

The Pickens County Board of Education met on February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Aliceville Middle School (1000 Columbus Road, Aliceville, AL). Nick Tolstick, LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson, Michael Hinton and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, and Anissa Ball.

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 LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the additions, *III.C. Storm Report, III.D. Literacy Program, III.E. County Basketball.*

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 January 20, 2016 meeting.

4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**

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

5. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:** None

6. **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 January and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$2,647,384.14
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	807,788.67
Capital CD	344,325.11
Debt Service Fund	66,484.25
CNP Balance	331,778.22
Federal Programs	105,293.06
Local Schools	

7. **WHOLE BOARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT:**

Mr. Chapman asked the Board for suggestions on which workshop the wanted to take to satisfy their whole board training requirement. The Board decided on either Strategic Planning or Community Engagement for the topic and to have the training if possible on April 18, 2016 from 3:30 to 5:30.

8. **STORM REPORT:**

Mr. Chapman informed the Board that we had approximately 27 student and 2 CNP employees that were affected by the tornado that touched down in the Sapps/McMullen area. He told the Board that he and several others from central office were in the Sapps community helping for about seven hours the next day. Mr. Chapman commended all schools for their efforts in gathering donations of goods for the tornado victims. He also told the Board that a donation center had been set up at Aliceville Middle School and that the counselor, Suellen Gipson has done a awesome job of getting it organized and the donated goods easily accessible for those in need.

9. **LITERACY PROGRAM:**

Mr. Chapman told the Board of a possible partnership with UA on a "Early Literacy Program" that would provide tutors during school day and after school at no cost to the system.

10. **COUNTY BASKETBALL:**

Mr. Chapman informed the Board that the Aliceville High School girl basketball team would be going to Montgomery on Friday to participate in State playoff game at 6:30 p.m.

11. **APPROVE PAPER BID:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the 8 ½ x 11 paper bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Newell Paper Company.

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to award the 8 ½ x 14 paper bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Newell Paper Company.

12. **APPROVE RECYCLING FUND GRANT:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to submit a grant to ADEM for a Recycling Fund Grant which includes a partnership between the Pickens County Schools and the Pickens County Solid Waste Department.

13. **APPROVE GORDO DISNEY TRIP IN DECEMBER, 2016:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a field trip by Gordo High Schools 8th grade student to Disney in December, 2016.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

15. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

Retirement:

Nancy Campbell RES, Teacher, effective 6/1/16

Employment:

Justin Booth PCHS, Agri-Science Teacher, effective 01/25/16
Stephanie Elliott AHS, Nurse, effective 3/7/16

16. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary