

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, VICE CHAIRMAN

MR. AARON BISHOP, SECRETARY-TREASURER

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201

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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) LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (2) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (3) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (4) MINUTES; (5) JANUARY 2017 FINANCIALS; (6) CONTRACT EXTENSION:

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EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTION MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT; (7) CONTRACT EXTENSION: LEGAL SERVICES; (8) CONTRACT EXTENSION: SECURITY GUARD AND SUPPORT SERVICES; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE PEST AND TERMITE CONTRACT SERVICES; (10) CONTRACT EXTENSION: WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATION SERVICES; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: TAXI SERVICES; (12) BOARD REPORT; (13) SECOND READING 2017-2018 PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR; (14) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (15) THE KINESTHETIC CLASSROOM; (16) ENERGY UPDATE; (17) CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT'S MOTOR POOL; (18) REQUEST FOR LEASE AGREEMENT-EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT.

CALL TO ORDER:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 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:

REVEREND AARON BISHOP OF GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION:

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. BLACK GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2017 MEETING.

SPOTLIGHT:

(SEE ATTACHMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION).

PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

DAVID EDMOND EXPRESSED CONCERNS REFERENCING ANTI- BULLYING THAT IS GOING ON AT SOME OF THE SCHOOLS. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE.

EDITH CUNNINGHAM SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE UNSAFE ROADWAYS AT BURNSIDE AND HORRELL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

KONDI SIBANDE SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HER NON-PROFIT PROGRAM CALLED, *A VILLAGE AND THEN SOME...* WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2017, AT THE TAPPS ART CENTER.

CONSENT AGENDA:MINUTESJANUARY 2017 FINANCIALSCONTRACT EXTENSION: EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONMAINTENANCE AND SUPPORTCONTRACT EXTENSION: SECURITY GUARD AND SUPPORT SERVICESCONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL SERVICESCONTRACT EXTENSION: WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATION SERVICESCONTRACT EXTENSION: TAXI SERVICES**MOTION:**

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)CONTRACT EXTENSION: LEGAL SERVICES (ATTORNEYS)**MOTION:**

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MR. BISHOP, MR. SMILING, MRS. KING, MR. BLACK, AND MRS. SAULS**IN RECUSAL: MR. DEVINE (6-1)**

OFFICE OF THE**BOARD:****BOARD REPORT**

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS A VERY ENGAGED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE SPENDING QUITE A BIT OF TIME IN OUR SCHOOLS WITH OUR STUDENTS, NAMELY IN OUR MIDDLE AND OUR HIGH SCHOOLS; ALSO, DOING VARIOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE ON MANY OCCASIONS ONE ON ONE WITH OUR STUDENTS, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR CUSTOMERS. WHAT WE DO IS ABOUT THEM EVERYDAY, EACH DAY, ALL THE TIME. I APPLAUD THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THEIR EFFORTS THROUGH THE CHAT WITH THE CHAIR, OUR LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM, AND VARIOUS OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE SPEND TIME WITH OUR STUDENTS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CONGRATULATED

MR DEVINE AND COUNCILWOMAN DEVINE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, JAMESON ISAAC DEVINE.

MRS. SAULS COMMENDED MR. FRALEY AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AFTER ALL THE BOARD MEETINGS AND ALSO AT TWO HIGH SCHOOLS THAT HELD GAMES ON THE SAME NIGHT WITH NO INCIDENTS.

MR. BLACK EXTENDED GRATITUDE TO THE EAU CLAIRE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOR THE INVITATION TO THEIR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM. DR. WITHERSPOON REPRESENTED DISTRICT ONE ALONG WITH SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS REFERENCED THE SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE THAT TALKED ABOUT THE ROLE OF BOARD AND THE BOARD HAVING ALREADY TAKEN AN OATH TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND PROTECT AND SERVE THE CHILDREN. SHE STATED WE WERE CHALLENGED TO TAKE AN OATH TO A NEW COMMITMENT BY THE STATE TO BE CHIEF MOTIVATIONAL OFFICERS. SHE STATED WE ARE ALREADY DOING THAT. BUT TO LOOK AT NEW WAYS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO MOTIVATE OUR CHILDREN ON A DAILY BASIS SHE APPLAUDED THE EFFORTS OF HER COLLEAGUES.

SHE NOTED WE WERE CHALLENGED TO DO THINGS OUT OF THE BOX, BUT WE HAVE BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT. SHE ASKED THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE TO MOTIVATE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF EACH AND EVERY DAY.

SECOND READING 2017-2018 PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR

DR. LONG PRESENTED A POWERPOINT SNAPSHOT OF PROPOSED 2017-2018, WHICH INCLUDED ITEMS CONSIDERED; MAJOR POINTS; HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018; HE STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS SECOND READING APPROVAL FOR 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

MOTION:

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

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE CALENDAR HAS BEEN VETTED THROUGH ALL THREE COMMITTEES.

DISCUSSION:

MR. BISHOP RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THERE NOT BE A BREAK AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY AND SPRING SPREAK.

DR. LONG STATED THE NEXT BREAK FOR EVERYBODY WILL BE ON APRIL 2ND.

MR. BISHOP ASKED WAS THERE ANY CREATIVE SOLUTIONS OR CONVERSATION TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE DAY BETWEEN THAT TIME FRAME.

DR. LONG RESPONDED NOTHING COMES TO MIND AS WE WERE GOING THROUGH THE DIFFERENT CALENDARS. THERE IS A BREAK ON THE 19TH, BUT TO NOT EXTEND THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR--

MR. BISHOP STATED HE UNDERSTANDS THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY ON THE 19TH.

HE ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO OBSERVE HOW MANY TEACHERS WILL TAKE OFF DAYS DURING THAT TIMEFRAME. HE ASKED THE ADMINISTRATION TO LOOK INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WELLNESS OF OUR STUDENT BODY AND PARENTS AS WELL.

DR. LONG SAID YES, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD DO THAT.

MRS. KING STATED THAT SHE THINKS WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE FRENCH CALENDAR. WE NEED TO

THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX. SHE ENCOURAGED A DISCUSSION.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED WE ARE GETTING OUT ON JUNE 6TH AND ASKED DO WE MAKE THE YEAR LONGER? WE GET ALMOST THREE WEEKS OUT FOR THE WINTER BREAK AND ASKED DO WE CHOP THAT UP? THESE ARE THINGS WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IN THE COMMITTEES.

MR. BISHOP STATED HE IS SUPPORTIVE OF FINDING A SOLUTION TO CRAFTING A DAY WITHOUT EXTENDING THE YEAR, IF THAT'S POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED TAKING A SURVERY OF TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD SUPPORT THIS, NOT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT A DAY FOR A PHYSICAL AND MENTAL BREAK

DR. COUSAR STATED WE CAN BRING THIS BACK SHOULD THAT BE THE WILL OF THE BOARD. WE DID TRY TO CONSIDER ALL THE OPTIONS HERE AND THE OPTIONS WOULD BE VERY LIMITED GIVEN THE STATE AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS. WE COULD DELAY AND GO FURTHER INTO JUNE. WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE. WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE CALENDAR SCHEDULED BECAUSE WE

HAVE SUMMER TRAINING FOR OUR TEACHERS, FOR NEW EMPLOYEES AND WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET A CALENDAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE CAN GET THEM ORIENTED TO RECEIVE OUR STUDENTS WHEN THEY COME BACK.

DR. COUSAR STATED THAT, SHOULD THAT BE THE WILL OF THE BOARD, THE ADMINISTRATION DID MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION. WE WILL COMPLY WITH THE WISHES OF THE BOARD. BUT AT THIS POINT OUR OPTION WOULD BE TO ADD ANOTHER DAY INTO JUNE AND THEN WE WILL HAVE TO REVIEW THAT OPTION AND BRING THAT BACK.

AMENDED MOTION:

MR BISHOP MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS VOTE AND READING UNTIL NEXT BOARD MEETING, UNTIL THERE IS A TEACHER SURVEY ABOUT ADDING AN EXTRA DAY BETWEEN MLK AND SPRING BREAK AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

DISCUSSION:

MR. SMILING ASKED THAT WE DO NOT EXTEND THIS BEYOND THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

MR. DEVINE STATED MY CONCERN IS THAT THE CALENDAR COMMITTEE MET WITH TEACHERS,

PARENTS, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES AND IT'S BEEN VETTED. MR. DEVINE STATED THAT MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT THIS FOR NEXT YEAR. A DISTRICT WIDE SURVEY HAS BEEN DONE FOR THIS YEAR AND SEVERAL HUNDRED FOLKS RESPONDED AND HAD 150 COMMENTS.

DR. COLEMAN STATED BY STATE LAW WE HAVE THE TEST IN THE LAST 20 SCHOOL DAYS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE ONE EXCEPTION WITH THAT IS FOR THE THIRD GRADE READING ASSESSMENT. WE HAVE TO GIVE IT RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THAT 20 DAY WINDOW, SO WE HAVE THE LIST OF RETAINEES FOR NEXT YEAR. WE WOULD COUNT BACK 20 DAYS FROM JUNE 6TH. WE WOULD HAVE 160 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS BEFORE TESTING.

MR. DEVINE STATED WE HAVE MIRRORED OUR SURROUNDING DISTRICTS AND FOLLOWED THE CITY AND THE COUNTY.

MR. BISHOP STATED I DO AGREE THAT THE CALENDAR IS FOR OUR STUDENTS PRIMARILY, BUT ALSO FOR OUR TEACHERS, TOO. IF WE HAVE WORN OUT TEACHERS, IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THE CLASSROOM. HE ASKED WAS THERE ANY

CREATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LONG PERIOD BETWEEN MLK AND SPRING BREAK?

DR. LONG RESPONDED IN COMMITTEE WE DID DISCUSS THAT AND THE FINDINGS WERE THAT THERE WOULD BE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY, AND THAT WOULD BE A BREAK FOR THE STUDENTS AND THEY WOULD MOVE ON THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL WEEK.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED TO CLARIFY THE VOTE, A YEA ON THE AMENDED MOTION WOULD BE TO TABLE THE 2017-2018 CALENDAR; A NAY WOULD BE TO NOT TABLE THE 2017-2018 CALENDAR.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: MR. BISHOP AND MR. SMILING
IN OPPOSITION: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS,
MR. BLACK, MRS. KING, MR. DEVINE MRS. SAULS
(2-5)**

MOTION:

DR. LONG RE-STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

DISCUSSION:

MRS. KING ASKED DO WE HAVE TO DO TESTING WITHIN 20 DAYS OF OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL?

DR COLEMAN RESPONDED YES.

MRS. KING ASKED IF WE HAD DECIDED TO GO TO THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TO BE JUNE 30TH, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A TEST JUNE 10TH?

DR. COLEMAN STATED THE WAY THE LAW READS THE TEST IS GIVEN THE LAST 20 DAYS. THE ONLY PLACE THAT WE WOULD GET SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE STATE IS FOR THE THIRD GRADE READING TEST, ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE THOSE NUMBRS BACK QUICKLY FOR SUMMER SCHOOL.

MRS. KING STATED SO WE HAVE FLEXIBILITY AS LONG AS WE HAVE 180 DAYS.

OFFICE OF THE**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****SUPERINTENDENT:**

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED WE ARE EXCITED AND PROUD THAT TWO OF OUR HIGH-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS WILL BE PLAYING FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS SATURDAY (MARCH 4) AT THE COLONIAL LIFE ARENA.

ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24), THE W.J. KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TEAM DEFEATED GRAY COLLEGIATE

ACADEMY TO WIN THE CLASS 2A UPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE KEENAN RAIDERS WILL TAKE ON BURKE HIGH SCHOOL IN SATURDAY'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE GAME IS SCHEDULED FOR A 12:30 P.M. TIP-OFF.

THE LOWER RICHLAND BOYS TEAM DEFEATED WILSON HIGH SCHOOL TO WIN THE CLASS 4A LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE LR DIAMOND HORNETS WILL PLAY WREN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE STATE TITLE AT 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY.

TICKETS FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE SCHOOLS AND AT THE COLONIAL LIFE ARENA. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BE THERE IN FULL FORCE SATURDAY TO SUPPORT AND CHEER ON OUR TEAMS.

WE ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE LOWER RICHLAND GIRLS, WHO MADE IT TO THE SEMIFINALS OF THE STATE PLAYOFFS, ON THEIR OUTSTANDING SEASON.

DR. WITHERSPOON ADDED THAT HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BOTH OUR TEAMS PLAY SOME OTHER TEAMS ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO

THURSDAY AND ALL OF OUR TEAMS DID A GREAT JOB.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, WE'VE HAD TWO MAJOR EVENTS TO CELEBRATE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WILL PROVIDE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES FOR OUR STUDENTS.

ON FEBRUARY 15, WE HAD THE OFFICIAL KICK-OFF FOR THE CUMMINS YOUTH TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AT HEYWARD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER. THROUGH THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND HANDS-ON TRAINING TO PREPARE THEM FOR CAREERS IN THE DIESEL INDUSTRY. HE ADDED THAT THIS PAST FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24), HEYWARD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HELD ITS APPRENTICESHIP AND INTERNSHIP SIGNING DAY. STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET REAL-LIFE WORK EXPERIENCES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH AREA BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

HE CONGRATULATED HEYWARD AND OUR CATE STAFF, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR MAKING THESE OPPORTUNITIES POSSIBLE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

BOTH EVENTS WERE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS.

OUR STUDENTS REPRESENTED US VERY WELL AT BOTH EVENTS. THE CUMMINS COMPANY SPOKE VERY WELL OF OUR STUDENTS. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT WAS THERE AND OTHER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE STATE WAS THERE. SIGNING DAY FOR THE INTERNSHIPS WAS WONDERFUL; ALSO SIGNING DAY FOR THE ATHLETES AND OTHERS WERE BOTH GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS.

DR. WITHERSPOON ANNOUNCED THAT ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BE NEW TO RICHLAND ONE IN 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS TOMORROW (MARCH 1). PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO UPLOAD PROOF OF RESIDENCY, IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TAKE THEM TO THE SCHOOL THEIR CHILD WILL ATTEND.

THE REGISTRATION PORTAL CAN BE ASSESSED VIA OUR WEBSITE, WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG. PARENTS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AT 231-6944.

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED THAT WE ARE HOLDING A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS, PARENTS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND TO SHARE THEIR INPUT AS WE WORK TO DEVELOP THE DISTRICT'S 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

THE THIRD AND FINAL BUDGET INPUT MEETING FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE JOHN P. THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER. WE ALSO HAVE OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN THE MONTH SPECIFICALLY FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS APPLAUDED THE CATE PROGRAM, DR. MURDAUGH AND HIS STAFF.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED HER CONCERNS ABOUT BUS ACCIDENTS AND ASKED TO MAKE

ANOTHER PUBLIC APPEAL TO BE CAREFUL AROUND OUR CHILDREN, BUS SAFETY.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS REFERENCED BULLYING AND THE IMPORTANCE TO GO BACK AND REINFORCE NO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING. SHE STATED WE ARE GETTING THIS OUT OF OUR CHATS WITH THE CHAIR.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED WE HAVE THAT OUTLINED IN OUR STUDENT CODE CONDUCT. GUIDANCE LESSONS AND THOSE TYPE OF THINGS. WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO REVISIT AND REINFORCE THAT CULTURE AND CLIMATE FOR STUDENTS TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EACH OTHER. WE WILL DO SOME ADDITIONAL AWARENESS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS SAID TODAY THE HOUSE TOOK UP A VOTE ON BILL #3516, WHICH WAS A ROADS BILL; IF THAT BILL IS PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENT IT IS GOING TO IMPACT THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. SHE ASKED IF THE BILL PASSES, HOW ARE THINGS GOING TO SHAPE FOR US ON WHAT PROSPECTIVE AT THIS POINT?

MR. CARLON RESPONDED IF THE BILL PASSES, THERE WILL BE REDUCTIONS FOR US. WHAT'S GOING TO BE CUT IS LOTTERY FUNDS THAT THEY

APPROPRIATE CURRENTLY FOR TECHNOLOGY, WHICH IS ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS FOR US. THEY WILL DECREASE THE AID TO DISTRICT LINE. WE GET ABOUT 300,000 THERE; GOING TO DECREASE THE TEACHER RECRUITMENT RETENTION THAT WE GOT THIS YEAR, AS A ONE TIME, \$934,000; IT'S ALSO GOING TO CUT THE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM. SO THERE WILL BE NO MORE NATIONAL BOARD INCENTIVES FROM THE STATE GOING FORWARD IN 2018. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ASKED IF THE VOTE WAS TAKEN TODAY.

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED IT DID NOT TAKE PLACE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS PUSHED OUT TO POSSIBLY THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. IT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON FUNDING. SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE STATE, SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE GROUPS AND OTHERS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN ADVOCATING AGAINST THIS BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT THAT IT WILL HAVE ACROSS THE STATE.

WE DO HAVE TIME FOR OTHERS TO CALL THEIR LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THAT BILL.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS APPLAUDED HER COLLEAGUES AND THE STATE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION AS THEY HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO THEIR LEGISLATORS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THAT THIS BILL WILL HAVE IF IT IS NOT AMENDED.

MR. BISHOP NOTED A RECENT JOKE THAT WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ABOUT FREE LUNCH. HE STATED, HOWEVER, IT WAS INTENDED, I REFLECTED ON HOW GREAT THIS DISTRICT IS. IT IS NOT A JOKE WHEN KIDS ARE FED BECAUSE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO CONTINUOUSLY BE A CHEERLEADER FOR WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IN RICHLAND ONE, OFFERING FREE LUNCH AND BREAKFAST TO OUR KIDS. I WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS DISTRICT TO STRETCH TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR KIDS. WE WANT OUR KIDS TO NOT HAVE TO SIT IN THE CLASSROOM WITH HUNGER PAINS. WE WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR TEACHER IS SHARING WITH THEM AND NOT HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR NEXT MEAL.

MR. DEVINE REFERENCED HOUSE BILL 610 AS IT PERTAINS TO DISTRIBUTING FEDERAL FUNDS TO ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE FORM OF VOUCHERS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND TO APPEAL A CERTAIN RULE RELATING TO NUTRITION STANDARDS IN SCHOOL. HE ASKED HAVE WE TALKED TO ANY REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THIS BILL?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED IT IS IN THE PROCESS. JUST AS WE HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO SOME ADVOCACY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND STATE LEVEL, WE HAVE TO ALSO REACH OUT ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. THERE ARE SOME NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ADVOCATING. RICHLAND ONE WILL REACH OUT TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND SO FORTH. THAT IS SOMETHING WE ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO HER COLLEAGUES THAT WENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. RECENTLY TO ADVOCATE AND TALK TO OUR LEADERS ON THE DECISIONS THAT THEY ARE MAKING AS FAR AS IT IMPACTS RICHLAND ONE.

MR. BLACK STATED THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING. WE ARE MAKING DUE DILIGENCE AS A TEAM, AS A DISTRICT. WE CAN DO ALL THAT WE NEED TO DO, BUT WE CAN'T DO ENOUGH WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HE IMploRED THE COMMUNITY TO STAND UP AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD BEFORE THE IMPACT HITS OUR CHILDREN, WHICH WILL HIT OUR COMMUNITY.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

OFFICE OF

PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE 12 APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

MOTION:

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

OFFICE OF
ACADEMICS:

THE KINESTHETIC CLASSROOM

DR. BOATWRIGHT ALONG WITH PRINCIPAL SARAH SMITH, MRS. CAROL WATSON AND DR. WEAVER PRESENTED A POWERPOINT ON THE KINESTHETIC CLASSROOM, HIGHLIGHTING THE FOLLOWING AREAS: TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH MOVEMENT: CONNECTING MIND AND BODY: BRAIN FUNCTION: VISUALIZATION; NEUROTRANSMITTERS IN THE BRAIN; WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET OUR STUDENTS MOVING. ACTION BASED LEARNING LAB, WHICH MASTERY CONNECT PLAYS A BIG PART;

PHYSICAL DEMONSTRATIONS WERE PRESENTED BY A BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION STAFF MEMBER.

OFFICE OF
OPERATIONS:

ENERGY UPDATE

MR. PERKINS ALONG WITH MR. ENOCH SMITH AND MR. MYLES HANLEY PROVIDED ANNUAL UPDATES CONCERNING ENERGY USAGES AND THE THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING AND ALSO PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD THAT HAS BEEN WORKED ON FOR THE LAST EIGHT TO NINE YEARS.

CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR
DISTRICT'S MOTOR POOL
REQUEST FOR LEASE AGREEMENT-EARLY
CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

MOTION:

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED MRS. KING TO TAKE THESE ITEMS TOGETHER.

DISCUSSION:

MRS. SAULS REFERENCING THE LEASE AGREEMENT-EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT. SHE STATED IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WE WERE HAVING ISSUES WITH WAVERLY. SHE ASKED IS THERE NO OTHER SPACE WITHIN OUR OWN DISTRICT FACILITIES?

MR. PERKINS RESPONDED NO. IN OUR VIEW OF WHAT WE HAD BEFORE US AND THE USE THAT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT WAS LOOKING AT, NOTHING WAS REALLY AVAILABLE THAT WOULD SERVE THEIR NEEDS. IN ADDITION TO THAT WE TRIED A NUMBER OF IDEAS TO BRING THE STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS TO PROCESS THEM AND IT STILL DID NOT WORK. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WITH THAT. SO THE BEST RECOMMENDATION IS WHAT WE ARE BRINGING TO

YOU NOW, WHICH IS TO LEASE THIS SPOT LOCATED AT MIDLANDS SHOPPING CENTER.

AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TERM OF THE LEASE, COST OF SQUARE FOOTAGE, LOCATION OF SITE, INSURANCE AND NECESSITY A MOTION WAS MADE AND THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

MOTION TO RETURN TO:

MR. DEVINE MOVED TO GO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 9:10 P.M.

RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE

SUPERINTENDENT WITHERSPOON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD MOVEVS FORWARD WITH REPRESENTATION ON THE LEGAL MATTER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTVE SESSION AND THAT WE NOGEOIATE THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE WITH THE SCHOOL BOARDS TRUST PER OUR POLICY.

MOTION:

MR. BLACK MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND IT WAS
SECONDED BY MR. SMILING.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING
AT 9:15 P.M

STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS