

**KERSHAW COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

The Kershaw County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on September 16, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts multi-purpose room. In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended, the following were notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting: WPUB/WCAM Radio; *Chronicle-Independent*; *Kershaw News-Era*; *Black News* and *The State* newspapers.

The following were present: Mr. Dana A. Morris, chairman; Mr. Charles B. Baxley; Mrs. Aline Branham; Mrs. Sherri Brosius; Mrs. Kim Horton DuRant; Mr. M. Andrew James, vice chairman; Mr. Jim Smith; Mr. Gene Stokes, chaplain; and Mrs. Carol Thompson.

The chairman called the meeting to order, and Mr. Stokes opened with prayer.

Dr. Berg introduced Frank Johnson, *Chronicle-Independent*; Dave McIntosh, WPUB/WCAM; Mike McClendon, *Black News*; Kristy Rupon, *The State* and Bill Rosier, *The Current*.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. James and Mrs. Brosius presented certificates to:

District teachers – for receiving EIA teacher grants:

- **Blaney Elementary** – Wendi Belk; Stephanie Kyzer; Trudy Ranges; Debi Young; Margie Shelburg
- **Doby's Mill Elementary** – Jennifer Ard; Vickie Norton; Beth Blaskowitz; Betsy Long; Amanda Rabon
- **Camden Middle School** – Vickie Crockett; Kathy Dozier; Rebecca Brown
- **SEAGUL Program** – Ruth Reeder; Alice Thaxton; Heather Turner; Nancy Cheek
- **Lugoff-Elgin High School** – Shannon Cleve; Terri McManus; Kevin Knoerr
- **Baron DeKalb Elementary** – Patty Boone; Tracey Spigner; Monica Woodberry
- **Wateree Elementary** – Deborah Rowell

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Lee Walker, principal of Camden Elementary School of the Creative Arts welcomed all guests before turning the program over to Dolly Rowland. Mrs. Rowland, a Curriculum Support Coach assigned to Camden Elementary, highlighted this program that was implemented in our district this year. Mrs. Rowland explained how curriculum coaches work closely with administrators, teachers and students in our district to ensure student achievement. Mrs. Rowland reviewed the responsibilities of a curriculum coach which include such tasks as observing teachers and providing feedback relative to instruction and student achievement; researching curriculum information and materials for teachers, creating and maintaining an instructional resource room that contains shared teaching materials and a professional library, etc.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one came forward during this public forum segment.

APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. James moved to approve the proposed agenda, with any additions or deletions. Mrs. Branham seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approve minutes of the August 5 meeting:
Motion by Branham/DuRant – carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Facilities Committee** - Jim Smith reviewed the minutes of the August 21, 2003, committee meeting. Pine Tree Hill options were the main topic of the meeting. The next committee meeting on September 25, 2003, is going to take up the different options of Pine Tree Hill Elementary. Mr. Smith did not want to comment further except to say that the engineers were at this meeting and the committee will review their recommendations at the next meeting. Dana Morris stated that two engineers from the W. K. Dickson Engineering firm were present and were given ideas the Board suggested and were asked to assemble ideas of their own and give the Board direction. Six possible alternatives are available.
- **Finance Committee** – Aline Branham reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2003, committee meeting. Topics discussed include: Budget & Control Board 1% sequester. Mr. Wilson had previously announced that the Budget and Control Board was going to sequester 1% of our budget, but this will not have an effect on the district because the Board had already adopted a \$1,643 base student cost which prepared the district beforehand for this sequester. Also discussed, at the end of the fiscal year there would possibly be a \$750,000 deficit which now is only \$250,000 because of flexibility of being able to move costs to the special fund revenue due to some flexibility of the General Assembly. Also discussed was the Tax Anticipated Notice which was issued at 1.5% interest and investment rate of 1.7%. The Committee was concerned about how the Board would be informed when the note would be drawn upon. Mr. Wilson was asked by Chairman Morris to send the Board the anticipated schedule of when the TAN would be drawn and discuss it at the October Board meeting. Mr. Baxley had requested that a breakdown be done of the amount of money spent on technology for the last five years. Melissa Irick provided an historical report that \$7.5 million had been spent over the past five years on technology. Mr. Morris requested that the report be shared with all of the Board. The Finance Committee is presenting a recommendation that the mileage reimbursement rate for the district coincide with the IRS recommended rate of reimbursement to 36 cents a mile. Mr. Smith requested a breakdown of contingency money be made available.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

- Dr. Berg announced that County Council had set the tax rate at 4.2 mills.
- Dr. Slayman presented a brief report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The Board also received: *Black News*

OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve proposed Montessori contract – Mr. Stokes made the motion to approve the Montessori contract as presented by the administration, and Mrs. Thompson seconded. The motion was approved, with Mr. Baxley abstaining.
2. Approve revised Board meeting agenda format – The chairman proposed a revision in the format of the board meeting agenda. Mrs. Brosius made the motion to accept the proposal as presented, Mrs. Branham seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

3. Adopt a new per mile travel reimbursement rate – Mrs. Branham stated that the Finance Committee was recommending an increase in the travel rate for the district from 34.5 cents to 36 cents per mile. Mrs. Branham made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, Mr. James seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by the Board.
4. Approve resolution for refinancing performance contract lease – Donnie Wilson presented a resolution for performance contract lease refinancing and recommended adoption. Mrs. Branham moved approval to adopt the resolution as presented, and Mr. James seconded. The motion carried, with Mr. Smith abstaining.

DISCUSSION

There were no items discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. James made a motion to enter executive session for a student appeal, a legal briefing, and the discussion of the following personnel recommendations: retirements; resignations; leaves of absence; employment; and contracts for service. The motion, seconded by Mrs. DuRant, was approved by the Board.

The Board agreed by consent to take a ten-minute break prior to going into executive session.

OPEN SESSION

- When the Board returned to open session, the chairman announced that during executive session the Board heard a student appeal, a legal briefing and discussed the approval of the administration's personnel recommendations. Mr. James moved to approve the administration's personnel recommendations as presented, and Mrs. DuRant seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.
- A motion by Mr. Smith to uphold the administration's recommendation in the parental grievance was seconded by Mr. Stokes. Ms. Brosius discussed that the district was in the business of education and moving children forward; therefore, consideration should be made on a case by case basis. Ms. Brosius stated that she believes the child is capable of moving forward. The motion carried, with Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Brosius opposing and Mr. James abstaining.

PUBLIC FORUM

Gene Hastings addressed the Board about the concern of the kindergarten teacher/student ratio at Wateree Elementary. He asked the Board to consider a kindergarten ratio of 20 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Brosius made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. James seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m., with prayer by Andy James.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert M. Berg
Secretary

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APPROVED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS – SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

RESIGNATION(S)		
NAME	POSITION/LOCATION	
Gardner, Sarah	Bookkeeper/District Office	
Galuppi, Janet	Cashier/North Central Middle School	
Moak, Juanita	Teaching Assistant/Doby's Mill Elem.	
Ulmer, Thomas	PEP Group Leader/Doby's Mill	
LEAVES OF ABSENCE		
NAME	POSITION/LOCATION	
Green, Donna	Bus Supervisor/North Central Area	
Jordan, Teresa H.	Montessori Teaching Assistant/Pine Tree Hill Elem.	
Munn, Kathryn	Teacher/Lugoff Elementary School	
Ray, Betty	School Food Service Operator/Pine Tree Hill Elem.	
Vello, Ida	Teaching Assistant/Lugoff Elementary School	
EMPLOYMENT		
NAME/ADDRESS	POSITION/LOCATION	
Bowers, Regina G.	School Nurse/District	
Kershaw, SC		
Davis, Delores	Montessori Teaching Assistant/Pine Tree Hill Elem.	
Elgin, SC		
Goines, Avora	Spanish Teacher/Lugoff-Elgin High School	
Columbia, SC		
Howard, Teresa	PEP Group Leader/Doby's Mill Elem.	
Lugoff, SC		
Kessler, Teri	Health Room Assistant/Doby's Mill Elem.	
Elgin, SC		
Powell, Joshua P.	Behavior Specialist/Lugoff Elementary School	
Townville, SC		
Romanyzyn, Vonda	Teaching Assistant/Doby's Mill Elem. School	
Elgin, SC		

SUPPLEMENTS		
Leslie M. Stover School		
<u>Resignation</u>		
Martin, Evans	Resigned from Athletic Director Position, 8/28/2003	
<u>Employment</u>		
Baker, Mitch	Athletic Director	

