

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD  
Minutes  
March 12, 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, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. In accordance with S. C. Code of Laws, 1985, 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, Linda James, Betty Jo Johnson and Kenneth Kitts. Janice Boatwright and Eddie Watson were absent.

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

Dr. Kirby conducted the election of Board Officers. A motion was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea to keep the current slate of officers that are now serving. They are as follows: Betty Jo Johnson, Chair; Edward Bethea, Vice-Chair and Kyle Berry, Secretary. Vote was unanimous.

There being no additions or corrections to the February 12, 2013 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A tour of the new Latta Early Childhood Center was conducted by Dr. Kirby. After the tour, plans to occupy the new school were discussed.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS:

Donna Taylor presented a status report on the January General Fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion to approve the recommendations of the District Improvement Team as presented was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea. Vote was unanimous. (Recommendations attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Esther Rogers presented the 2013-2018 District Strategic Plan. Kyle Berry moved and seconded by Kenneth Kitts that the 2013-2018 District Strategic Plan be approved. Vote was unanimous. (Copy of the 2013-2018 District Strategic Plan is attached becoming part of the minutes.)

On behalf of the District Textbook Committee, Esther Rogers presented the 2012-2013 Mathematics Textbooks selected for adoption. Edward Bethea made the motion to approve the adoption of these mathematics textbooks as presented. Kyle Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. (Textbook listings attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Larry Legette gave an update on the construction of the Ellis Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Kirby shared with the Board the opening plans for the Ellis Performing Arts Center. The opening will be held on June 13, 2013 with a donor reception at Abingdon Manor followed by a performance by the Community Singers at the arts center.

Dr. Kirby reported that closing of the Latta Schools Education Foundation loan will be later this week. This will allow completion of the arts center and improvements to the front of the high school.

Betty Jo Johnson reported on the sessions that she attend at the 2013 South Carolina School Boards Annual Convention. The convention was February 22-24 at the Embassy Suites/Kingston Plantation at Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon the recommendation of the administration, the motion to approve the professional, para-professional, and extra duty contracts as presented for the 2013-2014 school year was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Linda James. Vote was unanimous. (Listing of recommendations attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts to accept policy KF-E as first reading. Vote was unanimous. (Policy attached becoming part of the minutes.)

A motion to approve the change to the Organization Chart as presented and waive second reading was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous. (Chart attached becoming part of the minutes.)

**CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO SCHOOLS - None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None**

**FORMAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

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

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Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

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W. Kyle Berry, Secretary