

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

January 8, 2013

(Minutes submitted are unofficial until approved at the next month's regular Board of Trustees meeting)

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), *The Dillon Herald* was notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting. The agenda is also posted in the District Office and on the district website.

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

Latta Schools Educational Foundation Board of Directors present were: Dr. John Kirby, LaFon LeGette, Harold Kornblut, Betty Jo Johnson and Donna Taylor. Glenn Green, III was absent.

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

The following students were recognized for achieving a perfect score on the 2012 Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) test: Jon Zackary Arrington, Kaylah Reanna Davis, Samuel Lide Howell and Lauren Brooke Carter. Each student received a framed certificate and a gift certificate for their accomplishment.

There being no additions or corrections to the November 13, 2012 minutes. Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bond Attorney Ben Zeigler presented the following foundation loan proposal resolutions for approval:

1. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Latta Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. to accept the financing proposal from Carolina Band and Trust and to enter a lease agreement with the District to facilitate the renovation of the 1954 Latta High School gymnasium into a performing arts center. Motion to accept the resolution was made by LaFon LeGette and seconded by Harold Kornblut. Vote was unanimous. (Complete Resolution attached becoming part of the minutes)
2. Resolution of the school board authorizing entry into a lease between Dillon School District 3 and the Latta Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. with respect to a performing arts center to be financed and constructed by the Latta Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. Motion was made to accept the resolution by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous. (Complete Resolution attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Construction Manager Jeff Paschal was in attendance and stated that the performing arts center should be completed very soon.

Construction Manager Ryan Jordan gave an update on the new Latta Early Childhood Center. He highlighted the safety features that had been made in the construction of the building.

A motion to table the phase two plans for the new Latta Early Childhood Center until the February 12, 2013 board meeting was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

Donna Taylor presented a status report on the October and November General Fund budgets. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Esther Rogers introduced Nurse Anita Mace who presented the school health report. She highlighted areas of services provided to staff and students. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Larry Legette reported that Bus Supervisor Tony Whittington was conducting evacuation training with bus drivers and students.

Athletic Director Aaron Miles updated the Board on sports programs in the school district. (Outline addressing the Latta Athletics attached becoming part of the minutes.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Betty Jo Johnson gave a report on the South Carolina Boards Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting she attended December 1 and 2, 2012. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Board Members were reminded to complete their Ethic Form online before April 15, 2013.

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

Dr. Kirby shared with the Board his school year 2010-2012 goals that had been accomplished and the goals that he is still working on completing.

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In observance of School Board Recognition Month, each Board member was presented a certificate for two adult buffets to Shuler's BBQ.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon Dr. Kirby's recommendation, a motion to elect Eleanor Powers as the part-time director of the Ellis performing Arts Center was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea. Vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO SCHOOLS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Janice Boatwright to go into executive session to discuss a personnel hearing request.

FORMAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

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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