

The Pickens County Board of Education met on February 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Aliceville Elementary/Middle Media Center (800 Columbus Road, Aliceville, AL). LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson, Michael Hinton, and Debbie Holley were present. Nick Tolstick was absent. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, and Russell Smart.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**

Vice Chairman Michael Hinton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the addition, *III.H. Bio Tech Lab in Huntsville* and deletion *IV.B.FY15 Budget Amendment*.

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 of the January 21, 2015 meeting.

4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the January payroll as presented by Superintendent Chapman.

5. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:** None

6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the financial statement as presented by Superintendent Chapman for the month of January and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,808,618.73
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,095,369.66
Capital CD	343,299.58
Debt Service Fund	68,536.25
CNP Balance	399,169.94
Federal Funds	74,206.33
Local Schools	

7. **PCHS OFF FAILING SCHOOL LIST:**

Superintendent, Jamie Chapman informed the Board that Pickens County High School has been removed from the failing school list due to the steady improvement of test scores over the past four (4) years. He commended the students, teachers and administrators at Pickens County High for their dedication and hard work.

8. **ONE MONTH OPERATING RESEVE:**

Superintendent Chapman reminded the Board that Pickens County is one of twenty-two counties in the state that doesn't have the required one month operating reserve. He told the Board that Pickens County is still short by \$654,853.00 in having the mandated reserve and must submit a plan to acquire the reserve to the State Department of Education by April 1, 2015. Mr. Chapman reminded the Board that the number one priority for the one cent sales tax money was to obtain the state-mandated one month operating reserve. The Board will also need to pass a resolution prior to May 29, 2015 in support of the plan.

9. **ONE CENT SALES TAX:**

Superintendent Chapman told the Board that he and Mrs. Shirley were able to clear up a problem with the first month's collection of the new tax (not all the proceeds were coming to the board) and the report they received in January for the December 2014 collections indicated that the sales tax revenue was double what it had been before the new one-cent sales tax was passed.

10. **PCHS AND TOWN OF REFORM STORM SHELTER PARTNERSHIP:**

Superintendent Chapman told the Board that he and PCHS principal, Shemia Wilson met with the Mayor and Reform Police Chief to discuss a partnership between the City of Reform and Pickens County High. The partnership would allow the City of Reform to use the schools basement area as a storm shelter during inclement weather. Chapman said there would be stipulations in an agreement that the public cannot use the school as a storm shelter during the school day or during a school event, and a city representative (such as a policeman) will be responsible for opening the building during a storm and overseeing the public during its use. The city's attorney and Board Attorney Ray Ward will draft an agreement.

11. **CAREER TECH MONTH & CAREER CENTER RECEPTION:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that February was Career Tech month and the Career Center will be hosting a reception at the Career Center on Friday, February 20th for all the elected officials in the county.

12. ALICEVILLE HIGH BASKETBALL TEAMS:

Superintendent Chapman commended Aliceville High School varsity boys and girls' basketball teams for reaching the regional playoffs. Both teams played and unfortunately lost to Montgomery Academy. Mr. Chapman thanked all those involved in making this opportunity happen for the Aliceville students.

13. BIO TECH LAB IN HUNTSVILLE:

Board Member, Michael Hinton reported on a site visit he made to the Huntsville biotech firm, HudsonAlpha. He learned that the firm offered free resources to science teachers and asked that the teachers in Pickens County be made aware of this of these resources.

14. APPROVE CLARK-ATLANTA MUSEUM TRIP FOR ALICEVILLE HIGH:

On a motion by Debbie Holey, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a field trip on May 1-2, 2015 to Atlanta, Georgia for Aliceville High School.

15. TABLE SUBSTITUTE PAY INCREASE:

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved for the Superintendent's recommendation to table a pay increase for substitutes.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 10:55 a.m. and Vice Chairman Michael Hinton declared the meeting back into open session.

17. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Resignation:

Shannon Taylor	Public Safety Teacher, Career Center, effective 2/6/15
Charles Moody	Teacher, Aliceville High, effective 2/20/15

Employment:

Eddie Kyles	Maintenance, System-wide, effective 3/2/15
Michael Hayes Baker	Grounds Maintenance, system-wide, effective 3/2/15

18. MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Michael Hinton adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary