

The Pickens County Board of Education met on August 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Office (377 LaDow Center Circle, Carrollton, AL 35447). Chairman, Nick Tolstick, LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson, Michael Hinton, and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Jennifer Shirley, Vanessa Anthony, Anissa Ball, Alesia Williams and Alma Somerville.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**

Chairman, Nick Tolstick welcomed everyone to the August 28th Board Meeting and asked that a moment of silence be observed.

2. **AGENDA APPROVED:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the agenda was approved.

3. **MINUTES APPROVED:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved.

4. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

Mr. Robert Wilder, Aliceville High School booster club president, asked the Board to give approval for the booster club to purchase a riding lawn mower. Superintendent Chapman told the Board that Mr. Sterling, Aliceville High principal, was in agreement with the purchase and was aware that if the booster club failed to pay for the mower that Aliceville High School would be liable for the loan.

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to allow the Aliceville High Booster Club to purchase a riding lawn mower.

5. **1st REQUIRED BUDGET HEARING:**

The first public hearing for the FY 14 budget was declared open by Chairman Nick Tolstick. Mrs. Jennifer Shirley, CSFO, presented the preliminary budget for FY 14 including State, Federal, and Local funds, explaining revenue and expenditure items. Mrs. Shirley informed the public of the public review and comment forms made available in the budget handout. After opening the hearing for a question and answer session Chairman Tolstick declared the budget hearing closed. The next budget hearing will be September 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

6. **BOARD TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:**

Superintendent Chapman told the Board that by law each Alabama school board must have at least two hours annually of whole board, interactive training. The training must occur with a trainer present and allow the board to interact with the trainer, each other and the superintendent. He asked the Board to look over training offered by the Alabama Association of Schools Boards and decide which training would be most beneficial for the board.

7. **MCGEE HOUSE:**

Board attorney, Ray Ward addressed the Board on the Sheriffs' departments offer to demolish the McGee House. He explained that since it was a Carrollton property that approval for the demolition would be needed from Ernestine Sapp, Consent Decree Attorney. He told the board he would send the request to Ms. Sapp and that he felt that due to the condition of the house she would be in agreement to the demolition. Mr. Ward also stated that he recommended having the Sheriffs' department sign a liability clause before starting the demolition.

8. **APPROVAL TO ALLOW BUS SHIELD TO CONDUCT SURVEY :**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendents recommendation to allow Bus Shield to conduct a survey of our bus fleet.

9. **APPROVE POLICY SECLUSION OR RESTRAINT OF STUDENTS:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Seclusion or Restraint of Students Policy.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously agreed to convene to executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss personnel and student matters. Board Attorney, Ray Ward, made legal declaration to convene with the Board in executive session to discuss legal matters. The Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

11. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

Retirement/Resignations

Syphus Stanton
Travoris Wright
LaShana Lark

Instructional Aide, PCHS, effective 8/23/13
Bus Driver
LPN, Pickens County High

Employment

Sherry Washington	LPN, Gordo Elementary School, effective 8/19/13
Robert Harris	LPN, Aliceville High School, effective 8/19/13
Michelle Rice	LPN, Gordo High School, effective 9/3/13
Cedrina Curry	LPN, Reform Elementary School, effective 8/19/13
Mike Hall	Bus Driver, effective 8/19/13
Mitchell Fitch	Bus Driver, effective 8/19/13
Matthew Tilley	Mechanic in Training, effective 9/3/13
LaShana Lark	Lead Nurse, RN, effective 8/19/13

12. **ZONE VARIANCE:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved zone variance #61 for a high school student for the 2013-14 school year.

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously denied zone variance #62 for a high school student for the 2013-14 school year.

13. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary