

The Pickens County Board of Education met on May 1, 2014 at the Central Office (377 Ladow Center Circle) at 6:00 p.m. T Nick Tolstick, Michael Hinton, Annie Jackson, LaSonja Richardson and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Jennifer Shirley, Alesia Williams, Alma Somerville, and Kim Clark.

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 Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the March 19th, 2014 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. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the March financial report as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,767,186.29
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	919,791.71
Capital CD	341,074.70
Debt Service Fund	117,000.00
CNP	432,782.02
Federal Programs	30,407.78
Local Schools	650,241.56

6. **LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE:**

Superintendent Jamie Chapman informed the Board that the legislative session was over and the FY15 budget was passed. He told the Board that the approved budget included an increase in textbook and other current expense funds and fully funded our insurance. Also included was a .5 increase in the middle school divisor which means a .75 teaching unit for Pickens County.

7. **CAREER TECH CENTER UPDATE:**

Superintendent Jamie Chapman informed the Board that the maintenance department had already begun work to reopen the Career Tech Center in August. He told the Board that the five courses (Industrial Maintenance, Public Safety, Welding, Health Science, and Cosmetology) to be offered to our students will allow the System to earn 100% funding for a Career Tech Director and Counselor. The students for each high school will be given the option to either ride a bus or drive to the Career Center to attend class.

8. **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that the Reform SOS meeting that was canceled due to weather has been rescheduled for May 5th at Pickens County High at 6 p.m. The Aliceville meeting will be held May 6th at 6 p.m. and the Carrollton meeting will be May 13th at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Chapman then gave a power point presentation of the main topics covered during the SOS meeting in each town.

9. **APPROVE RESOLUTION SCHOOL FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY LAW:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to table the resolution until the May 19th meeting when Mr. Dennis Coe with the State Department will be present.

10. **TABLE POLICY EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to table the policy Equitable Distribution of Funds.

11. **TABLE POLICY REVISION WELLNESS ON NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to table policy revision Wellness on Nutrition and Physical Activity.

12. **APPROVE POLICY REVISION HOMELESS STUDENTS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revised Homeless Students policy.

13. **APPROVE POLICY REVISION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revised Admission Requirements Policy.

14. **APPROVE PROPOSED CALLED BOARD MEETING:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to hold a called board meeting on May 15, 2014 at the Central Office at 6:00 p.m.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters. The Board reconvened at 7:58 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

16. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Janice Bridges	Teacher, AHS, effective 6/1/2014
Effie Barnes	CNP Worker, AES/AMS, effective 6/1/2014
Cheri McDonald	Teacher, AMS, effective 5/29/2014
Sara Shaw	Custodian, RES, effective 6/1/2014
Patrick Plott	Teacher, PCHS, effective 4/18/2014

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deborah Hodges	CNP Worker, AES/AMS, FMLA, 4/12 – 7/31/14
Shannon Howard	CNP Worker, RES, medical, 3/18 – 4/17/14
Angela Lavender	Teacher, RES, second year, 2014-15 school year
Valerie Jackson	Asst. Principal, GES/GHS, maternity, 5/14 – 6/6/14

REASSIGNMENT

Lori Hindman	Psychologist, from 10 month to 9 month employee
--------------	---

17. **EXPULSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation for the expulsion of one Gordo High School student for one calendar year.

18. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary