

The Pickens County Board of Education met on November 16, 2015 at the Central Office (377 Ladow Center Circle) at 6:00 p.m. Nick Tolstick, Annie Jackson, LaSonja Richardson, Michael Hinton and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Jennifer Shirley, and Anissa Ball.

1. **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2015-16:**

The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the new term November, 2015 – October, 2016. Debbie Holley nominated Nick Tolstick and Michael Hinton nominated himself for Board Chairman. The Board voted (3-2) to elect Nick Tolstick as Board Chairman. LaSonja Richardson nominated Michael Hinton for Vice Chairman. The Board unanimously voted to elect Michael Hinton as Board Vice Chairman.

1. **MEETING OPENDED:**

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 Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting.

4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the October payroll as presented by CSFO Jennifer Shirley.

5. **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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 October and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund		\$1,552,526.46
QZAB		105,581.91
Capital		1,165,075.77
Capital CD		343,299.58
Debt Service Fund		17,023.25
CNP Balance		110,031.96
Federal Funds		20,723.32
Local Schools	555,905.98 (Sept)	610,494.42

6. **SCHOOL BUS UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman shared with the Board specs for a special needs bus and regular school bus. He told the Board that we are ready to put together bid package to purchase new buses and hope to have bids them to vote on at the January board meeting.

7. **NEW CAREER CENTER UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that everything was moving forward on the new career center project. He told the Board that he, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Mullenix had have very productive meetings with the architect on the plans for the new center.

8. **APPROVE EARLY DECEMBER PAY DATE:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to move the December pay date from last business day to the last work day in month, December 18, 2015.

9. **APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH WHATLEY HEALTH SERVICE PARTNERSHIP:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to move ahead with the Whatley Health Service partnership for a school based health center.

10. **APPROVE AMENDMENT TO (MAC PROGRAM) PARTICIPANT DISTRICT AGREEMENT:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the amendment to the MAC program participant district agreement.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 7:15 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

12. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as follows;

**Employment:**

Felicia McCaa	CNP Worker, Gordo Elementary/High
Elissia Hood	CNP Worker, Aliceville Elementary/Middle

**Extend Contract:**

Hayes Baker	Grounds Maintenance, from 9 months to 12 months
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**Resignation/Retirement:**

Ryan Gorum	Agri-Science Teacher, Gordo High, resignation 11/6/15
Susan Hankins	English Teacher, Gordo High, retirement 12/1/15

**Long Term Substitute:**

Brandy Keating	for Susan Hankins 11/2/15 – 12/18/15
Melody Sutton	for Ryan Gorum 11/9/15 – 12/18/15

13. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary