

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 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. James N. Sweeney; Mr. Jamie D. Wayne; and Dr. James C. Williamson

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Council Porter

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

NEWS MEDIA: Robert Monnie, *The Link*  
Matt Smith, *The Chronicle/Advertiser*

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 and second by Mr. Coleman, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to employee hirings, compensation, terminations, and resignations, and contractual matters. The board returned to open session upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Sweeney.
- III. **Invocation/Pledge:** Mr. Coleman gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Reception of Visitors:** Chairman Vick welcomed visitors, members of the press, and Teacher of the Year Frances McCluney.
- V. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes:** By consent, the agenda was approved as presented, as well as the minutes of the August 9, 2010, board meeting.
- VI. **Special Recognitions:** Superintendent Williams congratulated the Central High School golf team and coach Chuck Hartman for winning the state championship. Coach Hartman was also recognized for being selected as the state golf coach of the year.
- VII. **Board Comments:** Mr. Wayne congratulated the McBee High FFA and teacher Pat Earle for being selected to receive the National Three Star Award at the National FFA Convention. The FFA also recently received the State FFA Gold Emblem Award and the Governor’s Citation of Accomplishment.

Chairman Vick recognized McBee Elementary School Principal Dr. David Nutt for inviting S.C. Governor Mark Sanford to come to McBee Elementary School. Governor Sanford visited the school on August 26.

- VIII. Financial Report:** Interim Finance Director Hubbard presented the monthly financial report. Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Dr. Williamson, the board unanimously approved the attached budget adjustment exceeding \$5000. Mrs. Hubbard noted that the auditors will return to the district September 27 and 28 to complete the field work for the audit report.
- IX. Personnel Report:** Upon a motion by Mr. Miles and second by Mr. Coleman, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A – H as recommended by Personnel Director Sowell.
- X. Curriculum Report:** Assistant Superintendent Green reviewed plans to make the Palmetto Learning Center a virtual learning environment because of a staff reduction due to budget cuts. He recommended the purchase of 50 new computer work stations for the PLC at a cost of \$41,661. A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve the purchase of 50 new computer work stations for the PLC, with the cost to come from building funds. During discussion, Mr. Miles requested information on the status of computer labs in the schools and a replacement plan for updating old labs. The motion by Mr. Sweeney was unanimously approved.
- XI. Superintendent's Report:** Upon a recommendation from Superintendent Williams, Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, to approve second reading and approval of Board Policy GBEBDA, Criminal Record Checks, as attached.

Dr. Williams reported a good start to the school year. He indicated that new administrators have brought new energy and enthusiasm, and morale seems to be high in the schools. He noted, however, that budget news from the state continues to be grim. Budget cuts amounting to more than one billion dollars are predicted for next year. Other losses affecting the district include the federal Race to the Top grant which South Carolina did not receive, as well as EduJob funds which may be in doubt because of how the state funds higher education. Dr. Williams stated that, while the district continues to be conservative with expenditures, good things are still taking place in CCSD.

Superintendent Williams recommended approval of an additional kindergarten teaching position at Edwards Elementary School. Three kindergarten classes currently have enrollments of 32, 32, and 33. A fourth class would bring the enrollment to 24 in each class. An additional aide will not be employed, and funding for the teacher would have to come from the fund balance. Dr. Williams reported that, while there are other classes with high enrollment, those schools are able to handle the situation. Upon a motion by Mr. Miles, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, an additional kindergarten teacher was approved for Edwards Elementary School, with funds coming from the fund balance.

- XII. Chairman's Comments:** Chairman Vick reviewed a revised board meeting schedule and emphasized budget hearings that have been scheduled in each attendance area during the months of January, February, March and April. This will provide an opportunity for public input during another difficult budget process.

**XIII. Adjournment:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Dr. Williamson, the board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

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