

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

June 14, 2011

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Administration Conference Room. Notices of the meeting were duly exercised and published per school board policy.

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

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

The school levels Honor Roll Teachers of the Year were announced by Martha Heyward. There are as follows: Latta Early Childhood Center – Paula Pridgen, Latta Elementary – Cissy Kinney, Latta Middle – Stephanie Weatherford and Latta High – Ronda Brown.

There being no corrections or additions to the May 10, 2011 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

After a discussion of charging tuition to out of district students, it was agreed for the administration to explore this option and to bring back to the Board their findings.

Donna Taylor presented the following:

- A status report on the General Fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)
- Twenty one teachers had perfect attendance for second semester of school year 2010-2011. Each will receive \$1,000.00 which will be issued in their June check. Eleven bus drivers had perfect attendance on their routes for second semester. They will receive \$500.00 which will be issued in their June check. (Report/listing attached becoming part of the minutes.)
- 2011-2012 school year budget for second reading. She highlighted changes from first reading and stated that the budget was balanced. Motion was made by Eddie Watson and seconded by Edward Bethea to approve the second reading of the budget as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Budget attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Kyle Berry that should the district receive more state monies items that had been deleted from the budget would be added back by priority. Vote was unanimous

Esther Rogers presented the following:

- The funding flexibility for fiscal year 2010-2011 was approved by the signing of the request by the Board Chair and Superintendent.

Motion to allow the district to seek funding flexibility for the fiscal year 2011-2012 was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

- Retention rates, discipline and attendance data. (Charts attached becoming part of the minutes.)
- The after school care programs at Early Childhood Center and Latta Elementary for children of staff members will continue with a minimal charge to the employee.

Larry Legette presented the following:

- An update on the construction of the Latta Early Childhood Center and the renovations at the high school.
- The need to charge for the day care hazardous bus routes.

A motion was made by Eddie Watson and seconded by Kenneth Kitts to charge the day cares twenty cents a day per child to provide transportation to the day care after school. (per child - 20 cents per day = \$1.00 per week = \$36.00 per year) Vote was unanimous.

Upon Dr. Kirby's recommendation a motion to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Bley and Joshua Noble was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Eddie Watson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to accept as first reading and waive second reading of changes to policy GCD reducing the 12-month employees' workdays from 245 to 240 and the reduction of paid legal holidays was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

After discussion on policies GCC and KBE the Board agreed to review these policies at a later date.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Eddie Watson. Vote was unanimous.

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary