

The Pickens County Board of Education met on May 15, 2014 at the Central Office (377 Ladow Center Circle) at 6:00 p.m. Nick Tolstick, Annie Jackson, LaSonja Richardson, Debbie Holley and Michael Hinton (arrived 7:00 pm) were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Alma Somerville, Anissa Ball, Alesia Williams, Turner Oliver 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 LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

3. **APPROVE PAYROLL DEDUCATION LETTER:**

Board Attorney, Ray Ward spoke to the Board about Section 17-7-5(b) of the Code of Alabama which requires any organization that requests a local school board to arrange for collection of membership dues through its payroll deduction process to certify that none of the membership dues will be used for political activity. The enforcement of this statute was temporarily blocked by a federal court, but that injunction has been lifted. Mr. Ward recommended that the Board send a letter to each organization that the system is currently payroll deducting dues and advise that payroll deductions for membership dues will be terminated unless certification required by Ala. Code 17-17-5(b) is received in our office by close of business on May 30, 2014.

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to send out the payroll deduction letters.

4. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Kimberly Dyer

Teacher, GES, effective 6/1/14

Jacob Crowe

Groundskeeper, effective 5/9/14

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board reconvened at 8:30 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

6. **BOARD MEETING CHANGE:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to change the June 11th board meeting to June 5th at the Central Office at 6:00 p.m.

7. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary