MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, CHAIRWOMAN

MR. VINCE FORD, VICE CHAIRMAN

MRS. PAMELA ADAMS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. AARON BISHOP

MR. JAMIE DEVINE

MRS. BEATRICE KING

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EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

4800 MONTICELLO ROAD

COLUMBIA, S.C. 29203

HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

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) PARENT REQUEST TO BE HEARD; (2) LEGAL STATUS UPDATE; (3) PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES; (4-5) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS; (6-8) LEAVE OF ABSENCES; (9) CONTRACT EXTENSION: DATA CABLING PARTS AND INSTALLATION SERVICES; (10) CONTRACT EXTENSION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION; (11) CONTRACT EXTENSION: INDEFINITE DELIVERY /INDEFINITE QUALITY (IDIQ) CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES; (12) CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES; (13) SEPTEMBER ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS; (14) MINUTES; (15) BOARD REPORT; (16) SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT; (17) MOA HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK, MAKING MIDDLE GRADES THAT WORK OR TECHNOLOGY CENTERS THAT WORK; (18) CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR DISTRICT’S MOTOR POOL.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016. CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

CHAIRWOMAN CHERYL HARRIS, MR. VINCE FORD, MRS. PAMELA ADAMS, MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MRS. BEATRICE KING, MR. AARON BISHOP, MR. JAMIE DEVINE.
INVOCATION: REVEREND FRED W. COIT, RIDGEWOOD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AGENDA ADOPTION: CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED ONE CHANGE TO THE AGENDA: ITEM 6.4 SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT TO BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

MOTION: MRS. KING MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. ADAMS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

SCHOOL PRESENTATION: MR. BISHOP GAVE THE SCHOOL HISTORY FOR EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL WALTERS HIGHLIGHTED SCHOOL’S PROFILE; RECOGNIZED FACULTY AND STAFF, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF; BUILDING SUPERVISOR.

SCHOOL’S CHOIR RENDERED MUSICAL SELECTION.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA: CONTRACT EXTENSION: DATA CABLELING PARTS AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION
CONTRACT EXTENSION: INDEFINITE DELIVERY/INDEFINITE QUALITY (IDIQ) CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES

CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS MINUTES

**MOTION:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

MRS. KING, REFERRING TO CONTRACT: INDEFINITE DELIVERY/INDEFINITE QUALITY (IDIQ) CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR, ASKED DOES THIS CONTRACT DATE NEED TO BE UPDATED?

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED THAT’S WHY THIS ITEM IS BEING PRESENTED TONIGHT FOR 2016-17.

MRS. KING ASKED IS THIS THE SAME LIST FROM LAST YEAR?

MR. HARDISON RESPONDED YES, SAME CONTRACT.

MRS. KING, REFERRING TO CONTRACT: PROVIDE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES,
ASKED IS THE AMOUNT HALF OF WHAT WE SPENT?
SHE ASKED WHY NOT UPDATE TO BE CLOSER FOR
BUDGETING PURPOSE? SECOND, SHE ASKED, IF I
JUST DO SIMPLE DIVISION, THAT MEANS THAT
EACH STUDENT, SERVICING ABOUT 250 STUDENTS,
EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE ABOUT TEN HOURS
OF THERAPY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED IT’S GOING TO
DEPEND ON IP AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED.

MRS. KING STATED APPARENTLY IT’S HARD TO
FIND PEOPLE TO HIRE IN THE DISTRICT; ASKED IS
THAT BECAUSE THERE IS A SHORTAGE?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED YOU FIND IN A
LOT OF DISTRICTS IN TERMS OF SPEECH THERAPY,
DEPENDING ON IP AND THE NEEDS, YOU DO NEED
CONTRACT SERVICES, AS WELL. YOU WANT TO
HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES
AS NEEDED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

MRS. KING ASKED IS THIS A SUPPLEMENT TO
WHAT WE HAVE NOW?

DR. WITHERSPOON RESPONDED THAT IS
CORRECT.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)
BOARD REPORT

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS STATED THE BOARD HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN CHAT WITH THE CHAIR INITIATIVE WHICH TAKES PLACE IN OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS. WE ARE VERY ENGAGED IN BEING IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS; WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN LUNCH BUDDIES.

MRS. ADAMS GAVE A SHOT OUT TO LOWER RICHLAND GRADUATE MARCUS EDMOND, WHO PLAYS FOR THE CLEMSON TIGERS.

MR. BISHOP STATED WE HAVE TWO STUDENTS AT A.C. FLORA THAT’S BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE NORTH-SOUTH GAME AS BEING SELECTED TO PLAY.

MR. FORD STATED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN DEALING WITH A LOT OF IMPORTANT ISSUES. STAFF HAS DONE A GREAT JOB HELPING TO MITIGATE THOSE ISSUES. WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN, IF NOT UP OUR LEVEL OF FOCUS IN THE ROLE WE CURRENTLY HOLD; OUR ROLE IS TO BE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL 24,000 STUDENTS. WE MUST DEVOTE ALL OF OUR TIME AND FOCUS ON OUR OATH AND MISSION TO
ENSURING THAT THE STUDENTS THAT ARE UNDER OUR WATCH RECEIVE THE QUALITY EDUCATION THAT THEY DESERVE. MY CHALLENGE IS THAT WE GET BACK TO MEANINGFUL ISSUES OF EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN.

MR. BISHOP STATED HE WAS INVITED TO SANDEL ELEMENTARY TONIGHT TO REVIEW THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE: GHOST OF TOTING PAST. THE PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGED WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. ONE STUDENT SAID THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO USE FACEBOOK AND VIEW THE SUPERBOWL THAN THOSE WHO VOTE ANNUALLY.

PARENT REQUEST TO BE HEARD

ATTORNEY DAVIS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT THE PARENT REQUEST TO BE HEARD NOT BE HEARD.

MOTION:

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

CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS NOTED THAT A YEA VOTE WOULD SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION; A NAY VOTE WOULD NOT
SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION.

VOTE IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (4 YEA(S): MR. BISHOP, MR. FORD, MRS. ADAMS, MR. SMILING – 3 (NAY(S): CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS, MRS. KING, MR. DEVINE

CHAIRWOMAN STATED THE RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION IS UPHELD. IT IS APPROVED THAT THE MATTER NOT BE HEARD.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

DR. WITHERSPOON STATED SWIMMERS FROM DREHER AND A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOLS MADE QUITE A SPLASH AT THE CLASS 4A STATE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS ON OCTOBER 15, WINNING SIX STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECOGNIZING THEM AND THEIR COACHES AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING.

THIS PAST SATURDAY (OCTOBER 22), HUNDREDS OF RICHLAND ONE EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS PUT ON THEIR PINK T-SHIRTS AND LACED UP THEIR SNEAKERS TO TAKE
STEPS AGAINST BREAST CANCER. TEAM RICHLANDONE PARTICIPATED IN THE PALMETTO HEALTH FOUNDATION’S WALK, FOR LIFE/RACE FOR LIFE AGAIN THIS YEAR, HELPING TO RAISE MONEY TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER AND INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISEASE.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO AND PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE. THANK YOU AS WELL TO DR. TRACI COOPER FOR HER CONTINUED LEADERSHIP OF TEAM RICHLAND ONE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE TOP TEACHERS TO JOIN THE RICHLAND ONE TEAM. OUR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING A FALL CERTIFIED TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 FROM 9 A.M. – NOON AT EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL.

PARTICIPANTS MUST POSSESS OR BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHING CERTIFICATE BY DECEMBER 31, 2016. TO REGISTER ONLINE, GO TO OUR WEBSITE, WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KWAMINE SIMPSON:

AT KWAMINE.SIMPSON@RICHLANDONE.ORG.

RICHLAND ONE STUDENTS WILL GO TO SCHOOL JANUARY 13, MARCH 31 AND APRIL 17 TO MAKE UP THE THREE DAYS THEY MISSED WHEN OUR SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED OCTOBER 5-7.

ON OCTOBER 4, GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY ORDERED SCHOOLS IN RICHLAND ONE AND SEVERAL OTHER DISTRICTS TO CLOSE FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF HURRICANE MATTHEW ON VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STATE AND THE NEED FOR MASSIVE EVACUATIONS.

JANUARY 13, MARCH 31 AND APRIL 17, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN STUDENT HOLIDAY/STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS, WERE DESIGNATED AS STUDENT MAKEUP DAYS, IF NEEDED, IN OUR 2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

STATE LAW REQUIRES ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BUILD THREE MAKEUP DAYS INTO THEIR CALENDARS.

BECAUSE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED FOR THREE DAYS, SOME ADJUSTMENTS HAD TO BE MADE TO
MARKING PERIODS AND REPORT CARD DATES. THOSE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED ON THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR THAT IS POSTED AT WWW.RICHLANDONE.ORG; CLICK ON THE DISTRICT CALENDAR LINK.

IF ANY OTHER MAKEUP DAYS ARE NEEDED THIS SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL ADDRESS THOSE MATTERS AT THAT TIME, AND STUDENTS, PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE NOTIFIED.

