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## Called Executive Session and Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, August 22, 2016

5:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. – District Office Board Room

### I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Board of Trustees met this date at 5:00 p.m. for a called executive session and 6:00 p.m. for the monthly business meeting 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 Kylie Campbell, a first grader at Old Pointe Elementary School led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the business meeting.

Chairman Vining stated that the local news media had been notified of the agendas, in writing, on Friday, August 19, 2016. Jennifer Becknell, with *The Herald*, was present.

Chairman Vining stated that the packet of information for the board meeting can be found on the district's website. He also noted that, in addition to being replayed throughout the month on local television, the meeting was also being streamed live.

#### Executive Session

A motion was made by Helena Miller, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to adjourn Open Session and enter into Executive Session for **Property Matters: Sale of Property**. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

#### Action as Required from Executive Session

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Helena Miller, to adjourn executive session and reconvene open session. This motion was unanimously approved, 6-0. (*Mrs. Reid had briefly stepped out of the room.*) There was no action taken from the executive session.

### II. Recognitions

#### A. Recognition of SC PASS Perfect Scores

This year we again recognize students who earned a perfect score on the SC PASS test. In the past we have had a higher number of students recognized for this achievement due to the SC PASS being administered in Science and Social Studies. This year we increased the number of students who achieved a perfect score on either the science or social studies test. Tonight, we congratulate each of those students.

**B. Recognition of ATC Educators Rising**

This summer 14 aspiring teachers who are members of the Educators Rising organization at the Applied Technology Center attended a national Phi Delta Kappa conference in Boston, Massachusetts where they competed against schools from across the United States. Several students placed in various events on the national stage, and tonight we congratulate each of those students.

**C. Recognition of Kevin Wren, National Campus Safety Director of the Year**

Campus Safety magazine has announced Rock Hill Schools' Kevin Wren as the national Director of the Year in the K-12 category. The leading facility safety magazine recognizes outstanding campus public safety, security and emergency management leaders and the effective policies, procedures and technologies they use to protect their organizations.

Mr. Wren, who serves as Director of Risk, Safety, and Emergency Management, was selected from 10 finalists that were named earlier this year.

**D. Recognition of Beginning Teachers of the Year**

Each year, the district recognizes a beginning teacher of the year at the elementary and secondary level who finished their first year in the teaching profession in the prior school year. Ebinport Elementary fifth grade teacher Emma Wilson and South Pointe High English teacher Andra Mack were named Beginning Teachers of the Year.

**E. Recognition of 2016-17 District Teacher of the Year**

Clayton (CJ) Denio, a robotics and engineering teacher at Saluda Trail Middle School entering his 9<sup>th</sup> year in the classroom, was named Rock Hill Schools' 2016-2017 District Teacher of the Year as part of our back-to-school rally.

Mr. David Casey, with Family Trust, presented a check to CJ as a token of their appreciation.

The following introductions were made to the Board: Mr. Kevin Hood, Principal at Belleview Elementary School; Mr. John Kirell, Principal at Castle Heights Middle School; Mr. Brian Hammond, Principal at Old Pointe Elementary School; Ms. Katrina Moody-Byers, Assistant Principal at Northwestern High School (*Katrina was not able to attend the meeting*); Ms. Kimenya Ramet, Assistant Principal at Lesslie Elementary School; Mr. Jason Ramey, Assistant Principal at Independence Elementary School.

**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 June 27, 2016 called executive session and monthly business meeting; the minutes of the June 30, 2016 called meeting for public budget hearing; the minutes of the July 25, 2016 business meeting; the minutes of the August 8, 2016 work session (incl. data session); the personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration; Use of Facilities Requests for *Elevation*

*Church and New Spring Church; and, an Activity Bus Rental Request for St. Anne Catholic School.*

## **V. Action Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Policy IKAB, IKAB-R – Report Cards/Progress Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

A motion was made by Mildred Douglas, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **IKAB, IKAB-R – Report Cards/Progress Reports** for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

### **B. Approval of Policy JFB, JFB-R – School Choice – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Mildred Douglas, to approve Policy **JFB, JFB-R – School Choice** for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

### **C. Approval of Section “J” Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (C.-O.)**

**Policies JJ, JJ-R – Student Activities** and **JJAB – Limited Open/Closed Forum** we pulled from the group for clarification.

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Jane Sharp, to approve the **remaining** policies/rules, as a group, for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. These policies first came to the Board at the June work session, were then discussed at the June business meeting and the August work session. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**JICJ – Possession/Use of Personal Electronic Devices or District-owned Devices**

**JIH, JIH-R – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests**

**JIH-E(1) – Canine Search Report**

**JIH-E(2) – Checklist for Student Search**

**JIHC, JIHC-R – Use of Metal Detectors**

**JII – Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances**

**JJ-E(1) – Student Activities**

**JJ-E(2) – Student Activities**

**JJA – Student Organizations**

**JJG – Contests for Students**

**JK – Student Discipline**

**Policies JJ, JJ-R – Student Activities**

After discussion, a motion was made by Jane Sharp, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **JJ, JJ-R – Student Activities** for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**Policy JJAB – Limited Open/Closed Forum** we pulled

After discussion, a motion was made by Jane Sharp, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **JJAB – Limited Open/Closed Forum** for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**P. Approval of Policy BEDB – Agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

A motion was made by Walter Brown, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve Policy **BEDB – Agenda** for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. This policy was discussed at the August work session and following 1<sup>st</sup> read approval will be discussed again at the September work session. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

**Q. Approval of Issuance & Sale of a General Obligation Bond Not to Exceed \$12M**

Chairman Vining read the following: *“At the August 8, 2016 work session, the Board of Trustees was presented a bond resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation Bonds through the fall 2016 SCAGO GO Program. The attached bond resolution has been revised to reflect authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$12,000,000 General Obligation Bonds. After discussion with our bond counsel and financial advisor, it is the recommendation of our financial advisor to issue an additional \$7,000,000 of one-time 8% General Obligation Bonds to absorb the excess balance in the debt service fund. The issuance of additional \$7,000,000 General Obligation Bonds will not require an increase in tax millage.*

*Over the years, funds have accumulated in the district’s debt service fund in excess of the required annual debt service payments. This accumulation is the difference between the budgeted value of a mill and the actual collectable value of a mill. The budget number is always conservative to insure there are enough monies to make the payments of full faith and credit General Obligation Bonds. From time to time the fund is rebalanced or recalibrated. Our financial advisor recommends a debt service fund balance of 20% of expenditures at December 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently the district’s debt service fund balance is approximately 44%.”*

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Walter Brown, to approve the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$12,000,000.

Mr. Vining stated he would not support the motion because the \$7,000,000 is there because we haven’t done our job as a district managing that balance. Mr. Vining stated he “is good with the \$5,000,000 but not the additional \$7,000,000.”

Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Brown both expressed their support for the motion. The motion was passed, 6-1, with Mr. Vining voting against.

**R. Approval of Issuance & Sale of General Obligation Advanced Refunding Bonds Not to Exceed \$14M**

Chairman Vining read the following: *“At the August 8, 2016 work session, the Board of Trustees was presented a bond resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$14,000,000 General Obligation Advanced Refunding Bonds. The District’s 2009A General Obligation Bond, issued in September 2009, is eligible to be advanced refunded which is currently projected to produce a net savings of \$769,721 for the District with a projected interest rate reduction of 1.81%. If at the time of sale the interest rates on the refunding bonds do not result in satisfactory debt service savings, the Superintendent will be allowed to reject the bids for purchase of the refunding bonds.”*

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Walter Brown, to approve the issuance and sale of general obligation advanced refunding bonds not to exceed \$14,000,000.

This motion was unanimously passed, 7-0.

**S. Approval of Sale of District Office Building**

Chairman Vining read the following: *“A contract offer to purchase the District Office building and grounds...has been received via the district’s realtor.”* Mr. Vining stated, in the interest of disclosure, that our realtor is also the buyer’s realtor. *“The offer includes a commercial lease which affords the district administration the opportunity to remain in 100% of the building for up to six months after closing, and approximately 60% of the building for up to one year after closing with base rent waived. This generous offer to “lease back” at no additional cost to the district affords us the opportunity to acquire a new district Office facility.”*

Mr. Brown made the following motion: *“I move that the sale of the District Office proceed for \$2.7M based on contract approval when presented.”* Terry Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown, Mrs. Douglas, and Mr. Hutchinson expressed their support of the motion to sell, stating it’s a good move, and time to move forward.

Mr. Vining indicated he would not support the motion, stating factors such as not being able to sell this property and move without using any additional funds; trying to run the district from multiple locations being disruptive; and stating a better option would be not to sell the building now, but to design the new building properly first and then put the current district office up for sale.

Dr. Sharp stated she also feels to do this now would be a distraction, as we have so many things going on right now.

Mrs. Miller stated she feels we need to move forward with this offer that is on the table. Mrs. Miller stated she does have some of the same concerns as others have expressed, but feels we need to move forward.

Mrs. Reid stated she agrees that it’s a good thing to do, but ultimately thinks we should wait.

The motion passed, 4-3, with Brown, Hutchinson, Douglas, and Miller voting to approve; and, Vining, Sharp and Reid voting against the motion.

**T. Approval to Build District Office on District-Owned Property Not to Exceed \$6.5M**

Consequent to the Board’s approval of the sale of the existing District Office building, options for the construction of a new building or renovation of an existing facility were discussed at the August work session. The administration now requests approval of a project to construct and equip a new District Office building on land currently owned by the school district, in an amount not to exceed \$6.5M.

A motion was made by Ann Reid, seconded by Mildred Douglas, to approve building a new district office building on land currently owned by the school district in an amount not to exceed \$6.5M.

Mrs. Reid stated if we can build a new building in an area that is more centrally located in the schools that we serve, it would be good idea to have a building from scratch to represent the needs of our district.

Dr. Sharp stated she will not support the motion as she feels we have too many projects underway already and it would be a “distraction from the Board’s objective of improving student performance.”

Mrs. Miller stated she will support the motion and feels the school district needs to work very efficiently with other entities in our community and that in itself will help increase our academic performance.

Mr. Vining stated he will not support the motion as his concern is that there is a limit of \$6.5M. He would rather take away a “limit” that may force the administration to “make decisions that may not work out well down the road.”

Mr. Brown stated he feels the district is in better shape than it’s been in all the time he’s been on the Board, and he will support the motion.

Mrs. Douglas also indicated she is pleased the new building will be constructed on district-owned property and she will support the motion.

Mr. Hutchinson stated he feels our academics will be enhanced as productivity will be increased and he will support the motion.

This motion passed, 5-2, with Reid, Douglas, Hutchinson, Brown and Miller voting to approve; and, Sharp and Vining voting against the motion.

**U. Approval of Out of Continental U.S. Field Study Requests (3)**

A motion was made by Helena Miller, seconded by Mildred Douglas, to approve three field study requests for trips out of the continental United States – NHS Chorus and SPSHS Chorus to Cozumel; and NHS band to Hawaii.

This motion passed, 6-1, with Mr. Brown voting against.

**V. Approval of Date for Superintendent’s Evaluation**

A motion was made by Helena Miller, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve September 26<sup>th</sup> as the date for the superintendent’s evaluation. This motion was unanimously passed, 7-0.

**VI. Communications - None**

## **VII. Report of the Superintendent**

### **A. Announcements**

Superintendent Kelly Pew made the following announcements:

- Back by popular demand this year will be our Community Open House series. We invite parents, business leaders, faith leaders, and others to attend at least one community open house this year at each of our schools. This year's visits will kick off on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with stops at Mount Holly and Bellevue Elementary. The full schedule is now available on our website.
- The Board of Trustees will next meet on Monday, September 12 when it holds a work session. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in the district office board room.
- The Rock Hill Schools communications staff is sharing stories and would like to hear from you. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and by downloading the Rock Hill Schools mobile app.
- During the first week of the school year, district leaders visited all schools across the district to chip in and help ensure everyone got off to a smooth start. Last week went smoothly. In keeping with tradition, a brief "beginning of school" video was shown.

### **B. Reading Camp**

Mrs. Jill Pappas, executive director of elementary education, Ms. Jaime Cochrane, assistant principal of Finley Road Elementary School, and Mr. Brian Hammond, principal of Old Pointe Elementary School presented a Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camp Report. Of the 200+ second and third graders who were invited, 136 students attended. The camp lasted 19 days, Monday-Thursday for 5 weeks. Students received 116 hours of instruction in reading and writing, which is 20 more hours than is required by the state. Reading, writing and attendance data were collected and students received 30+ books to take home.

### **C. Middle & High School Summer School**

Dr. William Cook, executive director of secondary education, presented a Middle and High School Summer School Report.

For Middle School Summer School, there were 113 students with a total of 219 course enrollments. The number of enrollments completing 100% of courses was 35.

For High School Summer School, there were 389 students with a total 528 course enrollments. The number of enrollments completing 100% of courses was 271.

## **VIII. Review of School Board Work Session**

Mr. Vining reviewed, for the viewing audience, the topics discussed at the August 8 work session.

## **IX. Other Business**

- Board members will receive a meeting survey.
- The Risky Business Seminar will be in October in Myrtle Beach.
- A Schedule of Community Visits was provided.

**X. Executive Session(s) - None**

**XI. Action as required from Executive Session(s) - None**

**XII. Adjournment**

On a motion by Ann Reid, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman



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## **PERSONNEL MATTERS – August 2016**

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

Lihua Tan..... Applied Technology Center  
Samantha J. Carver ..... Belleview  
Janell Hampton ..... Castle Heights  
JaQuez O. Gilliard ..... Dutchman Creek  
Anne M. Lisk ..... Dutchman Creek  
Christopher O. Whitfield ..... Dutchman Creek  
Amy “Claire” DeLoach ..... Ebenezer Avenue  
Mariana J. Silva Gascon ..... Ebinport  
Kathy M. Guarino ..... Ebinport  
Karen E. McDaniel ..... Ebinport  
Candace Connors ..... Exceptional Student Education  
Lindsey C. Barber ..... Finley Road  
Mary Catherine Miller ..... Lesslie  
Jaime N. Bryan ..... Northside  
Tina Y. Perkins ..... Northside  
Scott B. Dawson ..... Northwestern  
Jonika D. Hazelett..... Oakdale  
Samantha Hines ..... Oakdale  
Brittany J. Lenertz ..... Oakdale  
Rebecca R. Matthews ..... Oakdale  
Brandan W. Craig ..... Old Pointe  
Stephanie J. Walker ..... Rawlinson Road  
Michael W. Edwards..... Rebound/Phoenix/Renaissance  
Dorothy R. Hutson..... Richmond Drive  
Elizabeth A. Parra ..... Rock Hill High  
Pamela Butcher ..... Rosewood  
Candi Mitchell ..... Rosewood  
Marie-Claude Ouellet ..... Rosewood  
Kristy S. Marler-Weiner ..... Rosewood  
Anastacia N. Ike Foreman .... Saluda Trail  
Jenelle F. Gilliam ..... Saluda Trail  
Eva Brooksetta Davidson..... South Pointe  
Kristin M. Hinson ..... South Pointe  
Bennett W. King ..... South Pointe  
Anna R. Padgett ..... South Pointe  
Howard Waugaman ..... South Pointe  
Bridget M. Durham..... Sullivan  
Gene M. Hines ..... Sunset Park  
Martha Elliott..... York Road  
Lee Arren-Carter Walter ..... York Road

## **AS INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **Resignations – Certified**

Martha S. Dickson ..... Castle Heights  
Martha Matthews..... Ebinport  
Dawn LaClair ..... Exceptional Student Education  
Michael R. Deckert..... Finley Road  
Erin M. Grant Jonas..... Finley Road  
Melissa S. Burroughs ..... Lesslie  
Leslie I. Harris ..... Northwestern  
Ryan M. Hinkleman ..... Rawlinson Road  
Demetria S. Roach..... Rock Hill High  
Emily C. Gonzalez ..... Rosewood  
Lee B. Crawford..... South Pointe  
Christian B. Lott..... South Pointe  
Carol P. Edwards ..... Sunset Park  
Lisa-Anne R. Williams..... York Road

### **Transfers – Certified**

Sherilynn N. Watts ..... Mt. Holly  
Sharon G. Beeks ..... Rawlinson Road  
Ray D. McCleod..... Sullivan

### **Position Ended – Non-Certified**

Kathleen Rankin ..... Bellevue  
Pamela Faulkenberry ..... Independence

### **Resignations – Non-Certified**

Brandi Dabney..... Castle Heights  
Lisa Mayfield ..... Castle Heights  
Scott Blasingame ..... DO/Information Technology  
Maria Rosa Marzoratti..... Ebinport  
Linda Call ..... Finley Road  
Amber L. Malchow ..... Richmond Drive  
Cassandra McFadden ..... Sullivan

### **New Employees – Non-Certified**

Alyssa K. Jones ..... Castle Heights  
Rashetia J. Junior..... Castle Heights  
Daisy V. Smith ..... Mt. Holly  
Atreta L. Stinson..... Northside  
Sarai Ogando Acevedo ..... ParentSmart  
Jennifer N. Green ..... ParentSmart/T3 Program  
Cynthia S. Long..... Richmond Drive  
Brittany P. Davis ..... Rock Hill High  
Terri P. Hottle..... Rock Hill High  
Marie-Josée Gignac ..... Rosewood  
Carol Hemphill..... South Pointe  
Alexis Jacobs ..... South Pointe  
Felicia V. Ivory Adams ..... The Children's School

**Transfers – Non-Certified**

Melissa A. Benfield ..... Applied Technology Center  
LeeAnn Howington ..... Belleview  
Sabrina Hope ..... DO/Planning  
Joshua W. Fields..... Dutchman Creek  
Ariana Barbaran ..... Ebinport  
LaTerrica McCoy ..... Northside  
Deitrice McCrorey ..... Northwestern  
Sara J. Brock..... Richmond Drive  
Shana Elkins ..... Richmond Drive  
Susan E. Williams ..... Rock Hill High  
Melissa J. McGady ..... The Children’s School  
Dwight L. Sterling ..... The Children’s School