

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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**MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING

MR. AARON BISHOP

MRS. BEATRICE KING

MR. DARRELL BLACK

MRS. LILA ANNA SAULS

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1212 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

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**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 SERVICES UPDATES; (2) DESEGREGATION AGREEMENT FOR MAGNET SCHOOLS AND GRANT; (3) ROMC RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE; (4) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES;

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(5-8) LEAVE OF ABSENCE; (9) HIRING OF PERSONNEL; (10) MINUTES; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS; (12) FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCIALS; (13) APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION; (14) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION; (15) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (16) 2017-2018 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDATIONS; (18) CHARTER ANNUAL REPORT: RICHLAND ONE MIDDLE COLLEGE; (19) CHARTER ANNUAL REPORT: CAROLINA SCHOOL OF INQUIRY; (20) CONTRACT: PROVIDE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS; (21) CONTRACT: CA JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HVAC RENOVATIONS; (22) REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL AT BURTON PACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; (23) REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SANDEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; (24) REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

**CALL TO ORDER:** THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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:** MR. DARRELL BLACK, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**AGENDA ADOPTION:** CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: 2.4 ADDED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, BOND RESOLUTION. IT IS NOTED CORRECTLY ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE AGENDA. 8.4 ROMC RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM. IT IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

**MOTION:** MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD** MRS. SAULS GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD

**SPOTLIGHT:** SPOTLIGHT FOR THE MARCH 28, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** SHANDRA SHELTON, LATASHA THOMAS, TARA FRASIER (PARENTS) AND TYRONE HARRIS (BOARD CHAIR FOR CSI) ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT OF THE BOARD FOR KEEPING THE CAROLINA SCHOOL OF INQUIRY OPEN.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** MINUTES  
CONTRACT EXTENSION: INFORMATION:  
TECHNOLOGY (IT) TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS  
FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCIALS

**MOTION:** MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

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

**OFFICE OF THE** APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION

**BOARD:** MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF TWO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF 10.5 BILLION AND 11 BILLION: THE 10.5 BILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND WILL BE USED FOR OUR ATHLETIC STADIUMS, FIELDS, FACILITIES UPGRADES AND EQUIPMENT. THIS WILL BE PAID OVER THREE YEARS. THE 11 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, 8 MILLION WILL BE

DESIGNATED FOR CAPITAL NEEDS AND THREE MILLION WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR SPENDING TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN. THIS IS A ONE YEAR TERM. THE IMPACT OF THESE TWO BONDS ON A \$100,000 HOME WILL BE GOING FROM 66 MILS TO 68 MILS. THE IMPACT ON THAT WILL BE \$8.00 A YEAR ON THAT \$100,000 HOME. AND FOR A BUSINESS VALUED AT A \$100,000, THE IMPACT ON THEIR TAXES WILL INCREASE BY \$12.00 A YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

**MOTION:**

MR. BISHOP MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. KING.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)**

**MR. DEVINE RECUSAL**

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO THE FAMILY OF TANYA O. JOHNSON.

**OFFICE OF THE**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED OUR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS PLAY VITAL ROLES IN SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS. DURING A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 16 AT CAUGHMAN ROAD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, REPRESENTATIVES OF WALMART PRESENTED A \$35,000 GRANT CHECK TO THE DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL FROM WALMART FOUNDATION. THE MONEY WILL HELP FUND A NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER AT CAUGHMAN ROAD. THE SCHOOL'S PTO RAISED \$10,000 FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, AND THE WALMART GRANT PROVIDES THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDING NEEDED TO MAKE THE PROJECT A REALITY. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL IN AUGUST.

WE EXTEND OUR THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE AT WALMART AND THE WALMART FOUNDATION, AND CONGRATULATION TO PRINCIPAL SHAWN HALL AND HER STUDENTS AND STAFF.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT OUR OUTSTANDING TEAM IN RICHLAND ONE INCLUDES TEN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED FINALISTS FOR 2017-2018 RICHLAND ONE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR HONORS. THE NAMES AND PICTURES OF THE FINALISTS ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

([WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG](http://WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG)). THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CELEBRATION BANQUET IN MAY. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FINALISTS.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT RICHLAND ONE HAS MANY STUDENTS WHO ARE EXTREMELY TALENTED IN THE VISUAL ARTS. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GO SEE THE RICHLAND ONE STUDENT ART SHOW AT THE TAPP'S ART CENTER. ARTWORK BY STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IS ON DISPLAY THROUGH APRIL 4. THE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 1644 MAIN STREET. THE HOURS ARE 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

DR. WITHERSPOON REPORTED THAT TWITTER IS ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS THE DISTRICT USES TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN RICHLAND ONE. WE ARE INVITING OUR STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR UPCOMING TWITTER CHALLENGE. HE ADDED THAT THE TWITTER CHALLENGE WILL RUN FROM APRIL 3-28. QUESTIONS WILL BE POSTED DAILY ON THE

DISTRICT'S TWITTER FEED (@RICHLANDONE). TWITTER CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE HASHTAG #R1CHALLENGE ON THEIR TWEETS. THE CHALLENGE WILL INCLUDE QUESTIONS LIKE "WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER?" OR "WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THE CLASS OF 2017?" STUDENTS CAN POST VIDEOS TO SHOW WHAT THEY'RE LEARNING. HE ADDED THAT ON #THROWBACKTHURSDAY, YOU CAN POST AN OLD SCHOOL PHOTO.

DR. WITHERSPOON NOTED THAT RICHLAND ONE "SWAG BAGS" WILL BE AWARDED TO THREE LUCKY TWEETERS SELECTED AT RANDOM DURING THE MONTH-LONG EVENT. DETAILS, INCLUDING THE CHALLENGE QUESTIONS FOR EACH DAY, WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE ([WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG](http://WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG)).

DR. WITHERSPOON, AS A REMINDER TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, FRIDAY, MARCH 31 IS HURRICANE MAKE-UP DAY FOR STUDENTS. IT WILL BE A REGULAR DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** ASKED SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S "C" POLICY AND RAISING IT TO "B" POLICY.

**MRS. KING** STATED WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE GRADING SCALE. **MRS. KING** ADDED THAT THE OLD GRADING SCALE "C" STARTED AT 77.

**CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** STATED THE POLICY WE HAVE IN PLACE THE NUMBER PORTION (77) HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY.

**CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** ANNOUNCED THAT SHE AND DR. WITHERSPOON HAVE MET WITH BOEING. SHE ADDED THAT WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF BOEING AND THEIR DESIRE TO COME HERE IN THE MIDLANDS AND PARTNERSHIP WITH RICHAND ONE. **MRS. HARRIS** ALSO NOTED THAT LAST WEEK SHE AND DR. WITHERSPOON MET WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC. WE HAVE MET WITH TWO FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES IN A MONTH.

SHE SUGGESTED HAVING SOME DISCUSSIONS ON CERTIFICATION STUDENTS CAN ACQUIRE BEFORE GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

COMPANIES ARE SEEKING WORKFORCE READY GROUP OF STUDENTS. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH SEVERAL OTHER BUSINESSES.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS EXPRESSED THANKS TO KAREN YORK AND HER TEAM FOR THE BILLBOARDS.

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS SHARED A LETTER SHE RECEIVED FROM AN ELEMENTARY STUDENT EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR FREE MEALS PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENTS.

**MRS. SAULS** REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE RICHLAND ONE COMMUNITY ARE CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES. SHE SUGGESTED EVERYONE JOIN TOGETHER AND USE THEIR VOICE TO THE THREAT OF FEDERAL FUNDS BEING CUT FOR THOSE MEALS. SCIENCE IS THERE TO PROVE THAT THESE MEALS HELP CHILDREN DURING THE DAY PERFORM ACADEMICALLY.