**DISCUSSION:**

**MRS. KING** WHERE DO WE STAND ON THE ROLE OUT OF GOOGLE CLASSROOMS FOR OUR SCHOOLS? **DR. WITHERSPOON** RESPONDED OUR IT, RTS DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT THAT AND WE HOPE TO BE DOING A COMPLETE GOOGLE CLASSROOM. THEY ARE LOOKING AT SEVERAL PLATFORMS FOR THIS AND WE WILL BE SHARING MORE INFORMATION WITH STAFF IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

**MR. DEVINE** ASKED IS THERE A PARTICULAR DAY OF THE WEEK AND TIME TO TAKE TEST? AND WITH THAT, PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT COGNITIVE FATIGUE.
DR. COLEMAN responded many years ago the state department used to alternate which assessment we would take first and on which days of the week. One thing we would clearly see in the data is Mondays never really seem to be a great day to test. Whatever goes last seems to have the lower scores. On Mondays it takes a minute for kids to get into the routine. This year as we have been given a window to do our state testing we have avoided Mondays. With the area in which we test kids get fatigued very easily. Our state test are incredibly long. When we had ACT Aspire, it was timed. We didn’t love that, because it rushed kids. We have gone back to an untimed state test. We have children who could take one separate area of test for three, four hours at a time. Test fatigue is real with our kids. We try to attempt to prepare our kids to develop stamina with test AP, with the benchmarks that we give throughout the year. They are a little but
LONGER, AS WELL. WE WANT OUR KIDS TO START GETTING USED TO THAT EXTENDED FOCUS AND THE ABILITY TO WORK ON SOMETHING FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. WE ALSO, WHICH IS IN THE CONFINE OF THE STATE REGS, DO BREAKS WITHIN OUR STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS, AS LONG AS THE MATERIALS ARE KEPT SECURED. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED THAT.

**MR. DEVINE** ASKED ARE STUDENTS GOING TO USE COMPUTERS FOR TESTING THIS COMING YEAR?

**DR. COLEMAN** RESPONDED YES, THAT IS STATE LAW. THIS YEAR ALL STATE ASSESSMENTS GRADES 3-12 MUST BE ADMINISTERED ONLINE. WE ARE PREPARED FOR THAT.

**CHAIRWOMAN HARRIS** NOTED A CONCERN OF GETTING CALLS FROM PARENTS ABOUT GRADES NOT BEING UPDATED. SHE STATED WE HAVE PUT A LOT INTO POWERSCHOOL. SHE REQUESTED LOOKING INTO GRADES BEING PUT IN, IN A TIMELY MANNER BY OUR STAFF.

**DR. WITHERSPOON** STATED WE DO HAVE GUIDELINES AND TIMELINES. WE WILL MAKE SURE THIS IS COMMUNICATED AND DONE TIMELY.
LEGAL STATUS REPORT

ATTORNEY DAVIS STATED A REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. THERE IS NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEMS AT THIS TIME.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL/HR UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES: DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED PERSONNEL CONCERNS WERE PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS INFORMATION. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. CANDACE LOWMAN TO THE POSITION OF ACTING COORDINATOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. MS. LOWMAN IS CURRENTLY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

MR. BISHOP NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE.
DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF KEISHA SCOTT TO THE POSITION OF AAP CONSULTANT. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN RICHLAND-LEXINGTON 5.

**MOTION:**

MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. KING. (NOT ADAMS).

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A NON PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

**MOTION:**

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

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

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DR. SAVAGE-COUSAR STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY AS PRESENTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

**MOTION:**

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

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

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

**OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:**

MOA HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK, MAKING MIDDLE GRADES THAT WORK OR TECHNOLOGY CENTERS THAT WORK

MS. JENNINGS STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK, MAKING MIDDLE GRADES THAT WORK OR TECHNOLOGY CENTERS THAT WORK; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, MRS. CHERYL HARRIS, TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.
MOTION: MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. ADAMS.

DISCUSSION: MRS. KING ASKED DO WE GET THIS EVERY YEAR?
MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED YES, WE DO.
MRS. KING ASKED WHY IS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INVOLVED IN THIS?
MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS SUPPORTED STATEWIDE AND IT HAS BEEN OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THEY PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST DISTRICTS FOR IMPLEMENTING.
MRS. KING ASKED IS THIS MOSTLY A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOOL?
MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THAT IS A PART OF IT. YES, IT PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL’S SESSIONS THAT OUR STAFF CAN ATTEND TO. WE CAN HAVE FOLKS COME IN AND WORK WITH SCHOOLS IN IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS.
MRS. KING ASKED IS THIS A PROGRAM?
MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED IT IS AN INITIATIVE.
MRS. KING ASKED IS THE TECH PIECE FOR OUR
CATE PROGRAM?

**MS. JENNINGS** responded it is for our technology center. And all of our middle schools and high schools will be participating.

Mrs. King asked is that a new piece?

**MS. JENNINGS** responded it is not a new piece. I will have to check to find out whether they have participated before.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

Mrs. King stated we are in October. Is this the timeline that we use? Shouldn’t this all be lined up before school starts?

**MS. JENNINGS** responded we just received this from the state.

**OFFICE OF**

**OPERATIONS:**

Contract: Purchase of Vehicles for District’s Motor Pool

Mr. Hardison stated the administration recommends approval of the contract: purchase of vehicles for District’s motor pool.
MOTION: MR. DEVINE MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. ADAMS.

VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT: CHAIRMAN HARRIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.
STENOGRAPHER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS