

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 13, 2007

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Jerry D. Holley, Chairman; Mr. James N. Sweeney, Vice-Chairman; Mr. William B. Watson, Secretary; Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch; Mrs. Linda Blackwell Frasier; Mr. Wesley R. Miles; Mr. Council Porter and Mr. Chad L. Vick

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Steven W. Humphries

PRESENT – STAFF: Williams, Patterson, Watson, Sowell, Redfearn, Haile, and Buck

NEWS MEDIA: John Davis, *The Pageland Progressive-Journal*
Joy Huntley, *The Link*
Susan Gilmour, *WCRE*

VISITORS: Area Citizens

Chairman Holley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office and welcomed those present. A motion was made by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously, to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. The board returned to open session on a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mrs. Frasier. Chairman Holley read the board policy regarding public participation at board meetings.

Jane Pigg, Pee Dee Broadcasting, announced that the station will broadcast Cheraw and Central football games. Chesterfield football will be broadcast on a tape delayed basis, and McBee football will be included in the Saturday morning quarterback show.

Mrs. Frasier delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Holley recognized all visitors and members of the press.

Mr. Vick moved, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously, to add to the agenda Item XI-C, a report from Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School on single-gender classrooms.

A motion was made by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the board meeting held June 11, 2007. Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously, to approve the June 25, 2007, board meeting minutes. Minutes of the July 23, 2007, board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously.

Chairman Holley recognized McBee High CATE instructor Pat Earle. Mr. Earle reported that the McBee FFA recently won several state chapter awards. He also introduced several members of the FFA and noted their individual accomplishments at the state level. Board members were invited to a reception honoring the McBee FFA, which is hosted by the State FFA in Florence August 16.

Mr. Brian Davis, Sandhills State Forest, presented a check to CCSD in the amount of \$338,667.38 from the State Forestry Commission in lieu of property taxes on the land. The amount represents 25% of the Sandhills State Forest revenues.

Chairman Holley presented certificates to the following board members who have completed Level One of the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute training program: Kim Burch, Linda Frasier, and Wesley Miles.

Superintendent Williams expressed appreciation to the new Cheraw Wal-Mart Super Center, which recently donated a total of \$4500 to several district school programs.

Finance Director Watson presented monthly financial reports for June and July. Discussion followed regarding budget adjustments exceeding \$5000 for June and July. Mr. Miles noted that the adjustments require board approval prior to the transfer and expenditure of funds. Dr. Williams will send board members a copy of the board policy. A motion was made by Mr. Vick and seconded by Mrs. Frasier to approve the attached budget adjustments for June and July. The motion carried by a vote of 6-2 with Mr. Miles and Mr. Watson opposed.

Personnel Director Sowell recommended the attached personnel exhibits. Exhibit A was approved on a motion by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously. Mr. Vick moved, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, to approve Exhibit B. Exhibit C was approved on a motion by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously. Mr. Vick made a motion to approve Exhibit D. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously, to approve Exhibit E. Exhibit F was approved on a motion by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously. Mrs. Frasier moved, seconded by Mr. Vick and carried unanimously, to approve Exhibit G.

Ms. Sowell recommended a change in the district salary schedule for school psychologists. Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously, to table the matter until additional information is provided.

Curriculum Director Redfearn reported that 204 out of 205 students completed the summer credit recovery program. The current \$50 fee to participate in the program may need to be increased to \$75 next year. Mrs. Redfearn noted that 645 students were enrolled in the grades 3-8 summer school program, and 62 students attended the grades 9-12 summer school program. The ALPHA summer program included 217 students in the areas of music and art.

Dr. Andrea Hampton, Principal of Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School, gave a report on single-gender classrooms. She indicated that four single-gender classrooms would be implemented at CRMS in 2007-08.

Assistant Superintendent Patterson informed board members that a bat infestation had occurred at Cheraw Primary School during the summer. The bats have been removed, carpets have been cleaned, and air samples have been taken. Eleven classrooms and the media center were involved. The total cost of the project is approximately \$18,000, which includes a two-year guarantee.

Board members were reminded that the district received early childhood funds as a result of the state equity lawsuit. These funds will provide additional 4K classes at Petersburg Primary and Cheraw Primary Schools. These schools must meet DSS requirements, fire marshal requirements, etc. A recent DSS inspection resulted in fencing needs at the Petersburg playground. Mr. Patterson indicated that it would cost approximately \$2000 to meet the minimum requirement. He recommended the expenditure of \$15,000 to permanently take care of the playground fencing needs. Mr. Sweeney moved to accept the recommendation of the administration to spend \$15,000 on the Petersburg playground needs. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Vick opposed. (Mrs. Frasier had left the meeting at this point.)

Mr. Patterson recommended the purchase of two new mowers at a cost of \$14,400 to be used on the athletic fields at Cheraw High and Central High Schools. The current mowers are five years old and in poor condition. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Porter to accept the recommendation of the administration to purchase two new mowers at a cost of \$14,400. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Vick opposed.

Mr. Patterson reported a violation of the procurement code in that, while bids were received for grass cutting services, a request for bids was not advertised. By consensus, the board agreed that the purchase of grass cutting services would be exempt from advertising for 2007-08 only.

A motion was made by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, to approve first reading of the revision of Board Policy EEAEA, Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities.

First reading of the revision of Board Policy JH, Student Absences and Excuses, was approved on a motion by Mr. Vick, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Vick moved, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried unanimously, to approve first reading of the revision of Board Policy JICJ, Use of Telecommunications Devices in School.

Superintendent Williams reminded board members that the September 10 board meeting would be held at Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School, beginning with an executive session at 4:00 p.m. A schedule will be determined for the board tour of the Chesterfield/Ruby area schools prior to the meeting.

Board members were given copies of the 2007-08 school calendar, opening of school information, the football schedule and passes, and the 2007-08 SCSBA Boardmanship Institute calendar. Dr. Williams asked board members to contact his office if they wish to attend the SCSBA School Law Conference August 25-26 and the SCSBA Legislative Grassroots Advocacy regional meeting in Florence September 27.

Chairman Holley indicated that the board would meet in the near future to consider the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Vick.

The news media was previously notified of this School Board meeting.