**MRS. KING** STATED THAT SHE, MRS. SAULS AND MR. BLACK ATTENDED THE NATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE. WE ARE LEARNING AND REALIZED WE ARE ALREADY DOING A LOT OF GREAT THINGS IN THIS DISTRICT.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT

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

DISCUSSION:

**MRS. KING** RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT TIMELINE FOR THE POLICIES BEING BROUGHT FORWARD FOR APPROVAL.

**ATTORNEY WILLIAMS** RESPONDED THAT THE POLICIES WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD NEXT WEEK.

DESEGREGATION AGREEMENT FOR MAGNETSCHOOLS GRANT

DR. COLEMAN STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE DESEGREGATION FOR MAGNET SCHOOLS GRANT.

**ATTORNEY WILLIAMS** STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTARY DESEGREGATION AGREEMENT. YOU RECEIVED LEGAL ADVICE ON THIS MATTER DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION:

**MRS. KING** MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY **MRS. SAULS**.

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

ROMC RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS STATED INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OFFICE OFHUMAN RESOURCES:PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

DR. COUSAR STATED UNDER THIS ITEM, WHICH WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM, CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL CONCERNS WAS PRESENTED AS WELL AS TWO RETIREMENTS.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE NON PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF AN EMPLOYEE DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS.

MOTION:

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

MOTION:

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE NON PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

**MOTION:**

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE MILITARY LEAVE REQUEST AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**MOTION:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**MR. DEVINE** ASKED IS THIS A NON PAID LEAVE?

**DR. COUSAR** RESPONDED AFTER USE OF THE REGULAR DAYS, THE REST WILL BE NON-PAID.

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

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

DR. COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND SIX CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018.

MOTION:

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

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

OFFICE OF

2017-2018 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

ACADEMICS:

RECOMMENDATIONS

MS. JENNINGS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017-2018.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

**MRS. KING** ASKED ARE THESE TEXT BOX HARD COPY AS WELL AS ELECTRONIC?

**MS. JENNINGS** RESPONDED MOST OF THEM ARE. THE NEWER VERSIONS YOU CAN GET THE E-BOOK ON LINE AS WELL AS SEVERAL HARD COPIES.

**MRS. KING** ASKED WILL THIS CONTRACT PAY FOR BOTH?

**MS. JENNINGS** RESPONDED WITH THIS CONTRACT IT VARIES FROM BOOK TO BOOK; FROM PUBLISHER TO PUBLISHER. SOME OF THESE ARE REVISED EDITIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR SOME OF THE CATE AREAS. AND SO YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE E-BOOK AS WELL AS GETTING A HARD COPY. AND THAT E-BOOK IS A PART OF THE ADOPTION.

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

CHARTER ANNUAL REPORT: RICHLAND

ONE MIDDLE COLLEGE

**MS. SCOTT** STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF S.C. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOL 2016 ANNUAL REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY RICHLAND ONE MIDDLE COLLEGE.

**MOTION:**

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

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

CHARTER ANNUAL REPORT: CAROLINA SCHOOL

OF INQUIRY

**MS. SCOTT** STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE South Carolina DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOL

2016 ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE  
CAROLINA SCHOOL OF INQUIRY.

**MOTION:**

MRS. KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS  
SECONDED BY MR. BISHOP.

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

**OFFICE OF**

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION

**OPERATIONS:**

RECOMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING  
CONTRACTS:

CONTRACT: PROVIDE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC  
TRAINERS

CONTRACT: CA JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HVAC  
RENOVATIONS

**MOTION:**

MRS. KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS  
SECONDED MR. BLACK.

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

MR. PERKINS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION  
RECOMMENDS OF APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING  
CONTRACTS:

REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUC-  
TION OF SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL AT BURTON  
PACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SANDEL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
REQUEST PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR LOWER  
RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**MOTION:**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING  
AT 8:20 A.M.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL  
COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF  
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS