

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 9, 2019

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Wesley R. Miles, Chairman; Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch; Dr. Wayne Chapman (by telephone for executive session); Mr. James N. Sweeney; Mr. Robert Teal; Mr. Chad L. Vick; and Mr. Jamie D. Wayne

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Darin M. Coleman and Mr. Eric G. Dusa

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

MEDIA: Robert Monnie, *The Link*

VISITORS: Mr. Harris Darver, CPA; and Area Citizens

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miles at 5:00 p.m. at Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School.
- II. **Agenda Approval:** Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Wayne, the agenda was approved as presented.
- III. **Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mr. Sweeney and second by Mr. Wayne, 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 Mr. Vick and second by Mr. Sweeney.
- IV. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Miles led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chesterfield-Ruby Middle student Coy Christie.
- V. **Reception of Visitors:** Chairman Miles welcomed visitors, media, District Teacher of the Year Andrea Garrison, SRO representative, parents, students, and administrative staff.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Mr. Vick and carried unanimously, to approve minutes of the October 28 and November 4, 2019 board meetings.
- VII. **Board Comments:** Board member Vick recognized Ruby Elementary teacher Stephenie Huggins who received a \$900 Bright Ideas Grant from Lynches River Electric Cooperative for the construction of a Sensory Station, which will consist of a wall with a variety of different sensory experiences. Mrs. Burch recognized Central High marketing teacher Charles Brown who recently won a \$750 Bright Ideas Grant from Lynches River Electric Cooperative. She congratulated the following Petersburg Primary teachers who had Donors Choose projects funded as follows: 1) Caroline Hancock – “The Cozy Carpet” – \$575.44; 2) Nancy Plyler – “Celebrate Reading: Reading Recovery Rocks!” –

\$581.00; and 3) Tiffany Yumet – “Learning with Scholastic News” – \$195.68. Mrs. Burch also noted the following New Heights Middle accomplishments: 1) Eighth grade science teacher Jessica Shipman received a \$965.00 grant from Lynches River Electric Cooperative to purchase electromagnetic spectrum kits for her light waves and sound waves unit; and 2) Chad Johnson and his chorus students submitted a video for the Jolene Challenge and, out of hundreds of videos sent in, they were selected to be featured by Netflix and Dolly Parton on the Netflix series, “Heartstrings.” Mr. Wayne announced that Plainview Elementary recently inducted 21 new members into the Jr. Beta Club, and student Corbett Sawyer won the Florence County Christmas card contest. McBee Elementary Beta Club collected over 1200 cans during their Carolina vs. Clemson food drive and packed 45 Christmas shoe boxes to be delivered to students for the Samaritan’s Purse project. MES teacher Ponds won \$500 for her 5th grade classroom in a drawing from the Read Your Way to the Big Game contest. Mr. Sweeney congratulated three Cheraw Intermediate teachers who received funding for the following Donors Choose projects: 1) Charity Redfearn – “Sit Where You Like”; Jennifer Eddins – “Research and Technology Flexible Seating”; and 3) Demi McGloin – “No Place Like Home.” Mr. Sweeney also noted that, in a competition between the Carolina Gamecocks and Clemson Tigers, CIS raised \$668.27 for the McArn Food Bank, with Clemson fans collecting the most money. Students in CIS After School Care participated in two STEM and Technology activities at no cost. Mr. Sweeney congratulated New Heights Middle Principal Omoro King who was recently honored at an event for receiving his doctorate. Mr. Teal announced that Chesterfield-Ruby Middle science teacher Michelle Woodward was one of 20 teachers in the state selected for the SC Science Standards Review Committee which is responsible for developing new science standards.

VIII. Special Recognition: Literacy Coordinator Shari Stubbs and Executive Director Folsom presented certificates to Distinguished Reading Teachers from each school. The following teachers were announced as district finalists: Ashley Barrett, Cheraw High; Jennifer Dillon, Central High; and Fran Hunsucker, Plainview Elementary. Chairman Miles, on behalf of the school board, thanked these teachers for their hard work and dedication to the children of CCSD.

IX. Financial Report: Chief Financial Officer Willard presented the monthly financial review for November.

Mr. Willard introduced Harris Darver, McGregor & Co., LLP, who reviewed a summary of the CCSD audit report for the year ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Darver reported that the firm has issued an unmodified (clean) opinion of CCSD’s financial statements, with the district moving in a positive direction. One finding, material weakness on internal controls, is related to insurance coverage for employees on leave. It is a matter of how the district reported and reconciled through the years and has resulted in an increase in the fund balance. The general fund balance as of June 30, 2019 is \$8,288,055, which is a net increase of \$595,953 in 2018-2019. Mr. Darver expressed appreciation to CFO Willard and his staff for their assistance and to the School Board for allowing the firm to conduct the audit. Chairman Miles also thanked Mr. Darver, Superintendent Goodwin and the administrative staff for the clean audit report.

X. Personnel Report: Upon a motion by Mr. Vick and second by Mr. Teal, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A-E as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Anderson.

XI. Curriculum Report: Executive Director Folsom, in reviewing the curriculum report, reported that local school spelling bees are being conducted and the district spelling bee will be January 14 at PLC at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Folsom announced that the second portion of the All-County Fine Arts Festival will be held at Cheraw Intermediate School January 22 and 23 and will include chorus and art. The concert will be held at 6:00 January 23 in the CIS multi-purpose room. The district Adult Education program recently received a clean audit report with several commendations.

XII. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Goodwin reported that winter sports schedules are included in the board portal. He noted that December 20 is a half-day for students with winter break scheduled December 23-January 3. Board members were invited to attend the following upcoming events: Academic Bowl Banquet – January 9 at 5:00 at PLC, and District Spelling Bee – January 14 at 6:00 at PLC.

XIII. Chairman's Comments: Chairman Miles indicated that the January 13 board meeting will be held at PLC at 5:30, with a work session scheduled January 27 at 5:00 in the district office board room.

In closing, Mr. Miles thanked CRMS Principal Neil Adams and his staff for hosting the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment: Upon a motion by Mr. Vick and second by Mr. Teal, the board adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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

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