

Anderson School District One Approved Board Minutes

January 30, 2007

The Anderson School District One Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, in the George Seaborn Boardroom at the District Office at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Mr. Fred Alexander, Mr. Tom Merritt, Mrs. Wendy Tucker, Dr. Doug Atkins, Mr. David Merritt, Mrs. Nancy Upton, and Mr. Joe Pack.

District administrators present were: Dr. Wayne Fowler, superintendent; Mr. David Havird, associate superintendent; Mr. Steve Uldrick, director of finance; and Mrs. Jane Harrison, director of elementary education; Dr. John Pruitt, director of secondary education.

News media present were: Mr. David Meade, Williamston Journal; Mrs. Allison Newton, Anderson Independent; Ms. Amanda Foster, Powdersville Post.

Others present were: Mr. Mark McCall, Mr. Jerome Hudson, Mr. Robbie Binnicker, Mrs. Brenda Ellison, Dr. Stacy Hashe, Dr. Charlotte McDavid, Mr. Tom Tucker, Mr. David Bridges, a group of parents from Hunt Meadows and Wren Elementary.

Teachers present to be recommended for employment were: Lisa White

Chairman Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Dr. Doug Atkins gave the invocation. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting were approved as received in the mail.

Dr. Fowler and Mr. Alexander presented Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards to the following schools and principals:

Cedar Grove Elementary – Mrs. Brenda Ellison – Gold Award
Wren Elementary – Mr. Mark McCall – Gold Award
Wren High School – Mr. Robbie Binnicker – Gold Award
Palmetto Elementary – Mr. Jerome Hudson – Silver Award
Pelzer Elementary – Dr. Charlotte McDavid – Silver Award
West Pelzer Elementary – Dr. Stacy Hashe – Silver Award

These awards were based on each schools recent student test results.

Dr. Fowler and Mr. Uldrick presented the financial report for the month of February.

Mrs. Harrison provided a copy of the annual school report to each Board member.

Mr. Havird gave the student nutritional report for the month of December.

Dr. Fowler presented information to the Board on proposed changes to attendance lines in the Hunt Meadows and Wren Elementary Schools area. Dr. Fowler reported that the attendance zones were changed in 2000 to ensure that Hunt Meadows Elementary was filled and that the

district reduced overcrowding. He indicated that this change worked very well and that Hunt Meadows is at capacity and that Wren Elementary is 60 students over capacity and has two portables. Dr. Fowler reported that in planning for the 2007-2008 school year that Hunt Meadows has 657 students and no available room and that Wren Elementary has 690 students and no available space plus the two portables. He indicated that both schools are expected to grow and if no changes take place then these schools may need up to 4 or 5 portables next year. Dr. Fowler reported that Powdersville Elementary has 12 unused classrooms that can be used immediately.

Dr. Fowler indicated that these rezoning changes would unite the school feeder systems whereby all students in the areas would be zoned for Concrete Primary, Powdersville Elementary and Powdersville Middle.

Mr. Havird presented the current school attendance zones and the proposed attendance zones for the northern section of the district. He reported that the proposed rezoning would shift 128 students from Hunt Meadows Elementary to the Concrete Primary and Powdersville Elementary area. He indicated that 80 students would move from Wren Elementary to the Concrete Primary and Powdersville Elementary area. The total students that could be affected by this attendance zone change would be 208 students. He reported that no changes are proposed for middle school attendance lines.

Mr. Havird provided student enrollment data for the 2006-2007 school that indicated the following:

Concrete Primary - - 405
Hunt Meadows - - 657
Powdersville Elem. - - 395
Wren Elem. - - 691

He reported that this rezoning option would provide a projected student enrollment in 2007-2008 of the following:

Concrete Primary - - 508
Hunt Meadows - - 529
Powdersville Elem. - - 500
Wren Elem. - - 611

The Chairman, with the permission of the Board, suspended the policy that requires parents to request to be placed on the agenda, thereby, allowing a discussion of the issues regarding rezoning. A question and answer period followed. The Board received this presentation as information.

Motion by Mr. Pack, second by Dr. Atkins to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The Board returned from executive session and the Chairman announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Motion by Mr. Pack, second by Mr. David Merritt to approve the listed personnel resignations, retirement, teacher recommendations and district office administration.

Resignations:

Mrs. Tara Jenness, Spearman Elementary, Grade 5
Mrs. Brooke Ko, Pelzer Elementary, Kindergarten
Mrs. Janet Moore, Spearman Elementary, Grade 3
Miss Jennifer Smith, Palmetto High, LD Self-Contained
Mrs. Darlene Whitaker, Wren High, Spanish/ESOL

Retirement:

Mrs. Frankie Adkins, Palmetto High, Media Specialist
Mrs. Esther Fogle, Powdersville Elementary, Grade 3
Mr. Ken Goforth, Palmetto Middle, Industrial Technology
Mrs. Rebecca Hood, Powdersville Elementary, Grade 5
Mrs. Susan Pitmon, Spearman Elementary, Grade 1
Mrs. Peggy Waits, Wren Middle, Grade 7 Language Arts
Mrs. Julie White, Wren Middle, Grade 7 Language Arts
Mrs. Brenda Wilson, Palmetto High, Computer Science/Business

Recommendations:

Mrs. Lisa White, Powdersville Elementary, Concrete Primary, Speech

District Office Administration:

Mr. David Havird, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Brian Barnard, Director of Maintenance
Mrs. Becky Brady, Director of Personnel and Testing
Mrs. Andria Hancock, Director of Technology
Mrs. Jane Harrison, Director of Elementary Education
Ms. Debbie Joye, Director of Nutrition Services
Dr. Brian Keith, Director of Special Services
Dr. John Pruitt, Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Steve Uldrick, Director of Finance

Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Harrison provided a special DVD presentation from all 14 schools in the Anderson School District One that illustrated the students appreciation for Board members during this Board recognition month.

Motion by Mrs. Upton, second by Mr. Tom Merritt to adjourn.

Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Mr. David Havird, Acting Secretary