



ORANGEBURG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE BOWMAN -- NORTH -- ORANGEBURG

Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Clyburn Center 7:00 PM

Chair Ulmer called meeting to order at 7:00PM, welcomed all, she also thanked and welcomed Representative Ott for joining us. She asked Trustee Carson to lead us in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda:

Secretary Jenkins motioned to approve the Agenda as written and was seconded by Vice Chair Stephens.

Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Jenkins then motioned to approve the Minutes from May 9, 2017 and was seconded by Vice Chair Stephens.

Audience Comments:

Chair Ulmer wanted to thank those addressing the Board tonight, for their interest in public education.

Kimberly Roache, Samantha Farlow-Moyd, Pandora Jones-Glover, Willette Waring Berry, and Andrea Jamison all presented to the Board of Trustees their concerns on the Gifted and Talented program presently offered by District Five. Each wanted it known that the G&T program is a wonderful vessel for growth and education and that other Districts look at us as a Model. Why were they just finding out in May that there would be changes to that program and just what those changes will be? It was offered that this issue be tabled for a year and the Board meet with the Parents to come up with some ideas in maintaining this program. The parents feel their children are thriving in this arena and only want them to continue. One parent stated that if the program is changed or discontinued, they would like to option of transferring the student, however, she was told that any transfer must be done prior to July 1st so she is asking to be able to hear from the Board before that time. What other alternatives are being looked at as they want to have a voice in the decision process.

Chair Ulmer again thanked the Audience Comments persons and stated that since hearing their comments for the first time it is the practice of the Board to accept the comments as information and as a Board along with Superintendent Washington will get back to them.

Architectural Firms:

McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture and AAG Architects both presented to the Board their ideas for future endeavors with OCSD5. Each proposed ideas for the Indefinite Delivery Contract. Each having an array of experience to bring to the District and shared a few of their high points. They each exhibited the ability to handle small as well as large projects throughout the South Carolina area with the student population and academic environment forefront.

Chair Ulmer thanked both firms for addressing the Board.

Policy IKE Content and Credit Recovery Courses and IKE Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students

Dr. Lana Williams stated that due to the new South Carolina grading scale as well as the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act, the Policies needed to be revised. She referred to the section grade 11-12, after meeting with Principals an error was discovered as it relates to students who have earned enough credits at the end of their 11th grade year to be classified as 12th graders. The changes should read 11th grade students whose course of study is designed to make them eligible for graduating at the end of the 11th grade school year will be classified as 12th graders for the purpose of graduation, providing a total of 24 Carnegie units have been completed by the end of the 11th grade year. We are asking for Board action on this revised Policy with the noted change.

Secretary Jenkins motioned that the Board approve Policy IKE Promotion Retention and Acceleration of Students with the noted changes, 2nd by Vice Chair Stephens and with a unanimous show of hands motion was adopted.

Policy IKE Content Recovery and Credit Recovery Courses-Dr. Williams stated that due to the new South Carolina grading policy, Districts that offer credit and content recovery were required to develop and implement Board policies that including rules, regulations and processes that would govern these practices within their schools. The Policy must address a mission to and removable from content of credit recovery, instructional methodology used for the credit or content recovery programs, content and curriculum to be used, how students will be graded and cost. We would like the Board to review these Policies for first reading. Trustee Farlow questioned the cost of the software utilized. Dr. Williams replied that she would get it for the Board.

Secretary Jenkins motioned to have the Board approve for first reading Policy IKE Credit Recovery Courses and IKE Credit Content Courses with the necessary changes and was seconded by Vice Chair Stephens, with a unanimous show of hands, motion was adopted.

Legislative Update

Vice Chair Stephens welcomed Representative Ott to the Board meeting and stated that he would like to address the Board as well as the audience.

Representative Ott gave an update on Education Legislation. Mentioning some of the issues they have dealt with as well as making strides with Public Education in Columbia during this year's Legislative Session. He spoke of Consolidation saying that the Governor had vetoed the Bill and based it on the fact

that he felt one particular part was un-constitutional. He is hoping that they have a chance to re-address this issue. This veto deals with \$20.5M that was appropriated to the Department of Education for new school buses for the State of South Carolina, this money would have been derived from excess lottery funds. The New School Accountability Bill recently passed, will go into effect without that A thru F grading. The Abbeville lawsuit of which Orangeburg Five was a plaintiff, the House allocated \$100M to plaintiff schools. During the Budget Conference Committee negotiations it came back down to \$55.5. Unfortunately they added some other schools that will be eligible to tap into that bucket of money. Schools that reach the 80% poverty level will be able to draw on that money as well. Lastly, the Personalized Diploma Pathways that we were able to get adopted this year. This allows disabled students to craft their course load in a way that gets them career ready.

Finance & Operations

Mr. Donnie Boland reported on the Budget Status Report for month end April 30, 2017 as well as the Current vs Original Budget and the Budget Report by Location. Mr. Boland felt that they were in a position to end up in the Black for this fiscal year. He then asked for a vote by the Board to approve Policy ADF District Wellness & Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales/Vending as first reading. He went on to say that this Policy under the healthy hungry free kid's act of 2010 issued a final rule on school districts local wellness policy. The Legislation states that by July 1, 2017 each school district needs to adopt a local wellness policy with specific goals. One being promotion of nutrition education and physical activities another goal is standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students, another is standards for all foods and beverages provided but not sold to students. Secretary Jenkins motion to approve Policy ADF and EFE as first reading, Trustee Gleaton seconded and with a unanimous show of hands, motion was adopted.

Mr. Boland then went on to discuss the General Budget for 2017-18 where he mentioned that the projected revenues of \$64,422,978 without the use of the fund balance. Requested expenditures of \$67,436,339 are based on the school and updated department budgets submitted to the Finance office. Therefore the second reading of the budget is \$3,213,361 out of balance. He suggested possible alternatives would be to transfer \$1,700,000 which is the remaining balance from the building fund account that was used this year to help balance the budget. This would bring the budget to \$1,513,361 out of balance. This amount could be absorbed by the unassigned general fund balance of \$8,787,578 at June 30, 2016.

Trustee Farlow wanted it on record that he was not in favor of removing the \$100T for School Nurses. Trustee Page wanted it on record that he was not in favor of removing the increase money for Maintenance workers. Trustee Farlow asked if the \$2 increase for Maintenance can be split by year, \$1 for 2017-18 and then another \$1 for 2018-19. Superintendent Washington said they would consider it and asked Mr. Boland to give a scenario for each.

Secretary Jenkins asked for second approval of the projected revenues and expenditures with the changes as discussed and instruction to come back for final reading the Nurses and Maintenance increases, seconded by Vice Chair Stephens and with a unanimous show of hands motion was adopted.

Instructional Services Update

(None)

Human Resources Update

(None)

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Washington wanted to thank the parents of the G&T program for coming out and appreciates their passion.

Executive Session

Trustee Farlow motion that we convene into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendations and Personnel Matters, seconded by Trustee Gleaton and with a unanimous show of hands, motion was adopted.

Return to Open Session

Trustee Page motion that we convene back into Open Session, seconded by Trustee Gleaton and with a unanimous show of hands motion was adopted.

Action as Required from Executive Session

Mr. Grant asked that the Board approve the recommendations and separations as presented in Executive Session, Secretary Jenkins moved that the Board approve the recommendations for personnel employment and separation for 2017-18, summary of recommendation for professional staff separation 2016-17, recommendation for personnel employment reassignment for 2016-17 and summary of Recommendation for professional staff separation 2016-17, second by Trustee Farlow, and with a unanimous show of hands motion was adopted.

Adjourn

Mary B. Ulmer, Chair

Henry N. Jenkins, Secretary