

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 13, 2010

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Chad L. Vick, Chairman; Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch, Vice-Chair; Ms. Shannon M. Polson, Secretary; Mr. Darin M. Coleman; Mr. Wesley R. Miles; Mr. Council Porter; Mr. James N. Sweeney; and Mr. Jamie D. Wayne

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBER: Dr. James C. Williamson

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

NEWS MEDIA: Robert Monnie, *The Link*
Bill Moss, *The Progressive-Journal*

VISITORS: Area Citizens

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vick at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

II. Executive Session/Return to Open Session: Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Coleman, the board entered executive session to hear a student disciplinary matter and discuss personnel matters pertaining to employee hirings, compensation, terminations, and resignations. The board returned to open session upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Sweeney.

III. Public Comment: Chairman Vick read the board policy regarding public participation.

Chesterfield area citizen Tracey Merriman addressed the board concerning the treatment of her son in regard to basketball tryouts at Chesterfield High School.

Cheraw area citizen Jane Pigg, on behalf of Cheraw Rotary President Ron Bartley, informed the board that, by the end of the day on December 16, every CCSD student in third grade will have received a personal dictionary from the Rotary Club. Mrs. Pigg, owner of Pee Dee Sports Broadcasting Network/WCRE/*The Link*, expressed appreciation for being allowed to broadcast county football games and promote academics with interviews during half-time programs. A “Student Athlete of the Week” was also featured. Mrs. Pigg announced that her business will again proudly sponsor the Academic Bowl Banquet in January.

IV. Invocation/Pledge: Mr. Sweeney gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

V. Reception of Visitors: Chairman Vick welcomed visitors, members of the press, and Teacher of the Year (TOY) Frances McCluney.

VI. Approval of Agenda/Minutes: By consent, the agenda was approved, with the addition of Item XVIII-C, Student Matter, and a second executive session, as well as the minutes of the November 8, 2010, board meeting.

VII. Special Recognitions: Food Services Director Brown introduced Greg Ferguson, SDE Food Services/Nutrition Director. Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Brown recognized the following school cafeterias for receiving a score of 100 on DHEC inspections: Becky Perdue, Chesterfield-Ruby Middle; Judy Leidig, McBee Elementary; Lib Owen, Edwards Elementary, and Diane Price, Central High.

Superintendent Williams recognized Assistant Superintendent Frank Patterson who is retiring after a 40-year career in CCSD. Dr. Williams presented Mr. Patterson an engraved lamp from the School Board and district staff and expressed appreciation for his many years of faithful service and dedication to the school district. Board members commended Mr. Patterson for his outstanding career.

VIII. Board Comments: Mr. Sweeney thanked WCRE and PDSBN for keeping the public informed of athletic and other events. Mr. Miles congratulated the Central High football players and staff for winning the State AA football championship. Chairman Vick congratulated Tristan Watson, an 8th grade student at Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School, who was recently named the overall winner of the Division 2 Math Competition at the Junior Beta Club Convention. Tristan will now compete at the national level in Nashville, Tennessee.

IX. Special Reports: Mr. Alan Thompson, CPA, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A., presented the 2009-2010 audit report. Mr. Thompson reported an overall clean report and indicated that the general fund balance had increased by \$1,974,086 as of June 30, 2010, bringing the total fund balance to \$7,261,080. He praised the school district for a positive report in such a difficult economy. Chairman Vick commended the district staff for achieving the fund balance increase which reflects good management by the superintendent and finance department.

District TOY McCluney and Public Information Officer Buck reviewed two proposed school calendars for 2011-2012. The proposals will be voted on by employees, and the recommended calendar will be presented for board approval in January.

X. Financial Report: Interim Finance Director Hubbard presented the monthly financial report. Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Miles, the board unanimously approved the attached budget adjustments exceeding \$5000.

XI. Personnel Report: Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Coleman, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A – D as recommended by Personnel Director Sowell.

XII. Construction Report: Construction Supervisor/Procurement Officer Wallace reviewed information regarding the Premium and Risk Reduction (PARR) program which is sponsored by the SCSBIT in an effort to reduce worker's compensation claims. A safety committee has been formed to develop a safety statement in an effort to raise safety awareness and change employee behavior. To date, the district has met eight of the ten program requirements which, when met, will result in a 5% reduction in the worker's compensation premium, or approximately \$20,000 for CCSD.

XIII. Curriculum Report: Assistant Superintendent Green reviewed statistics regarding the high rate of teen pregnancy in Chesterfield County. He discussed details of a grant which has been obtained from the S.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in the amount of \$40,000/year for three to five years. The tentative program is a seventh and eighth grade curriculum in the three middle schools. The district comprehensive health committee is reviewing the program which has some controversial aspects. There is no specific curriculum, and students will be separated by gender. Parents will be required to give written permission for their children to participate. Consequences for those who do not participate have not been determined. Board members were given a web site where the curriculum can be reviewed.

Mr. Green reported that districts throughout the state are in disagreement with the State Department of Education regarding the formula for determining the high school graduation rates, which has resulted in the delayed release of high school report cards. Mr. Green reviewed the elementary/middle school report card data. Mr. Sweeney requested gender and race breakdowns.

XIV. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams reported that he will be attending a meeting this week to receive additional information regarding the Teach for America (TFA) program to be offered in South Carolina. The Pee Dee region will be the first region to receive the TFA teachers.

Superintendent Williams noted that the Central High football team was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be recognized at a future meeting for winning the state championship.

Board members were reminded of Winter Break December 20-31. Teachers will return for in-service January 3 and students return January 4. The District Office will be open a few days during the break.

Board members were given Academic Bowl results, winter sports schedules, a Crisis Management manual, a Personnel Directory, and information regarding the average miles on yellow school buses and the cost to replace district activity buses.

XV. Chairman's Comments: Chairman Vick reminded board members that budget discussions will be held during the regular monthly meetings in each attendance area scheduled in January, February, March, and April. The January 10 meeting will be held at Long Middle School with the open session beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cheraw area schools will be available in the afternoon for individual board members to tour as their schedules permit.

Upon a motion by Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Polson and carried unanimously, approval was granted to reappoint all Advisory Council members who are appointed by the School Board and agree to continue serving after their terms expire.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Polson and carried unanimously, to place Student A from Cheraw High School at the Palmetto Learning Center for the remainder of the school year.

***XVI. Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Sweeney, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters and compensation. The board returned to open session on a motion by Mr. Miles and second by Ms. Polson.

***XVII. Personnel Matter:** A motion was made by Mrs. Burch, seconded by Mr. Miles and carried unanimously, to add transportation duties to employee Rick Hammond and increase his salary to \$55,000. Mrs. Burch moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman and carried unanimously, to increase the duties of employee Wayne Wallace with no salary increase.

***XVIII. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Ms. Polson, the board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

XIX. Media Notification: The media was previously notified of this school board meeting.

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