

The Pickens County Board of Education met on September 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office (377 LaDow Center Circle, Carrollton, AL 35447). Nick Tolstick, LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson, Michael Hinton, and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Anissa Ball, Alesia Williams, Alma Somerville, and board attorney, Ray Ward.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**

Chairman Nick Tolstick welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that a moment of silence be observed.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the additions *III.F. Capital Planning Team Members, III.G. AASB Meeting.*

3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting.

4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the August payroll as presented by CSFO Jennifer Shirley.

5. **AUDIT REPORT:**

Mrs. Shelley Patrenos, State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts presented the October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013 auditors' report for the school system. Mrs. Patrenos reported that as required by Act 206-196 the Acts of Alabama in accordance with the School Fiscal Accountability Act, they were required by the legislature to present the findings of each annual audit report at a public meeting. On the financial statements they issued an unqualified opinion, which is the best opinion you can receive. She commended CSFO, Jennifer Shirley and the school bookkeepers for their excellent handling of the systems funds.

6. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

Mrs. Cynthia Simpson, with Community Action/Head Start informed the Board that Community Action/Head Start was trying to obtain funding for an early head start program. She told the Board the program would be for pregnant women and children from age six (6) weeks to three (3) years old. She asked the Board to consider allowing Community Action/Head Start if granted the funding to construct nine classrooms on the property adjoining the Early Childhood Learning Center playground. Attorney, Ray Ward told the Board that since this was not part of the Consent Decree that they would have to have court approval. He also told the Board that he had spoken to Earnestine Sapps and she would like to hear the Carrollton communities' opinion on the project before making any decision.

7. **BUDGET HEARING**

The second required public hearing for the FY 15 budget was declared open by Chairman Nick Tolstick. Mrs. Jennifer Shirley, CSFO presented the changes made since the first budget hearing that was held at the August 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. After opening the hearing for a question and answer session Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the budget hearing closed.

8. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the financial statement as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley for the month of August and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,182,659.36
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,171,084.71
Capital CD	342,269.63
Debt Service Fund	-18,963.75
CNP Balance	459,647.06
Federal Funds	96,501.09
Local Schools	

9. **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Superintendent Chapman presented certificates of achievement to the following board members who had achieved new levels in the AASB's school board member academy during the 2013-14 academy year.

Annie Jackson	Level 2 Certificate
LaSonja Richardson	Level 2 Certificate
Debbie Holley	Masters 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Plaque

10. **HEAD START UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman gave the Board an update on the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with Head Start. He told the Board that a number of issues were discussed which included Pickens County Schools providing a secretary/receptionist, bus lease, fuel, meals and lease agreement on the facility.

**11. SDE – LEVERAGING FUNDS:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that he had submitted a form to the State Department of Education stating that Pickens County Schools were interested in leveraging a portion of our FY15 public school funds. He explained that submitting the form did not commit the System to leverage funds only that we had an interest. Mr. Chapman said that it is estimated that \$100,000 pledged annually for 20 years will generate approximately \$1.3K/1.4K for immediate capital expenditures and that he felt that this was an option that Pickens County should explore.

**12. CAPITAL PLANNING TEAM MEMBERS:**

Superintendent Chapman asked the Board to please contact their capital planning team members from last year and ask if they were willing to serve on the committee again this school year and if not to submit the name of their new team member. He told the Board that he would like for this years' committee to meet prior to the October board meeting if possible.

**13. AASB MEETING:**

Mr. Hinton informed the other board members that the upcoming September 28<sup>th</sup> AASB Leadership for Community Engagement conference will not be offered again until 2017. This is a core conference need to achieve higher levels in the School Board Member Academy.

**14. APPROVE FY15 Budget:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY15 budget as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley.

**15. APPROVE 2014-15 ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve all the 2014-15 Athletic supplements except Aliceville Middle Schools' supplement for athletic director.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 8:25 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

**17. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**Resignations/Retirements:**

Ricky Parham	Maintenance, Retire, 1/1/15
Samuel Boyd	Math Teacher, Aliceville High, resign 9/2/15
Larry Archibald	Band Teacher, Pickens County High, resign 1/1/15

**Employment**

Martha Latham	Aide, Pickens County High, eff. 8/11/14
Lori Vickers	Aide, Gordo Elementary, eff. 10/1/14
Felicia Bowen	Aide, Aliceville Middle, eff. 10/1/14

**Leave of Absence**

Joe Walker	Custodian, Aliceville Middle, medical leave, 9/9/14 – 4/30/15
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**Contract Principal:**

Alma Somerville	Principal, Career Center
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**18. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary