

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY
EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
NOVEMBER 16, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Brad Covar, Chairman
Dr. John Carroll Wates, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Bridget Clark, Secretary
Mr. James Bibbs
Mrs. Sallie Cooks
Mr. Chris Hoffmann
Mrs. Mary Alice Jackson

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw, Superintendent
Dr. Carol Lenderman, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services
Mr. Greg Anderson, School Board Attorney
Mrs. Shawn Clinkscales, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Heidi Kerns, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. James Courtney, Director of Facilities/Operations/Transportation
Mrs. Lunette Patten, Recording Secretary

NOTICE TO MEDIA: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 3-4-80 (d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: The Advertiser, The Citizen News, The Aiken Standard, The Augusta Chronicle, The North Augusta Star, Channel 12, Channel 6, Channel 26, WLTX News 19 and Edgefield Daily.

CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER - Mr. Brad Covar, Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEDIA PRESENT: Citizen News

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

(EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA FOLLOWS REGULAR MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Dr. Crenshaw requested permission to add the following items to the agenda:

- 1) Student Transfer in Executive Session**
- 2) Legal Matter in Executive Session**
- 3) Personnel in Executive Session**

Mr. Anderson requested permission to add one item under School Board Attorney in Open Session.

Mr. Hoffman requested permission to add one item under Office of School Board in Open Session.

APPROVED AS AMENDED: BIBBS/JACKSON (7/0)

- 1) Recognition of Board Members - Mrs. Viola Jackson & Mrs. Mary Alice Jackson**
Dr. Crenshaw, Sallie Cooks & Mr. Bibbs presented a plaque to Mrs. Mary Alice Jackson and Mrs. Viola Jackson in appreciation for their service to the board.
Mrs. Viola Jackson was not present.

- 2) Swearing in new Board members - Mr. Greg Anderson**
School Board Attorney Greg Anderson issued the oath of office to the following newly elected Board of Trustees: Mrs. Bridget Clark and Dr. John Carroll Wates

- 3) Election of Officers**
Mr. Greg Anderson opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

Chairperson Nomination: Brad Covar
Nominated By: John Carroll Wates
Nominations Closed: Cooks/Jackson (7/0)
Brad Covar approved as Chairman by acclamation

Vice- Chairperson Nomination: John Carroll Wates
Nominated By: Bridget Clark
Nominations Closed: Hoffmann/Cooks (7/0)
Carroll Wates approved as Vice-chairman by acclamation

Secretary Nomination: Bridget Clark
Nominated By: Chris Hoffmann
Nominations Closed: Wates/Cooks (7/0)
Bridget Clark approved as Secretary by acclamation

The new officers for the Edgefield County School District Board of Trustees are:
Chairman - Mr. Brad Covar
Vice-Chairman - Dr. John Carroll Wates
Secretary - Mrs. Bridget Clark

- 4) **Mr. Dean Campbell - United Way presentation**
Mr. Campbell, Edgefield County Campaign Chairman of United Way presented W. E. Parker Elementary with a \$500.00 check for their contributions toward fundraising efforts for the United Way. The school with the most funds raised of the schools was W. E. Parker Elementary.
- 5) **American Education Week Recognition (November 15-19, 2010)**
Unveiling of 2010 District Teacher of the Year Portrait & Recognition
Dr. Crenshaw, Dr. Lenderman and the board honored all of the Teachers of the year from each school. The District Teacher of the year for 2010-2011, Mr. Steve McKinney from Strom Thurmond High School, official portrait was unveiled by Brad Covar and Sallie Cooks.

Teachers of the Year: Douglas Elementary - Jessica Quarles
Johnston Elementary- Terri Yonce
Merriwether Elementary - Becky Turner
W. E. Parker Elementary - Donna Higgenbotton
Merriwether Middle - Dave Hill
JET Middle School - Gloria Jackson
Fox Creek Charter - Tiffany Shephard
Strom Thurmond High - Steve Mckinney
Strom Thurmond Career Center - Bill Cheatham

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INPUT

A. REQUEST TO USE SCHOOL PROPERTY

NO ITEMS

B. TRIPS AND PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL

NO ITEMS

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C1 - October 26, 2010 - Board Meeting
APPROVED: COOKS/JACKSON (7/0)

C2 - October 13, 2010 - Discipline Hearing
APPROVED TO RATIFY: COOKS/JACKSON (7/0)

D. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

D1 - New Website

Dr. Lenderman presented a powerpoint presentation of the new changes to the district website.

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D2 - Report Card Release

Dr. Lenderman updated the board on the report cards for elementary and middle schools; high school report cards will be available in January 2011 after graduation rates have been calculated. Edgefield will be petitioning for a change in the report card for Douglas Elementary.

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D3 - Update on Instructional Initiatives

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E. FACILITIES/OPERATIONS/TRANSPORTATION

E1- Fox Creek - Use of Facility

Mr. Courtney gave an update on Facility Use Policy for all athletic fields.

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F. FISCAL SERVICES

F1 - 10/31/10 General Fund Budget

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F2 - TAN Update

Motion by Hoffmann, second Cooks to withdraw \$1,700.00 from the TAN fund.

APPROVED: HOFFMANN/COOKS (7/0)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

NO ITEMS

H. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

H1 - Board Retreat (December 7, 2010)

The board will reschedule the retreat when all members are seated.

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H2 - Community Meetings

Dr. Crenshaw stated, "Positive feedback was heard from the recent community meetings. Johnston Elementary and Merriwether Elementary would like to have community meetings."

The board will schedule meetings for March and April. Date and time will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

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H3 - Ribbon Cutting for Cosmetology Program

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Monday, March 7, 2011.

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H4 - Meeting with Mayor Andy Livingston

Dr. Crenshaw updated the board on her meeting with Mayor Livingston concerning providing extra security for Pride Academy located in Johnston.

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I. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

I1 - Duties of a School Board

All board members received from Mr. Anderson a notebook on the Duties of a School Board. He also addressed the board members about working through differences for the education of Edgefield County's children.

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J. OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD

J1- Budget Concerns - Mr. Hoffmann
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ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
HOFFMANN/JACKSON (7/0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

A. STUDENT (APPEALS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS)

A1 - Transfer request (1)

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND COOKS TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE
RECOMMENDATION: APPROVED: JACKSON/COOKS (7/0)**

B. CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS

C. OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD

NO ITEMS

D. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

**D1- Fox Creek use of facility concerns - Principal - MM
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**D2 - Legal Matter
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E. LEGAL BRIEFINGS

NO ITEMS

F. HUMAN RESOURCES

NO ITEMS

G. PERSONNEL ITEMS

**G1 - Instructional Substitute (1)
PULLED**

**G2 - Retirement - Teacher (1)
APPROVED: HOFFMANN/COOKS (7/0)**

G3 - Personnel Matter

Motion by Hoffmann, second Cooks to suspend teacher without pay.

APPROVED: HOFFMANN/COOKS (7/0)

H. VOLUNTEERS

NO ITEMS

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

VOTING ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Brad Covar, Chairman

Mrs. Bridget Clark, Secretary

Mrs. Lunette Patten, Recording Secretary
