

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

January 10, 2012

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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, Janice Boatwright, Linda James, Betty Jo Johnson, Kenneth Kitts and Eddie Watson. Edward Bethea was absent.

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

The Latta School Board of Trustees Teacher Education Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Brigman. Jennifer is a senior at Francis Marion University majoring in Early Childhood Education.

In recognition of Board Member Appreciation Month (January), each principal shared with the board members a list of books that had been purchased in their honor and placed in the school libraries.

Information regarding the filing of the 2012 Statement of Economic Interest was distributed to each board member. Ethics forms must be filed before April 15, 2012.

There being no additions or corrections to the November 8, 2011 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

Motion to approve the second reading of policy JHA was made by Eddie Watson and seconded by Kenneth Kitts. Vote was unanimous. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Dr. Kirby updated the board on the Latta High School renovations project.

A motion to authorize Dr. Kirby to approach the Latta Schools Educational Foundation to seek possible financing to complete the auditorium was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Eddie Watson. Vote was unanimous.

Donna Taylor presented a status report on the General Fund budget for October 2011 and November 2011. (Reports attached becoming part of the minutes.)

ScienceSouth has secured \$2,500.00 grant funding for Dillon 3 to be used for ScienceSouth programming. Esther Rogers highlighted areas in which this grant will be used.

Esther Rogers presented the school health report. She highlighted areas of services provided to staff and students. (See attachment becoming part of the minutes.)

Larry Legette reported that the construction projects and the daily operations of the school were going well.

A motion was made by Eddie Watson and seconded by Janice Boatwright to pursue negotiations for the purchase of a 2010 twenty-six passenger activity mini bus. Vote was unanimous.

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 Boards Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting she attended December 3 and 4, 2011. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion to accept as first reading and waive second reading of policy ADF was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Eddie Watson. Vote was unanimous. (Policy 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 approve the hiring of Patricia Donohue and accept the resignation of Danielle Watkins was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

Tom Seay shared with the Board his desire to start an online Latta Community Newsletter. The newsletter would be geared to the positive things that are happening in the town of Latta.

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

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary

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