

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 12, 2009

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Chad L. Vick, Chairman; Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Shannon P. Burr, Secretary; Mr. Wesley R. Miles; Mr. Council Porter; Mr. James N. Sweeney; Mr. Jamie D. Wayne; and Dr. James C. Williamson

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBER: Mrs. Linda Blackwell Frasier

PRESENT – STAFF: Williams, Patterson, Green, Sowell, Watson, Wallace, and Buck

NEWS MEDIA: Robert Monnie, *The Link*
Susan Gilmour, *WCRE*

VISITORS: Area Citizens

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vick at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office.
- II. **Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mrs. Burr, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. The board returned to open session upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mrs. Burr.
- III. **Public Comment:** Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell reported a successful United Way campaign in the schools last year and requested school district support of the campaign again this year.
- IV. **Call to Order/Welcome:** Chairman Vick called the regular session to order and welcomed all visitors and members of the press.
- V. **Invocation/Pledge:** Mr. Sweeney gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- VI. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes:** By consent, the agenda was approved as presented, as well as minutes of the September 14, 2009, board meeting.
- VII. **Board Comments:** Mr. Wayne congratulated McBee High graduate Stephen Tyner, now a Clemson University senior, who went to California for an internship with The Clorox Company and helped design a package that saved the company an estimated \$25 million.

Superintendent Williams noted that the four county varsity football teams have had success this year and have not lost a game in the past two weeks.

VIII. Operations Report: Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mrs. Burr, the board unanimously approved the base bid in the amount of \$1,384,500.00 from P.F. & Perry L. Mungo Construction Company, Inc. for renovations at the old Edwards School, as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Patterson. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding the alternate bids for the elevator and the kitchen renovations.

Mr. Patterson reported that Sarah Nuckles, SC DOT Commissioner, has indicated that DOT engineers have reported that a traffic study at the new Edwards Elementary School revealed it does not qualify for a traffic signal on Highway 9 in front of the school. The DOT does plan to install "SCHOOL" word pavement markings in front of Edwards Elementary and Chesterfield-Ruby Middle Schools. Chairman Vick noted that he had spoken with a member of the local Legislative Delegation who will contact other Delegation members about other options.

Architects from Goforth Brown Ezekiel have looked at the traffic situation at New Heights Middle School and have asked SC DOT officials to study the feasibility of a second entrance at the school.

IX. Financial Report: Finance Director Watson presented the monthly financial report. Upon a motion by Dr. Williamson, seconded by Mrs. Burch, the board unanimously approved the attached budget adjustments exceeding \$5000.

X. Personnel Report: Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Porter, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A – C as recommended by Personnel Director Sowell.

XI. Curriculum Report: Assistant Superintendent Green reported that the State Department has delayed the release of accountability and school report card information until mid-March because of the change from PACT to PASS testing this year. Mr. Green also noted that curriculum audits are being finalized, and details will be shared with the board at a future meeting.

XII. Special Recognition: S.C. Representative Ted Vick, along with State Forestry Director Gene Kodama and Sandhills State Forest Director Brian Davis, presented Superintendent Williams and Chairman Vick a check in the amount of \$414,392.44 in lieu of property taxes on the land. The amount represents 25% of the Sandhills State Forest revenues.

XIII. Utility Report: Construction Manager Wallace reviewed the quarterly utility report, noting a savings in electric usage. Administration is also working with the high schools to reduce water usage on the ball fields.

XIV. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams informed board members that the November 9 board meeting will be held at Jefferson Elementary School, with an executive session beginning at 4:00 p.m. Board members will tour the Pageland/Jefferson schools prior to the meeting.

Dr. Williams recommended second reading and approval of Board Policy BDF A. Upon a motion by Dr. Williamson and second by Mrs. Burch, Board Policy BDF A, Education Advisory Council, was unanimously approved as attached.

Dr. Williams reviewed the dates for the four additional furlough days for teachers and other staff as follows: January 4 and 15, March 5 and June 5. These dates were originally scheduled as staff development days. October 30 and June 4 will remain staff development days as scheduled.

- XV. Chairman's Comments:** Chairman Vick asked board members to consider serving as delegates at the SCSBA Delegate Assembly held during the Legislative Conference scheduled December 5-6 in Hilton Head. Delegates will be selected at the November 9 meeting.
- XVI. Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mrs. Burr, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters. The board returned to open session on a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mrs. Burch.
- XVII. Personnel Report:** A motion was made by Mrs. Burr, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried unanimously, that, based on Superintendent Williams' positive evaluation, the board will extend the term of Dr. Williams' contract by one year to June 30, 2012, and maintain his salary for 2009-2010, effective July 1, 2009, at \$132,500.
- XVIII. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Dr. Williamson, the board adjourned at 10:05 p.m.
- XIX. Media Notification:** The media was previously notified of this school board meeting.