

The Pickens County Board of Education met on April 15, 2013 at the Central Office (377 LaDow Center Circle) at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Annie Jackson, Mrs. LaSonja Richardson, Mr. Nick Tolstick, Mr. Michael Hinton, and Mrs. Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Alma Somerville, Anissa Ball, Lisa Stamps, Fred Young and Board Attorney, Ray Ward.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**
Board Chairman, Nick Tolstick welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that a moment of silence be observed.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**
On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting.
4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the March payroll as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley.
5. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:**
Mrs. Pamela Jones addressed the Board asking that they reinstate Dr. Lisa Stamps as principal of Gordo Elementary School. She gave a very impassioned speech of Dr. Stamp's leadership skills and how she felt that Gordo Elementary would regress academically without Dr. Stamps as principal. Board Attorney, Ray Ward then explained the process involved to non-renew a contract principal. He stated that Dr. Stamps was given the reasons for her non-renewal and had a time frame in which to contest the Board's decision but did not.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the financial report as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley for the month of March and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,777,884.29
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	643,792.66
Capital CD	340,232.28
Debt Service Fund	217,599.26
CNP	427,269.36
Federal Programs	43,846.79
Local Schools	601,828.68

7. **UPDATE ON CAREER TECH AND BEVILL PARTERSHIP:**
Mrs. Alma Somerville told the Board that they have met with Dr. Cleveland, State Career Tech Director and we have the State Department's approval. Mr. Chapman said that they are working with Bevill and hope to have a program in place for the 2013-14 school year.
8. **AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE:**
Mr. Chapman informed the Board that Mr. David Howell, State Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, and Mike Hall, Auditor, will be at the Central Office on Thursday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. to conduct our audit exit conference.
9. **APPROVE CHANGE TO MECHANIC/MAINTENANCE SALARY SCHEDULE:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to remove the 12 month grounds position from the mechanic/maintenance salary schedule.
10. **APPROVE GROUND MAINTENANCE SALARY SCHEDULE:**
On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a 9 month Ground Maintenance Salary Schedule.
11. **APPROVE CHANGE FROM BLOCK SCHEDULE TO 8 PERIOD SCHEDULE:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to change the high schools from a block schedule to an 8 period schedule.
12. **TABLE (30 DAYS) POLICY REVISION GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (IHF):**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to table (30 days) policy revision Graduation Requirements (IHF).
13. **TABLE (30 DAYS) BYOD TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to table (30 days) policy BYOD Technology Acceptable Usage Policy.
14. **APPROVE PROPOSED MEETING DATE CHANGES:**
On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to change the May 13th board meeting to April 29th and the May 20th board meeting to May 6th.
15. **APPROVE LUMBER SALVAGE-MCGEE PROPERTY HOUSE:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously voted to table the request to salvage lumber from McGee Property house until the Superintendent can gather more information.
16. **APPROVE FEASIBILITY STUDY:**
Motion made by Michael Hinton and second made by Debbie Holley were withdrawn after Annie Jackson asked for a proposal from Dr. Salmon on sources to be used in gathering information for study. Superintendent Chapman agreed to contact Dr. Salmon and ask him to present a proposal to Board at the next meeting.
17. **APPROVE 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**
On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2013-14 school calendar.

18. **APPROVE ONE MONTH OPERATING RESERVE RESOLUTION:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the one month operating reserve resolution.

19. **DECLARE REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to declare reduction in force for non-certified personnel.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board reconvened at 7:45 a.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

21. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation as follows:

Resignation/Retirement

Rochelle Brown	AMS, Teacher, effective 6/1/13
Barbara Clemmons	AES, Teacher, effective 6/1/13
Ann Corder	AES, Teacher, effective 6/1/13
Sherron Elmore	AES, Teacher, effective 6/1/13

22. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary