

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. AARON BISHOP

MR. JAMIE DEVINE

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210

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7:00 P.M.

MATTER OF**RECORD:**

AS MANDATED BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PASSED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE RECORDS WILL SHOW THAT THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING. THE RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) SUSPENSION APPEAL HEARING; (2) PERSONNEL MATTER; (3) LEGAL SERVICES; (4) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (5) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (6) MINUTES; (7) DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIALS; (8) BOARD REPORT; (9) CONTRACT

EXTENSION: DISASTER RECOVERY CONSULTANT
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SERVICES; (10) 2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM; (11) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (12) CONTRACT: REFRIGERATED AND NON-REFRIGERATED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES; (13) CONTRACT: AUDITORIUM ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR OLYMPIA LEARNING CENTER.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT:

CHAIRWOMAN CHERYL HARRIS, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. AARON BISHOP, MR. JAMIE DEVINE, MRS. BEATRICE KING, MR. DARRELL BLACK, MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS.

INVOCATION:

JAMIE DEVINE OF BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. SMILING GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

SPOTLIGHT:

SPOTLIGHT FOR THE JANUARY 24, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

EUNICE WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL AT BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ON BEHALF OF ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIRELESS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO RICHLAND ONE. A BOOK WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED A PART OF THE BOOK THAT SAYS "AND HOW ARE THE CHILDREN?" IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF ONE OF OUR FORMER COLLEAGUES VINCE FORD, WHO WOULD OFTEN ASKED "HOW ARE THE CHILDREN?"

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIALS

CONTRACT EXTENSION: DISASTER RECOVERY

CONSULTANT SERVICES

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF THE BOARD

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE BOARD DOES SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS AND VARIOUS FACILITIES VISITING WITH OUR STUDENTS: LUNCH BUDDIES, CHAT-WITH-CHAIR IN BOTH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS; ALONG WITH SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AT OUR SCHOOLS FOR VARIOUS AWARD ASSEMBLIES. YOU NAME IT, WE ARE THERE WITH OUR CHILDREN, WHO IS SO NEAR AND DEAR TO OUR HEART AND WHAT THIS BUSINESS IS ALL ABOUT, EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE HERE IN RICHLAND ONE.

OFFICE OF THEBOARD:SUSPENSION APPEAL HEARING

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS UPHOLDING THE FIVE DAY SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEE WITH INITIALS A.A. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL WORK WITH THE TEACHER AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ON THE SUSPENSION DAYS.

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MR. SMILING, MR. BISHOP, MRS. KING, MR. BLACK AND MRS. SAULS (6-0)

IN ABSTENTION: MR. DEVINE

2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MS. YORK STATED EACH YEAR THE DISTRICT DEVELOPS A LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM THAT INCLUDES POSITION STATEMENTS ON KEY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT HAVE OR COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON RICHLAND ONE. THE BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT AND EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR 2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM. THE PROPOSED NEW POSITION STATEMENT AND STATEMENTS FOR LANGUAGE FROM OUR 2016 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM WAS MODIFIED ARE IN BOLD TEXT IN THE BOARD MEMBERS' MATERIALS.

THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM BROCHURE WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, DISTRICT STAFF, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS, PTA/PTO PRESIDENTS AND

OTHERS. THE NEW LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM BROCHURE ALSO WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF RICHLAND ONE'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SAULS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

DISCUSSION:

MR. DEVINE ASKED WHEN WILL THIS BROCHURE BE AVAILABLE?

MS. YORK RESPONDED IT WILL BE PRINTED TOMORROW.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THAT RICHLAND ONE IS ONE OF VERY FEW DISTRICTS THAT TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO HAVE A LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM. SHE STATED THAT WE CERTAINLY WANT TO APPLAUD RICHLAND ONE FOR TAKING THIS EXTRA STEP IN ENSURING THAT OUR VOICE IS HEARD ON THAT LEVEL WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LEGISLATION.

MRS. KING STATED THIS IS TRULY A CALL TO ACTION, NOT JUST ON OUR PART, AND NOT ON THE PART OF OUR ADMINISTRATORS, BUT ON THE PART

OF EVERYBODY, PARTICULARLY TEACHERS AND PARENTS. THIS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE LEGISLATION THAT IS PUT IN PLACE AND THAT WILL IMPACT THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. WE ENCOURAGE OUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND EVERY COMMUNITY MEMBER TO GET FAMILIARIZED WITH THIS PLATFORM THAT'S AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS. SHE ADDED THAT YOU HAVE TO ADVOCATE AND LOBBY. THAT'S WHAT WORKS. THEY NEED TO HEAR VOICES.

PERSONNEL MATTER

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED TO CARRY OVER 51 ½ VACATION DAYS FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE 2% (TWO) PERCENT COST OF LIVING FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2016 AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR SUPERINTENDENT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR

WITH AN ENDING DATE OF JUNE 30, 2020 AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MR. SMILING, MR. BISHOP, MR. DEVINE, MRS. KING AND MRS. SAULS

IN ABSTENTION: MR. BLACK

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS RECOGNIZED MS. PATRICE LADSON, USC STUDENT IN ATTENDANCE WHO IS SHADOWING HER TODAY.

OFFICE OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WE ARE INDEED MAKING PROGRESS IN RICHLAND ONE. LANGUAGE IMMERSION, MONTESSORI, BUDGETING, AND THAT LIST GOES ON; CERTAINLY WITH THE GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP OF THIS GOVERNING BODY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE OUR DISTRICT FORWARD FOR THE SAKE OF THE STUDENTS IN RICHLAND ONE. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 26) AT 10 A.M., WE WILL HOLD A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE LOWER RICHLAND STADIUM RENOVATION

PROJECT. THE CEREMONY WILL SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL KICK-OFF TO THE WORK THAT WILL BE DONE AT THE STADIUM, WHICH IS PART OF THE UPGRADES THAT WE ARE MAKING TO OUR ATHLETICS FACILITIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT.

WE WILL LOOK AT OTHER GROUNDBREAKINGS AND RIBBON CUTTINGS. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND SHOW OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE THOSE FACILITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS ACROSS THE DISTRICT.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT OUR CERTIFIED TEACHER JOB FAIR WILL BE HELD SATURDAY (JANUARY 28) FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON AT W. J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A LARGE TURNOUT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND ONE TEAM.

DR. COUSAR HAS INFORMED US AS OF TODAY WE HAVE 248 PEOPLE THAT HAS SIGNED UP TO BE THERE. HE ADDED THAT OUR HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY.

WE DID OUR MID YEAR JOB FAIR EARLIER AND WE

DID BRING SOME FOLKS IN AND MOVING THAT PROCESS FORWARD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE RICHLAND ONE FAMILY ON JANUARY 28TH.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT ON SATURDAY EVENING (JANUARY 28), WE WILL HEAD OVER TO THE METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL RICHLAND ONE HALL OF FAME INDUCTION GALA. THIS YEAR'S HONOREES ARE: BILL DUKES, DR. BENJAMIN DUNLAP, DON FRIERSON, THOMAS SINKLER MARTIN, CRAIG MELVIN AND DR. RONALD RHAMES. DETAILS ABOUT THE GALA ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT NEXT WEEK, WE WILL HOLD TWO MEETINGS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND STRATEGIES TO PARENTS ABOUT HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 AT SOUTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE SECOND MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL.

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6 P.M. AND END AT 7 P.M. AFTER EACH MEETING, PARENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT STATIONS SET UP OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUMS WHERE DISTRICT STAFF WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH THEM.

WE INVITE AND ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO ATTEND. WHAT WE ARE ALSO DOING IN ADDITION TO PRESENTING SOME DATA, WE WILL HAVE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, HANDS-ON INFORMATION THAT THEY CAN HAVE TO SUPPORT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SCHOOL TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER CREATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITES FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. WE DO AGREE IT TAKES A VILLAGE AND WE ARE PART OF THAT VILLAGE. REINFORCING THOSE STRATEGIES AND THOSE THINGS THAT MAKES STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL NOT ONLY IN SCHOOL, BUT AT HOME, AFTER SCHOOL, CHURCH AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS WILL CERTAINLY IMPROVE THE OUTCOME FOR STUDENTS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING THAT INFORMATION AND HAVING OUR SCHOOLS IN TURN SHARE THAT INFORMATION. WE

WILL ALSO BE SENDING INFORMATION TO FAITH BASED ENTITIES AND CHURCHES SO THEY CAN SHARE WITH THEIR CONGREGATION. A LOT OF OUR CHURCHES HAS STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND THINGS THAT HAPPEN AND WE WANT THEM TO REINFORCE THOSE THINGS. THIS IS SOMETHING WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO. WE ARE ASKING OUR SCHOOLS WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR CONCERTS AND OTHER EVENTS AT SCHOOL, THAT THEY ALSO SHARE THIS INFORMATION AS WELL. IMAGINE THE IMPACT OF US ALL WORKING TOGETHER AND SINGING FROM THE SAME SHEET OF MUSIC, SO TO SPEAK.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE IS PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER SUPER BOWL- THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING USES SUPER BOWL WEEKEND TO MOBILIZE YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIGHT HUNGER AND POVERTY IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN OUR EFFORTS TO “REACH THE GOAL – TACKLE HUNGER.” LEADING UP TO SUPER BOWL WEEKEND, THE DISTRICT IS COLLECTING CANNED GOODS TO

BENEFIT HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK. DONATION BOXES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS.

HE ADDED THAT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WILL WEAR THEIR FAVORITE NFL ATTIRE AND PARAPHERNALIA TO GET INTO THE SUPER BOWL SPIRIT. STUDENTS WILL ENJOY A SPECIAL TAILGATING LUNCH AT SCHOOL THAT DAY.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ON OUR CAMPUS HERE AT SAB, WE INSTALLED THE PEACE POLE THAT WAS DISPLAYED WHEN WE DID THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE WITH ALL OUR MONTESORRI SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING. IT SAYS “MAY THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH” IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES ON EACH SIDE OF THE POLE.

DISCUSSION:

BOARD REPORT

MRS. KING EVERY OTHER WEEK AT THE STATE HOUSE THERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, OFTEN TIMES THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WILL COME AND PRESENT LEGISLATION WITH VARIOUS GROUPS GIVING THEIR OPINIONS. SHE NOTED

THAT LAST WEEK, A COUPLE OF ITEMS GRABBED HER ATTENTION: WE ARE SUFFERING FROM TEACHER SHORTAGE. ONE INFORMATION BEING PROPOSED IS TO LIFT OR AMEND TEACHER SALARY OF WHAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY, THE 22 YEAR CAP. SHE STATED THAT SHE BELIEVES WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS TALENT FOR TEACHERS WHO ARE VETERAN TEACHERS AND THINKS THAT SOMETHING WE SHOULD SUPPORT AND ASK OUR CONSTITUENTS TO SUPPORT. ANOTHER THING, SUPERINTENDENT SPEARMAN SPOKE TO THE DESIRE TO EXPAND THE DIPLOMA PATHWAY AND NOT JUST HAVE ONE THAT HEAVILY CONCENTRATES ON SEED TIME AND FLEXIBILITY. THAT WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE SPECIAL NEEDS.

MRS. KING ALSO ADDED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS HEAVILY ADVOCATING EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESSES AND OTHER ENTITIES TO EXTEND THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO LOOK AT. WE HAVE SO MANY BUSINESSES AND PARTNERS IN TOWN

THAT ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH US ON THAT IN HANDS-ON PROCESSES. THAT'S THE ENGAGEMENT THAT OUR CHILDREN NEED.

FINALLY, SUPERINTENDENT SPEARMAN SAID THAT USUALLY WHEN THE NATION LOOKS AT SOUTH CAROLINA, A LOT OF TIMES WE ARE LAGGING. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF, AND SHE WOULD LIKE FOR US TO HAVE SOME NUMBERS, WE HAVE TREMENDOUS GAINS. SOUTH CAROLINA WAS ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE ON THE PASSAGE RATE IN SCORES IN AP CLASSES. SHE KNOWS WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT ARE BEING EXPOSED TO AP. SHE ADDED THAT SHE'S SEEN IN SPOTLIGHT THAT WE HAVE INCREASED THAT NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY EIGHT PERCENT; HOWEVER, SHE STATED THAT SHE ALSO WANTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT PASSES. PASSING THOSE CLASSES MEANS COLLEGE CREDITS AND LESS MONEY FOR PARENTS.

MR.S KING STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE FOR OUR BOARD TO HAVE A DISCUSSION AND EVENTUALLY SEND A LETTER TO OUR DELEGATION

IN SUPPORTING CHANGING THE ELECTION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT. THERE IS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT BE AN APPOINTED POSITION VERSUS AN ELECTED POSITION.

MRS. KING REPORTED THAT SHE ATTENDED THIS PAST SATURDAY A PLAY PUT ON BY TWO A.C. FLORA STUDENTS. THEY WROTE ENTIRELY A MUSICAL. THEY WROTE THE MUSIC, LYRICS, AND LINES. THEY DESIGNED AND MADE THE COSTUMES. THE PLAW WAS ENTITLED "SEEING YOU." THEY TOUCHED FROM FOSTER KIDS TO MAYBE A CAFETERIA WORKER THAT DIDN'T COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL AND WANTS TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL, TO BULLYING, TO PEER PRESSURE. SHE ADDED THAT THAT SPEAKS VOLUME TO THE QUALITY OF STUDENTS THAT WE HAVE. SHE ASKED THAT THEY BE FEATURED IN THE SPOTLIGHT AND MAYBE PRESENT SOME PERFORMANCE DURING OUR BOARD MEETING.

MR. BISHOP NOTED THAT W.J. KEENAN BAND WAS ON WIS TV YESTERDAY MORNING (JAN. 23). THEY ARE ONE OF 300 BANDS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH

CAROLINA THAT WAS RECOGNIZED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AND AWARDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ADDED THAT THE COST OF ABOUT \$75,000 IS NEEDED FOR THEM TO GET THERE. HE ADDED THAT A GOFUNDME.COM ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE ADDED THAT IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A DISTRICT, COMMUNITY, CITY AND COUNTY TO SUPPORT THEM.

MR. SMILING STATED WHEN WE PUT THINGS IN THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM IT GOES THROUGH DIFFERENT LEVELS BEFORE WE SEND IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION OF RICHLAND ONE. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL NOT BE IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT BECOMING AN APPOINTED POSITION. HE ADEDED THAT HE THINKS IT SHOULD REMAIN AN ELECTED POSITION. SECONDLY, IF A LETTER IS TO GO OUT REGARDING RICHLAND ONE'S POSITION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, HE WOULD REQUEST A VOTE BEFORE IT GOES OUT.

MRS. SAULS STATED LAST NIGHT MR. DEVINE, MRS. KING AND I, ALONG WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDED THE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL MID -YEAR GRADUATION. WE WERE REMINDED OF SECOND CHANCES ON LAST NIGHT AND THE FACT THAT MANY OF THOSE STUDENTS HAD EARNED NOT THEIR FIRST CHANCE, THEIR SECOND CHANCE, THEIR THIRD CHANCE; HOWEVER, THEY GRADUATED. SHE WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT TONIGHT, BEGINNING AT MIDNIGHT THROUGH TOMORROW NIGHT, THE POINT IN TIME COUNT WILL BE CONDUCTED. THEY WILL TRY TO COUNT THE UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, OUR TEENAGERS IN OUR SCHOOLS WHAT WE CALL COUCH SURFING, STAYING WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, THEY ARE HOMELESS. SHE ADDED THAT AS OF THIS AFTERNOON WE HAVE 675 OF THESE CHILDREN IN OUR DISTRICT. RICHLAND TWO HAS ABOUT 300. WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE CHILDREN OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. SHE ADDED THAT ON LAST NIGHT IT WAS SO ENCOURAGING TO SEE THOSE SIX CHILDREN WALK ACROSS THAT STAGE, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

MR. DEVINE NOTED THAT ON OUR OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING WE HAD THOSE SCORES FOR THE ACT, SAT, AP AND IB PROGRAM. THE NUMBERS DID INCREASE IN REGARDS TO TEST TAKING.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENTED CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL CONCERNS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THE TEACHERS AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. BLACK.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF

CONTRACT: REFRIGERATED AND NON-REFRI-

OPERATIONS:

GERATED REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

CONTRACT: AUDITORIUM ROOF REPLACEMENT

FOR OLYMPIA LEARNING CENTER

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE LISTED CONTRACTS.

MOTION:

MR. SMILING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED MR. DEVINE.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR HER COLLEAGUES' DEDICATION.

MRS. SAULS SUGGESTED KEENAN'S BAND PERFORMING IN SOME MANNER AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT
8:27 P.M.

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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