

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
January 18, 2011

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. Notices of the meeting were duly exercised and published per school board policy.

Trustees present were: Kyle Berry, Edward Bethea, Betty Jo Johnson and Kenneth Kitts. Absent were: Linda James, Donald MacPherson and Eddie Watson.

Chair Betty Jo Johnson welcomed all present and Dr. Kirby opened with prayer.

On behalf of the South Carolina School Boards Association, Chair Johnson presented to Edward Bethea a lapel pin and certificate in recognition of his 15 years of school board service to Dillon Three Schools.

There being no additions or corrections to the November 9, 2010 minutes. Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

Dr. Kirby updated the Board on the Pee Dee Land Trust agreement, Latta Early Childhood Center bids and the purchased school property.

Donna Taylor presented the following:

- A status report on the General Fund budget. (Reports attached becoming part of the minutes.)
- The proposed audit contract from Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A. for approval. A motion to accept the proposed three year contract, years ending June 30, 2011, 2012 and 2013, as presented was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. Vote was unanimous.
- Fifty teachers had perfect attendance for the first semester of school year 2010-2011. Each will receive \$1,000.00 in their January payroll check. Twelve bus drivers will receive \$500.00 in their January payroll check for perfect attendance on their routes. (Report/listing attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Esther Rogers gave an update on the International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Montessori programs.

Larry Legette expressed his appreciation of the principals, maintenance staff and bus drivers who assisted the students getting to school safely due to the recent snow and ice.

School nurse Anita Mace presented a school health report. She highlighted areas of services provided to staff and students. (See attachment becoming part of the minutes.)

Athletic Director Michael Rogers updated the Board on the sports offered in the school district. He stated that overall the programs were in good shape. (Notes for addressing the condition of Latta athletics attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Betty Jo Johnson gave a report on the South Carolina School Boards Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting she attended December 4 and 5, 2010. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A Superintendent's Evaluation form will be sent to each Board member for completion before the February Board meeting.

Upon Dr. Kirby's recommendation, a motion to retain LaFon LeGette as the local attorney for the Board was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Kirby introduced a resolution authorizing the conveyance of real property constituting the site of the new Early Childhood Center to the Dillon County Board of Education by the Dillon County School District 3. A motion was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea to approve the resolution as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Resolution attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Motion to go into executive session to consider a personnel contract was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

Reconvening from executive session no action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary

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