

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

7:00 P.M.

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**MEMBERS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

MR. VINCE FORD, CHAIRMAN

DR. JASPER SALMOND, VICE-CHAIRMAN

MR. DWAYNE SMILING, SECRETARY

MR. JAMIE DEVINE, PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. ROB TYSON

MRS. SUSIE DIBBLE

MRS. BARBARA SCOTT

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1616 RICHLAND STREET

COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201

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**MATTER OF****RECORD:**

AS MANDATED BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PASSED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE RECORDS WILL SHOW THAT THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING. THE RECORD WILL ALSO SHOW THAT THE CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD CALLED FOR A MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ISSUES: (1) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER; (2) ACTION: BOND RESOLUTION; (3) INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT; (4) ACTION: HOME SCHOOL REQUEST; (5) INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE; (6)

INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
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PROJECTS: (7) ACTION: AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS PROGRAM FOR WEBBER SCHOOL; (8) ACTION: ATHLETIC FIELD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND FIELD TRAINING; (9) CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES: 8/25/09; HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL; PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS; CITY YEAR ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM; (10) BOARD REPORT; (9) INFORMATION: ROSETA PROGRAM; (10) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT; (11) ACTION: HOME SCHOOL REQUEST; (12) INFORMATION: ALCOHOL/DRUG PROGRAM UPDATE; (13) ACTION: ELEMENTARY WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING PROGRAM; (14) INFORMATION: LITERACY LEARNING IN RICHLAND ONE; (15) INFORMATION: 2009-2010 ACT/SAT RESULTS; (16) ACTION: ADULT MEAL COST 2009-2010; (17) DRAINAGE DEVELOPMENT AT KEENAN HIGH AND GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET AT STEVENSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009. CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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- PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN VINCE FORD, DR. JASPER SALMOND,  
MR. DWAYNE SMILING, MR. JAMIE DEVINE,  
MR. ROB TYSON, MRS. SUSIE DIBBLE,  
MRS. BARBARA SCOTT,
- INVOCATION:** CHAIRMAN FORD CALLED UPON PASTOR FAYE  
HOUSTON OF GOOD HOPE CHRISTIAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO GIVE THE INVOCATION.
- SCHOOL BOARD** MR. DEVINE GAVE THE SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT  
**SPOTLIGHT:** FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING. (SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILED  
INFORMATION).
- AGENDA ADOPTION:** CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING  
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: EXECUTIVE SESSION,  
UNDER OFFICE OF OPERATIONS, ITEM 5 (B)  
ACTION: AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS PROGRAM FOR  
WEBBER SCHOOL; ITEM 5 (C) ACTION: ATHLETIC  
FIELD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND FIELD  
PAINTING.
- MOTION:** DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL WITH THE  
MODIFICATIONS AND IT WAS SECONDED BY  
MR. DEVINE.
- VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** KENYA CANNON, MONICA SUMTER AND KIMBERLY LEWIS SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE TERMINATION OF A TEACHER AT THE CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** MINUTES: 8/25/09  
HIRING-OF-PERSONNEL  
PERISHABLE AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
CITY YEAR ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

**MOTION:** DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. DIBBLE.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**OFFICE OF THE** BOARD REPORT

**BOARD:** CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, AT THE OLYMPIA LEARNING CENTER IN ROOM F18, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. HE ALSO NOTED A CHAT-WITH-THE-CHAIR TO BE HELD AT C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 17 2009 AT 12:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN FORD ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION WILL HOST A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TELECONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 1, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN FORD REPORTED THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR.

INFORMATION: ROSETA PROGRAM

DR. SALMOND PROVIDED THE AUDIENCE WITH SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ROSETA PROGRAM. SEVERAL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ROSETA PROGRAM PRESENTED VISUAL AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR EXPERIENCES ON THE TRIP TO AFRICA.

ONE OF THE PARENTS SHARED HOW HER SON BENEFITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.. MS. BENCHEIKH RECOGNIZED THE ROSETTA 2009 PARENTS, CHAPERONES AND DR. MACK AND THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

THE STUDENTS PRESENTED DR. MACK AND THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WITH GIFTS FROM THEIR TRIP.

INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THE BOARD MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. NO ACTION WAS NEEDED AT THAT POINT

AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. HE ADDED THAT THE BOARD MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION, IF NECESSARY.

ACTION: BOND RESOLUTION

MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THE ADMINISTRATION IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE BOND RESOLUTION.

**MOTION:**

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

**DISCUSSION:**

CHAIRMAN FORD RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT HOW THE VALUE OF THE FUTURE MILLAGE IS DETERMINED.

MS. MATHEWS-HAZEL STATED THAT IT IS PROJECTED.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**OFFICE OF THE**

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

INFORMATION: LEGAL STATUS REPORT

MS. WILLIAMS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH THE LEGAL STATUS UPDATE DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. MACK REPORTED THAT FORMER STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION INEZ TENENBAUM HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY AT ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY.

HE ADDED THAT IN HER NEW ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. FOOD SAFETY COMMISSION, MRS. TENENBAUM PROMOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY, INCLUDING MAKING SURE CHILDREN WEAR HELMETS WHEN THEY RIDE THEIR BICYCLES; INSPECTING AND MAINTAINING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT; AND MONITORING ALERTS REGARDING RECALLED PRODUCTS.

FOLLOWING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, SHE WATCHED PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADDRESS WITH A FIFTH-GRADE CLASS AT ROSEWOOD.

WE WANT TO THANK MRS. TENENBAUM FOR CHOOSING RICHLAND ONE AND ROSEWOOD FOR HER NEWS CONFERENCE. THANKS AS WELL TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS, MR. SMILING AND MR. DEVINE, AND CITY COUNCILWOMAN DR. BELINDA GERGEL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND ROSEWOOD PRINCIPAL DR. TED WACHTER FOR HOSTING THE EVENT.

DR. MACK ANNOUNCED THAT RICHLAND ONE WILL SPEND A DAY CELEBRATING THE JOY OF

READING AT “**READING ROCKS OUR WORLD**” ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL. ADMISSION IS FREE AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

CHAIRMAN FORD ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR THE DISTRICT.

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TEXTBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECEIVES UPDATES WEEKLY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN FORD, FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES, ASKED WAS IT THE DISTRICT’S FAULT THAT ALL OF THE TEXTBOOKS HAVE NOT ARRIVED AT THE SCHOOL SITES.

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED AT THE BEGINNING THE DISTRICT DID NOT KNOW THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADOPT CERTAIN TEXTBOOKS BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET, AND THEN WE FOUND OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ADOPT TEXTBOOKS. SHE ADDED THAT IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THERE IS A LOT OF PRINTING THAT IS STILL GOING ON.

MS. JENNINGS ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT THE DISTRICT’S FAULT BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT KEEPS US INFORMED

WHEN THERE IS A SHORTAGE.

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT WE BELIEVE THAT IN A VERY REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME THAT WE WILL HAVE MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS AND IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT THE DIFFICULTY IS ON THE SIDE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND NOT ON ENROLLMENT OR THE BUDGET.

MS. JENNINGS STATED THAT THE DISTRICT RECEIVES BACK-ORDER OR LATE NOTICES FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN THOSE PARTICULAR BOOKS.

**OFFICE OF ACADEMICS:**

**ACTION: HOME SCHOOL REQUEST**

MS. JENNINGS STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE HOME SCHOOL REQUEST FOR THE STUDENT WITH THE INITIALS N.N.

**MOTION:**

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. TYSON.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**INFORMATION: ALCOHOL/DRUG PROGRAM**

**UPDATE**

MS. BELL-MCDOWELL PRESENTED A VIDEO PRESENTATION ON THE GRANT EVALUATION AND ITS' IMPLICATIONS FOR RICHLAND SCHOOL

DISTRICT ONE.

ACTION: ELEMENTARY WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING PROGRAM

DR. SMITH STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ELEMENTARY WATER SAFETY AND SWIMMING PROGRAM.

MOTION:

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMILING AND MR. DEVINE.

DISCUSSION:

DR. SALMOND STATED THIS PROGRAM HAS REACHED A LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS AND IT IS A CRITICAL PROGRAM. HE ASKED ABOUT THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM. DR. SMITH RESPONDED 87 PERCENT.

MR. SMILING COMMENDED DR. SMITH FOR THE PROGRAM AND NOTED HOW IMPRESSED HE IS WITH THE EVALUATION SUMMARY OF THE STUDENTS AND THE PERCENTAGES AND THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT.

MR. TYSON STATED HIS CONCERN IS JUST TAKING KIDS OUT OF THE CLASS DURING THE DAY. HE ADDED THAT IF THERE ARE OTHER WAYS FOR US TO PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE: AFTER SCHOOL, BEFORE

SCHOOL, HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE DISTRICT TO CONSIDER IT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE STUDENTS THAT DON'T PARTICIPATE IN THE SWIMMING PROGRAM, BEING CHALLENGED ACADEMICALLY WHILE BACK AT THEIR SCHOOLS.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: MR. DEVINE, DR. SALMOND, CHAIRMAN FORD, MR. SMILING, MRS. SCOTT  
IN OPPOSITION: MR. TYSON AND MRS, DIBBLE  
(5-2)**

INFORMATION: LITERACY LEARNING IN RICHLAND ONE

MS. BRATHWAITE PRESENTED A VISUAL PRESENTATION ON THE IMPORTANCE AND FOCUS OF LITERACY LEARNING.

**DISCUSSION:**

MR. SMILING STATED HE THINKS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR EVERY SCHOOL.

CHAIRMAN FORD ASKED ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY USED TO MEASURE THE RESULTS OF THE INITIATIVE.

MS. BRATHWAITE RESPONDED ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN MEASURE IS THE NUMBER OF BOOKS STUDENTS ARE READING.

CHAIRMAN FORD ASKED IF THE DISTRICT WILL

BE ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH THAT.

MS. BRATHWAITE RESPONDED WE ARE WORKING ON THAT NOW AND ALSO HAVE A 25 BOOK CHALLENGE. WE HOPE AND BELIEVE WITH THIS FOCUS WE WILL IMPROVE TEST SCORES IN BOTH READING AND WRITING AND MATHEMATICS.

INFORMATION: 2009-2010 ACT/SAT RESULTS

DR. COLEMAN PROVIDED A VIDEO PRESENTATION OF THE 2008-2009 SAT AND ACT RESULTS.

**DISCUSSION:**

DR. SALMOND ASKED IF IT IS STILL AN ELEMENT THAT MUCH OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAT/ACT CAME FROM PRIVATE GROUPS.

MS. JENNINGS RESPONDED THERE MAY BE STILL SOME PRIVATE GROUPS PROVIDING IT FOR INDIVIDUAL PARENTS, BUT AT THE DISTRICT, FOR THIS PARTICULAR DISTRICT WE ALSO PROVIDE SESSIONS TO HELP STUDENTS BECAUSE WE KNOW ALL STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PRIVATE TUTORING SESSIONS.

DR. MACK STATED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO AS A DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY IS CELEBRATE FROM WITHIN.

**OFFICE OF HUMAN****RESOURCES:****INFORMATION: PERSONNEL UPDATE**

MR. DILLIHAY PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH PERSONNEL UPDATE DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**OFFICE OF OPERATIONS:****INFORMATION: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION****PROJECTS**

MR. PERKINS PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**ACTION: ADULT MEAL COST 2009-2010**

MS. CLARKE STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE ADULT MEAL COST BY TEN CENT TO \$3.10.

**MOTION:**

MRS. SCOTT MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. DIBBLE AND MR. DEVINE.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**ACTION: CONTRACTS:**

- 1) AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS PROGRAM FOR WEBBER SCHOOL
- 2) DRAINAGE DEVELOPMENT AT KEENAN HIGH AND GIBBES MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 3) ATHLETIC FIELD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND

FIELD PAINTING

MR. HARDISON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE NAMED CONTRACTS.

**MOTION:**

DR. SALMOND MOVED FOR APPROVAL AND WAS SECONDED BY MRS. DIBBLE AND MRS. SCOTT.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

CHAIRMAN FORD WITH CONSENT OF THE BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE ITEM: PERSONNEL MATTER.

**MOTION:**

DR. SALMOND MOVED TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE ITEM: PERSONNEL MATTER AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. TYSON.

**VOTE: IN FAVOR: UNANIMOUS (7-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

CHAIRMAN FORD ADJOURNED OPEN SESSION AT 9:26 P.M

**RECONVENED:**

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M.

**INFORMATION: PERSONNEL MATTER**

CHAIRMAN FORD STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO ACTION TAKEN NONE REQUIRED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

CHAIRMAN FORD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT  
10:05 P.M.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SCHOOL  
COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY/TREASURER, BOARD OF  
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS