



Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, October 24, 2016

6:00 p.m. – District Office Board Room

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Board of Trustees met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with members present as follows: Jim Vining, Chairman; Walter Brown; Mildred Douglas; Terry Hutchinson; Helena Miller; Ann Reid; and Jane Sharp. Chairman Vining called the meeting to order and Modesty Wade, a seventh grader at Dutchman Creek Middle School, led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Vining stated that the local news media had been notified of the agendas, in writing, on Friday, October 21, 2016. Jennifer Becknell, with *The Herald*, was present.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Walter Brown made a motion that Item B. Approval of Policy JHCB, JHCB-R – Released Time for Religious Instruction – under the Action Agenda be removed from the meeting agenda. Helena Miller seconded this motion. For clarification, Chairman Vining noted that this current motion means the original motion to table this policy would “go away” and this policy would no longer be under consideration by the Board. This policy was originally tabled at the May business meeting pending feedback from the SIC’s, which has been received. The motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

The motion to approve the meeting agenda was unanimously approved, 7-0.

II. Recognitions

A. Recognition of WorkKeys Platinum Score Student

ACT WorkKeys was administered to all high school juniors in South Carolina. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop, and retain a high-performance workforce. This series of tests measures foundational and soft skills and offers specialized assessments to target institutional needs. Students completing the ACT WorkKeys assessments in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information earn a certificate ranging from Bronze to Platinum. A Platinum score indicates an individual has the necessary foundational skills for 99% of jobs. Congratulations to Hannah Lane, a senior at Northwestern High School, on earning this outstanding accomplishment.

B. Recognition of SC Ready Math Maximum Scale Score Students

College- and Career-Ready Assessments, known as SC READY, are statewide assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics that are aligned to the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for ELA and Math. The SC READY assessment was

given for the first time in 2015-2016 school year. The test is given to students in grades three through eight. Tonight, nine students who scored at the highest level were recognized.

C. Recognition of Sabrina Bundy, S.C. Elementary PE Teacher of the Year

The South Carolina Association for Physical Education and Support has named Mrs. Sabrina Bundy, who has taught in Rock Hill Schools for nearly 30 years, as the 2016 South Carolina Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Bundy currently teaches at Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies and previously taught at Ebinport Elementary School. Congratulations Sabrina!

D. Recognition of Board Member Walter Brown

After 16 years as a member of the Rock Hill Schools Board of Trustees, Mr. Walter Brown has decided not to seek re-election. Tonight, he serves his community for the final time as a school board member.

Mr. Brown was honored at a reception prior to the meeting tonight, and received several very special recognitions during the school board meeting.

III. Citizen Participation - None

IV. Consent Action Agenda

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Helena Miller, the following topics on the consent action agenda were unanimously approved: the minutes of the September 26, 2016 called executive session and monthly business meeting; the minutes of the October 10, 2016 work session (incl. data session); the personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration; and, Use of Facilities Requests for *Elevation Church, New Spring Church, and Kingdom Revolution Worship Center*.

V. Action Agenda

A. Approval of Policy DFAC – Fund Balance – 2nd reading

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **DFAC – Fund Balance** for 2nd and final reading.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

B. Approval of Policy JKR, JKD-R – Suspension of Students – 2nd reading

A motion was made by Jane Sharp, seconded by Walter Brown, to approve **Policy JKD, JKD-R – Suspension of Students** for 2nd and final reading.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

C. Approval of Policy JKE, JKE-R – Expulsion of Students – 2nd reading

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **JKE, JKE-R – Expulsion of Students** for 2nd and final reading.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

D. Approval of Policy FF, FF-R – *Naming Facilities* – 1st reading

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Helena Miller, to approve Policy **FF, FF-R – *Naming Facilities*** for 1st reading.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

E. Report of Structured Debt Settlement of Catawba Indian Nation

Attorney Don Harper presented to the Board the efforts made by Rock Hill Schools since 2009 to collect an outstanding debt from the Catawba Indian Nation, and outlined options for the consideration of the Board.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Walter Brown to authorize the district's legal counsel to take legal action that is available to us, which is to acquire properties outside the reservation. This would fulfill their (Catawba Indian Nation) obligation to the school district.

This motion was approved 6-1, with Mrs. Reid voting against the motion, and Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Vining, and Dr. Sharp voting in favor of the motion.

F. Certification of Delegates for the 2016 Delegate Assembly

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Walter Brown, to approve *Mrs. Mildred Douglas, Mrs. Helena Miller, and Mrs. Ann Reid* as delegates for the SCSBA's 2016 Delegate Assembly Conference in December 2016.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

VI. Communications - None

VII. Report of the Superintendent

A. Announcements

Superintendent Kelly Pew made the following announcements:

- Parents, business leaders, faith leaders, and others are invited to attend at least one community open house this year at each of our schools. Our next open house will be on Friday, October 28th with stops at Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School and Sullivan Middle School. At Ebenezer, guests will be able to observe the district's new School of Inquiry choice program. The full open house schedule is available on our website.
- Organized by Axis Communications, Rock Hill Schools is hosting a School Safety Symposium on Thursday, October 27th. The program will feature Michele Gay, who is the mother of a student who died in the Sandy Hook tragedy and is the executive director and co-founder of *Safe & Sound Schools*. She will share her invaluable perspective on active shooter response, family reunification, and emergency management procedures with school and law enforcement officials from across the state and region while at the Rock Hill symposium.
- The "choking game" is a misunderstood activity causing death and suffering for thousands of families worldwide, including families in and around York County. The York County Coroner's Office is teaming with local school districts to offer an educational program about the deadly game at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 27 at

Sullivan Middle School in Rock Hill. This event is open to anyone in the greater-Charlotte area.

- The School Board will next meet on Monday, November 14 when it holds a work session. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held at the District Office. At work sessions, the Board receives detailed data reports and the public is welcome to attend.

B. Energy Management Program Update

Mr. Kim Melander, the district's Energy Manager, presented to the Board as information an update on the Energy Management program.

Overall, the district used 29% less energy and saved 10% in costs compared to our baseline period. This adds up to 38% adjusted savings or \$1.1M in total avoided costs. Our utilities expenditures for the 2015-16 school year were under budget by 1%.

VIII. Review of School Board Work Session

Mr. Vining reviewed, for the viewing audience, the topics discussed at the October 10 work session.

IX. Other Business

*There is no survey for this meeting.

*Mrs. Miller requested a future discussion on Community Visits.

*Mr. Vining requested a future discussion on Students Representation at Board Meetings.

X. Executive Session(s)

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to adjourn Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss **Personnel Matters: Salary Discussion, Resignation**. This motion was unanimously approved.

XI. Action as required from Executive Session(s)

A motion was made by Terri Hutchinson, seconded by Walter Brown, to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Open Session. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Helena Miller, seconded by Walter Brown, to grant the request of a professional employee to be released from the employee's contract with the District and that we direct the administration to make a formal complaint to the State Board of Education regarding the employees breach of contract.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Jane Sharp, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Chairman

PERSONNEL MATTERS – October 2016

The board affirmed contracts for the following administrative employee(s):

Brenda Campbell Ebinport

The board affirmed contracts for the following certified employee(s):

Renee Foosaner..... Belleview
Paola Dattilo Dutchman Creek
Marsha Bennett..... Ebinport
Kathleen Stopchick..... Exceptional Student Education
Lydia Stiling Finley Road
Tamara Rumfola India Hook
Melodie Beck..... Mt. Holly
Latasha Frink Northwestern
Sheila Jesgar Northwestern
Patricia Smith..... Northwestern
Melody Moore Rosewood

AS INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

Resignations – Certified

Sarah Dominick..... Dutchman Creek
Jill Pierce Dutchman Creek
Melissa Meeks Northwestern

Terminations – Non-Certified

Anthony Barnett Belleview

Resignations – Non-Certified

Alyssa Jones Castle Heights
Sarah K. McCormack District Office/Accounting
William C. Covington Facilities Services
Beth F. Adkins..... Lesslie
Janine Guess Saluda Trail

New Employees – Non-Certified

Rachel Kelly Schifferle Ebinport
Kelly M. Bigham Exceptional Student Education
Nancy Weil Exceptional Student Education
James A. Hayes Facilities Services
Renee Burris Independence
Mark Mitchell..... Rawlinson Road
Vivian L. Herbert York Road

Transfer – Non-Certified

Andrew Strauss..... Sullivan