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Minutes of Meeting October 28, 2014

The Anderson School District One Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, in the George Seaborn Boardroom at the District Office at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the agenda were sent to the Anderson Independent, Easley Progress, Greenville News, Powdersville Post, and Williamston Journal.

Board members present were: Mrs. Nancy Upton, Mr. David Merritt, Jr., Dr. Doug Atkins, and Mrs. Melissa Hood.

District administrators present were: Mr. David Havird, superintendent; Mr. Travis Thomas, director of finance, Mr. Robbie Binnicker, assistant superintendent for administration and Mrs. Jane Harrison, assistant superintendent for instruction.

News media present were: Mr. David Meade, Williamston Journal

Vice-Chair Upton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Dr. Atkins gave the invocation. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the September 30, 2014 meeting were approved as received in the mail.

Financial Report

Mr. Havird began the financial report by reviewing the individual school financial reports. The schools are in good shape financially for this time of year. He reviewed the district investments for the board. Mr. Havird explained that cash flow is tight this time of year as the district awaits state revenue.

Mr. Thomas reviewed the district financial report with the board. He stated the Ad Valorem tax should begin to come in by the next few months. The district has spent approximately 5.4 million. The expected percent of the budget spent is 33% where the actual percentage is only 27%.

Instructional Report

Mrs. Harrison stated the Digital Innovation was going very well. The device management system, Air Watch, the filtering system (Smooth Wall) is all working as expected. Mrs. Harrison reviewed the recent Apptober Fest held in each area of the district. She reviewed the excellent press the district had received for test scores, federal report card grade, and graduation rate.

Mrs. Harrison also reviewed the following recent district recognitions:

- The district placed 6th in the state out of 11 districts with grade of A on Federal Report Card
- 4th highest in the state for graduation rate at 90.8%
- West Pelzer scored 100 on the Federal Report Card – Title I School for Performance - \$5000 grant
- All 3 Title I schools earned Reward School for Performance recognition – West Pelzer Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, and Cedar Grove Elementary
- High Schools had the 3rd highest ELA score in the state
- Concrete Primary's state rank was 1st in Social Studies, 2nd in ELA and math and 3rd in science out of 38 primary schools

Student Nutritional Report

Mr. Binnicker provided the Student Nutritional Services report. He stated breakfast in the classroom started September 3rd in several schools. The program has proven to be a great success for the district feeding over 1,600 students breakfast in their classrooms every day.

First Reading of Policy

Mr. Havird discussed changes to the following policies regarding tobacco and smoking:

GBED – Tobacco Free Schools/Staff

GBEB – Staff Conduct

JICG – Tobacco Use by Students

JCDAD – Bus Conduct

ADC – Tobacco Free Schools

Each policy is being changed to include electronic cigarettes.

There being no questions, the board took this as first reading for each above policy.

Personnel

Motion by Dr. Atkins, second by Mrs. Hood to approve the listed leave, personnel transfers, resignations, and recommendations.

Retirements:

Ms. Barbara Cawley-Masaki, Powdersville Elementary, TMD S/C Teacher

Ms. Cawley-Masaki will be retiring at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Requests for Leave:

Ms. Sheena Odom, Powdersville Elementary, Grade 5 Teacher

Ms. Odom is requesting a ten week maternity leave beginning approximately December 13, 2014. She will be using medical and FMLA leave with an approximate return date of February 23, 2015.

Ms. Stephanie Bolt, Palmetto Middle School, Grade 8 ELA Teacher

Ms. Bolt is requesting a six week maternity leave beginning approximately January 1, 2015.

Mrs. Bolt will be using both medical and FMLA leave with an approximate return date of February 16, 2015.

Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Merritt, second by Mrs. Hood. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Robbie Binnicker, Acting Secretary