IS THAT RICHLAND?

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED, THAT IS STATE.

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COMMISSIONER KING ASKED HAVE THESE SCHOOLS BEEN IDENTIFIED, NOT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL BUT AT THE STATE LEVEL BASED ON THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE; IS THAT RIGHT?

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THAT MAY BE A PART OF IT, BUT IT IS BASED ON OTHER CRITERIA.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED LIKE WHAT?

DR. COLEMAN RESPONDED THE SCHOOLS THAT THE MOAS ARE COMING FORTH, THE CSI AND THE PRIORITY SCHOOLS. CSI SCHOOLS ARE TITLE ONE SCHOOLS THAT ARE PERFORMING AT OR BELOW THE FIFTH PERCENTILE, WHICH IS STATEWIDE WHEN WE LOOK AT SCHOOLS. SO THEY RANK WHAT ARE TITLE ONE SCHOOLS, THE FIFTH PERCENTILE. IF YOU ARE PERFORMING BELOW FIFTH PERCENTILE, THE ALL STUDENT CATEGORY, YOU ARE IDENTIFIED AS A CSI SCHOOL THROUGH TITLE ONE. FOR PRIORITY SCHOOL, IF YOU ARE BELOW THE TENTH PERCENTILE, THE ALL STUDENT PERCENTILE OF THE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE, THEN YOU BECOME A PRIORITY SCHOOL. AND

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THAT IS BASED ON SC READY ELA AND MATH SCORES.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS ASKED IS PERCENTILE THE BELL CURVE?

DR. COLEMAN RESPONDED WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT PERCENTILE, THE WAY THE LIST IS PUT TOGETHER, THEY WILL RANK ORDER, EVERY ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE IN THE STATE EVERY YEAR. WHEN THEY RANK ORDER THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK WHO FALLS WHERE. THIS ONE IS NOT AS MUCH AS THE BELL CURVE, BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE ON THE LOWER OF FIVE PERCENT. IT'S A RANK ORDER BASED ON EVERY YEAR WHERE THE SCHOOL STACK UP ON THEIR SC RATE, ELA AND MATH.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS STATED THAT SHE IS AWARE THAT SOME OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE IMPACTED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL AS WELL AS THE DETENTION CENTER. SHE ASKED IF THAT WOULD BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO SOME OF THEM THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE

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TO ADDRESS. WE HAVE GOT TO BE ABLE TO SEPARATE THE DATA.

MRS. HARRIS ASKED THAT THIS TOPIC BE ADDED TO THE WORK SESSION.

COMMISSIONER KING ASKED IS PART OF THIS REQUIREMENT, IS THERE LIKE A QUARTERLY UPDATE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AS WELL?

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED YES. OUR QUARTERLY UPDATE CAN BE AN UPDATE. MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS RECEIVE THEIR REPORT DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE. WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT THE DATA AND THOSE UPDATES DEFINITELY MORE THAN QUARTERLY BUT TO THE BOARD A QUARTERLY UPDATE CAN BE PROVIDED AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

COMMISSIONER KING STATED THAT SHE IS ASKING, IN THE MOA, IS ONE OF THE STIPULATION THAT IT BE PRESENTED AT A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING?

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THAT IS CORRECT.

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

MR. BLACK WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN. (6-0)

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:

CONTRACT (ACTION) SECURITY GUARD AND SUPPORT SERVICES

MS. OUTING STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARDS AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO SIZEMORE SECURITY.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. SAULS, MRS. HARRIS, MRS. KING MR. BLACK AND MS. ANDERSON WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN. (5-0)

OFFICE OF

HUMAN RESOURCES:

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

DR. LONG STATED THE PERSONNEL AND HR UPDATES WERE PROVIDED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF CARROLL KELLY TO THE POSITION OF ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT DREHER HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 25.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR. BISHOP, MRS. SAULS, MRS. HARRIS, MRS. KING MR. BLACK AND MS. ANDERSON WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN. (5-0)

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. LONG STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE HIRING OF ALL THE TEACHERS ON THE ATTACHED LIST. THERE ARE 12 TEACHERS LISTED FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR.

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**VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRMAN DEVINE, MR.
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KING AND MS. ANDERSON**

**MR. BLACK WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE
WAS TAKEN. (6-0)**

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRMAN DEVINE ADJOURNED THE MEETING
9:17 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
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