

The Pickens County Board of Education met on January 18, 2017 at 9:00 at Pickens County High School (205 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Reform, AL). Michael Hinton, LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson and Debbie Holley were present. Nick Tolstick was absent. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Anissa Ball, Alesia Williams and Board Attorney Ray Ward.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**  
Chairman Annie Jackson 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 LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the agenda.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**  
On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting.
4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**  
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the December payroll as presented.
5. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:** None
6. **APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**  
On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the December financials with cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$2,985,576.36
Bond Proceeds	7,161,538.11
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,008,343.61
Capital CD	345,704.81
Debt Service Fund	236,931.25
CNP	326,956.81
Federal Programs	76,629.89
Local Schools	

7. **ADVANCED BRIEFING:**  
Mrs. Anthony gave the Board a briefing on the AdvancEd review that is scheduled for February 12 – 15, 2017. She informed the Board that a review team of six would arrive on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and would be in the schools on Monday, talking to administrators, teachers, and parents. The team will be at Central Office on Tuesday and wants to meet with the Board Members at 10:30 that day. Wednesday will conclude the review with an exit conference with the Board at the February 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 12:45 p.m.
8. **A – F REPORT CARD:**  
Superintendent Chapman spoke to the Board about the A – F report card that the legislators released prior to the Christmas break. He explained that the report that the legislature put out did not have a grade this year, but it would have a grade next year. Mr. Chapman wanted the Board to understand that the grades circulating through the media were just projections of what some think the different systems grade will be when released next year.
9. **FAILING SCHOOLS LIST:**  
Superintendent Chapman told the Board that Pickens County did not have a school on the failing school list. He told the Board that the failing school list was based on the 10<sup>th</sup> grades Aspire test scores and had nothing to do with the SDE report of the lowest 6% schools in the state
10. **NEW COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER:**  
Mr. Chapman gave an update on progress being made on the new college and career center being built in Carrollton. He informed the Board that the concrete for foundation was done and walls were going up. He told the Board that the site was changing daily and suggested they go by and see it for themselves.
11. **PICKENS COUNTY CAREER AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:**  
Superintendent Chapman informed that Board that we are working to create a scholarship foundation to offer scholarships and financial assistance to high school and technical school students who are financially in need, of assistance to pursue educational advancement. He explained that all children in the county (home schooled, private school or public school) would be eligible for the scholarship. He explained that the foundation will be set up as a 501 C 3 and that Board Attorney Ray Ward will write up the Articles and By-Laws. Mr. Ward told the Board that the Foundation

will be a separate entity from the Board with its own Officers and Board of Directors to direct and control the business management and affairs of the Foundation.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 9:40 a.m. Board Attorney Ray Ward, made legal declaration to convene with the Board in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 10:47 a.m. and Chairman Annie Jackson declared the meeting back into open session.

13. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**RETIREMENT:**

Houston Lockett                      Teacher, Aliceville Elementary, effective 6/1/17

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Barbara Jenkins                      Teacher, Aliceville Middle, Medical Leave, 1/31 – 2/21/17

14. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Annie Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary