

The Pickens County Board of Education met on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office (377 LaDow Center Circle, Carrollton, AL). LaSonja Richardson, Annie Jackson, Michael Hinton, Nick Tolstick and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Alesia Williams, Anissa Ball, and Turner Oliver.

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 Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the deletion, *II. Community Group –Commissioner Bobby Bain.*

3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2015 and April 7, 2015 meetings.

4. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:** None

5. **APPROVE PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Michael Hinton the Board unanimously approved the payroll and financial statement as presented by Superintendent Chapman for the month of March and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,741,959.13
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,091,028.40
Capital CD	343,299.58
Debt Service Fund	102,536.25
CNP Balance	382,180.04
Federal Funds	83,985.85
Local Schools	

6. **BUS ACCIDENT UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman gave an update on the fatal bus accident that injured 14 students and took the life of veteran bus driver, Sharon Hood. The accident occurred on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 3:40 p.m. Mr. Chapman thanked the first responders (police and fire departments, police chiefs, ambulance service, helicopters, EMA, state troopers), Transportation Department, administrators, central office staff, teachers, other bus drivers, the parents and the students who were less injured on bus who helped the other students and did their evacuation just like they had been taught by Mrs. Hood. He said of the 14 students on the bus, two with the most serious injuries were airlifted to Children's Hospital in Birmingham, six with less serious injuries went by bus to Pickens County Medical Center, five others were taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS, and one student was transported by a parent. Mr. Chapman said Monday started a "day of healing" in Pickens County, and an assembly was held at Pickens County Highs to talk about the accident. Counselors from both PCHS and RES rode the bus with the students on that route and the bus was driven by a veteran bus driver familiar with the route.

7. **REQUEST FOR CLINIC PROPOSALS & ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS FOR AASB 2015:**

Superintendent Chapman asked if the Board they had governance best practice or innovative program or individual/group performance they would like to submit an application to AASB to share at the 2015 AASB annual conference. The Board unanimously agreed that they would not be submitting an application.

8. **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that Section 40-3-2, Code of Alabama 1975, requires that each County Board of Education, to nominate three persons for consideration in the selection of a County Board of Equalization. He asked the Board to talk to persons in their district for a nominee to be submitted to the State Department of Revenue for the new four-year term beginning October 1, 2015. The nominations must be submitted by August 14, 2015.

9. **Economic Interest Form:**

Superintendent Chapman reminded the Board that their economic interest forms were due by April 30, 2015. He told the board they could be submitted online or by mail.

10. **APPROVE POLICY SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Service Animals in Schools Policy.

11. **APPROVE POLICY REVISION COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Cooperative Education Programs Policy Revision.

12. **APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SHARON HOOD :**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the resolution for Sharon Hood.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 6:35 p.m. to personnel and legal matters. The Board reconvened at 8:00 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

14. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

Retirement/Resignations:

Candice Roberson	Math Teacher, PCHS, resignation, effective 5/28/15
Kimberly Rea	CNP Worker, PCHS, resignation, effective 3/14/15
Shirley Lang	CNP Worker, GES/GHS, retirement, effective 6/1/15
Lisa Shaw	SpEd Teacher, RES, retirement, effective 6/1/15
Lynn Marine	Teacher, AMS, retirement, effective 5/1/15

Voluntary Transfer

Kim Hocutt	From: CNP Worker, GES/GHS
	To: CNP Worker, PCHS

15. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary