

The Pickens County Board of Education met on September 14, 2015 at the Central Office (377 Ladow Center Circle) at 6:00 p.m. Nick Tolstick, Annie Jackson, LaSonja Richardson, Michael Hinton (arrived at 6:55) and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Anissa Ball, Turner Oliver and Board Attorney, Ray Ward.

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

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 August 17, 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 August payroll as presented by CSFO Jennifer Shirley.

5. **BUDGET HEARING:**

The second 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 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.

6. **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

7. On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the financial statement as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley for the month of August and the cash balances as follows:

General Fund	\$1,709,445.33
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	1,273,505.58
Capital CD	343,299.58
Debt Service Fund	-16,463.75
CNP Balance	333,386.37
Federal Funds	188,662.95
Local Schools	

8. **AASB SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Superintendent Chapman presented certificates of achievement to the following board members who had achieved new levels in the AASB's school board member academy during the 2014-15 academy year.

Debbie Holley	Masters 2 nd Year
Annie Jackson	Level 3
LaSonja Richardson	Level 3
Nick Tolstick	Level 3

9. **TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:**

Superintendent Chapman informed the Board that ITS (Information Transport Systems) has done site walks at all the schools and central office. He told the Board ITS will start the technology infrastructure project on Monday, September 21 and plan to have project completed by October 15, 2015. The ITS crew will arrive at school sites at 2 p.m. and begin work after dismissal of school each day and has assured Mr. Chapman and Principals that there will not be any interruption to the regular school day.

10. **APPROVE 2015-16 ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTS:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by LaSonja Richardson the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2015-16 Athletic Supplements.

11. **APPROVE FY16 Budget:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the FY16 Budget as present by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley.

12. **APPROVE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE BECOMING A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to hold in abeyance becoming a charter school authorizer.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Annie Jackson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters. The Board reconvened at 8:13 p.m. and Chairman Nick Tolstick declared the meeting back into open session.

14. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

Employment:

Cynthia Windham Pre-K Teacher, ECLS

Voluntary Transfer:

Victoria Thomas From: Pre-K Teacher, ECLS
 To: Kdg. Teacher, RES

Leave of Absence:

LaMonica Little Teacher, GHS, Maternity Leave, 9/21/15 – 11/13/15

Long Term Sub:

Betty Vinson For: LaMonica Little, GHS Teacher

Rescind Employment:

Tammilee Kerr Science Teacher, AHS

15. **STUDENT MATTER:**

The Board agreed to support the Superintendent's decision to send a letter to the parents of the children involved in the bus incident, discussed in executive session, an inform them that two of their children would be suspended from the bus for the remainder of this semester.

16. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business, Chairman Nick Tolstick adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary