

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 12, 2019**

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Wesley R. Miles, Chairman; Mr. Eric G. Dusa, Secretary (by telephone); Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch; Dr. Wayne Chapman; Mr. James N. Sweeney; and Mr. Robert Teal

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Darin M. Coleman, Mr. Chad L. Vick, and Mr. Jamie D. Wayne

PRESENT – STAFF: Goodwin, Anderson, Willard, Folsom, Batson, Haile, Hammond, Hoffman, Hough, Hubbard, Jacobs, Miller, Rogers, Sowell, Stubbs, Wallace and Brown

MEDIA: Robert Monnie, *The Link*

VISITORS: Area Citizens, Sheriff James Dixon and Chief Deputy Chris Page, and School District Attorneys David Duff and William Freeman

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miles at 5:00 p.m. at Palmetto Learning Center.
- II. **Agenda Approval:** Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Dr. Chapman, the agenda was approved as presented. Mr. Teal noted that, since his June 10 motion regarding school district attorneys was tabled, it must be brought up again in open session and removed from the table. Chairman Miles indicated that board member Dusa is participating via telephone.
- III. **Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Dr. Chapman, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to employee hirings, compensation, terminations, and resignations and legal matters. The board returned to open session upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Mr. Sweeney.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Chairman Miles read the board policy regarding public comment. Chesterfield area citizen Pam Parker, speaking in support and on behalf of her daughter, expressed concern regarding bullying her daughter has experienced by students and a teacher. After it was reported, the teacher was sent home for two days. Mrs. Parker requested help from the school district to do something about bullying in the schools. Chairman Miles thanked Mrs. Parker for her remarks and indicated that administration will be contacting her.
- V. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Miles led a moment of silence in memory of victims of mass shootings in Texas and Ohio and Abbeville Superintendent Betty Jo Hall, who was recently killed in an automobile accident. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- VI. Reception of Visitors:** Chairman Miles welcomed visitors, media, District Teacher of the Year Andrea Garrison, SRO representative, Sheriff James Dixon and Chief Deputy Chris Page, School District Attorneys David Duff and William Freeman, and administrative staff.
- VII. Approval of Minutes:** Dr. Chapman moved, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried unanimously, to approve minutes of the June 10, 2019 board meeting.
- VIII. Board Comments:** Board member Sweeney recognized the Sheriff's Office and area churches for presenting the first county-wide Back to School program at Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School. Attendance was outstanding and included parents, students, school district administration, area church representatives and Sheriff's Office representatives. Informative sessions were held on various topics.
- IX. Special Report:** Sheriff James Dixon thanked the School Board and administration for their support of the Sheriff's Office project to install metal detectors in all middle and high schools for 2019-20. He noted that CCSD is the first district in the state to install them in both high schools and middle schools. The detectors are portable so that they can be moved to various areas of the school campus as needed. Sheriff Dixon also expressed appreciation to school district administration for their assistance in making the Back to School Program a successful event. He introduced Chief Deputy Chris Page and thanked him for his work on these projects.
- X. Special Recognition:** Chairman Miles and Superintendent Goodwin presented a certificate and pin to board member Robert Teal for reaching Level 3 in the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute.
- XI. Financial Report:** Chief Financial Officer Willard presented the monthly financial reviews for June and July. He noted that the June report will change when the year is closed out. Mr. Willard also indicated that the auditors will be working in the district to finalize the 2018-2019 audit report, which is due to the state by December 1, 2019.
- XII. Personnel Report:** Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Teal, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A-G as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Anderson. Superintendent Goodwin introduced Dr. Joshua McLaurin, who has been approved as principal of McBee High School for 2019-20. Dr. McLaurin introduced David Morgan, who is transferring from Cheraw High to become Assistant Principal at McBee High. On behalf of the board, Mr. Miles congratulated these administrators and wished them a successful school year.
- XIII. Curriculum Report:** Executive Director Folsom, in reviewing the curriculum report, indicated that the district has collaborated with First Steps to provide Countdown to Kindergarten which assists families with their child's transition from 4K to 5K. She reported that the ALPHA Arts summer program concluded with a performance and art show June 20, noting that the Journalism class was restored this summer. Mrs. Folsom announced that a new CTE career pathway, Emergency Medical Services, has been added at McBee High School.

XIV. Superintendent's Report: Attorneys Duff and Freeman left the meeting during discussion regarding the selection of school district attorneys. A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Dr. Chapman and carried unanimously, to untable the following June 10, 2019 motion: A motion was made by Mr. Teal and seconded by Mr. Vick to approve the use of the following attorneys in 2019-2020: Duff & Childs, LLC; Harris, McLeod and Ruffner; and Spencer Law Firm; with the addition of White & Story Law Firm. The motion failed by a vote of 1-5, with Mrs. Burch, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Dusa, Mr. Miles, and Mr. Sweeney opposed. Mr. Sweeney made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the use of the following attorneys for 2019-2020: Duff Freeman Lyon, LLC; Harris McLeod & Ruffner; and Spencer Law Firm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chapman and carried by a vote of 5-1, with Mr. Teal opposed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dusa, seconded by Dr. Chapman and carried unanimously, the board approved second reading/approval of the attached revision of Board Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Meetings, as recommended by the administration.

Superintendent Goodwin also noted a good turnout at the Back to School event sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and local churches. Dr. Goodwin invited board members to attend the August 15 kickoff ceremony for all employees held at Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School. It was noted that online registration is going well in the district. Board members received the following information: 2019-20 Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks, fall sports schedules, and the 2018-19 Minority Vendor, Sole Source Procurement Justification, and Emergency Procurement Justification Reports.

XV. Chairman's Comments: Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, to approve the attached updated list of Advisory Council members. Board members were reminded of the following upcoming events: August 24-25 SCSBA School Law Conference, September 9 board meeting at Pageland Elementary School, and the September 23 board work session.

XVI. Executive Session/Return to Open Session: Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, the board entered executive session to receive a legal briefing. The board returned to open session on a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Teal.

XVII. Adjournment: Upon a motion by Mrs. Burch and second by Dr. Chapman, the board adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

XVIII. Media Notification: The media was previously notified of this school board meeting.

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