

The Pickens County Board of Education met on August 17, 2015 at the Central Office (377 Ladow Center Circle) at 9:00 a.m. Nick Tolstick, Annie Jackson, LaSonja Richardson, and Debbie Holley were present. Michael Hinton was absent. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, and Anissa Ball.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**  
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 Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES:**  
On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting.
4. **APPROVE PAYROLL:**  
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the July payroll as presented by CSFO Jennifer Shirley.
5. **BUDGET HEARING:**  
The first public hearing for the FY 16 budget was declared open by Chairman Nick Tolstick. Mrs. Jennifer Shirley, CSFO presented a power point presentation of the preliminary budget for FY 16 which included State, Federal, and Local funds, explaining revenue and expenditures items of each source of funds. Mrs. Shirley informed the public of the public review and comment forms that were included in the budget handout. After opening the hearing for a question and answer session Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the budget hearing closed. The seconded required budget hearing will be held September 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

6. **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:**
7. On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the financial statement as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley for the month of July and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,819,423.30
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,499,354.81
Capital CD	343,299.58
Debt Service Fund	-33,463.75
CNP Balance	323,578.32
Federal Funds	13,637.11
Local Schools	610,030.37 (June)

8. **NEW SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE:**  
Vanessa Anthony informed the Board that they will have the official kickoff of the Gear-up program on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Gordo High School and 12:30 p.m. at Pickens County High School and on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Aliceville Middle School. Mr. Chapman told the Board that the enrollment for the Pickens County Career Center is up to 164 this year and there is a waiting list at each high school. He informed the Board that total system-wide enrollment as of May, 2015 was 2637 and as of August 13<sup>th</sup> it is 2615, down 22 students.
9. **APPROVE POLICY UPDATE – SAFETY IN CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAMS:**  
On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the update to the Safety in Career Technical Programs policy.
10. **APPROVE POLICY UPDATE – LIVE WORK IN CAREER TECHNICAL PROGRAMS:**  
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the update for the Live Work in Technical Programs policy.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss personnel and student matters. The Board reconvened at 11:05 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.
12. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation (Item 1) to employ the following;

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Kristy Allbritton	Reading Coach, RES
Elaine Humphries	Teacher, GES

Sarah Gunter	Teacher, RES
Regina Wilkins	Teacher, RES
Josef Stancer	Band Teacher, AHS
Tammilee Kerr	Science Teacher, AHS
Teirdre Owens	Math Teacher, AHS
Christian Stokes	Business Teacher, AHS

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation (Item 2) to accept the following resignations:

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Douglas Teuscher	Band Teacher, PCHS
Ruby Thomas	Business Teacher, AHS
Theron Wood	Math Teacher, AHS
Janesa Evans	Teacher, RES

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation (Item 3) to approve the following leave of absences:

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Patricia Burkhalter	Teacher, RES, FMLS, 8/10 – 12/18/15
Lucille Hatcher	Teacher, AHS, 2015-16 school year
Thomas Reese	Teacher, GHS, 08/13 – 09/26/15

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation (Item 4) for the following long term sub:

**LONG TERM SUB:**

Brenda McCrary	For Patricia Burkhalter, RES
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On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation (Item 5) to employ the following (LaSonja Richardson abstained)

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Lee Richardson	History Teacher, PCHS
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13. **ZONE VARIANCE**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved zone variances 44 & 45 for elementary and high school students for the 2015-16 school year.

14. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary