

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

January 14, 2014

(Minutes submitted are unofficial until approved at the next month's regular monthly meeting.)

The Latta School Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 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.

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

Betty Jo Johnson welcomed Richard Schafer, Calvin McRae, and Haywood Proctor to meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Kirby gave an update on the International Baccalaureate trip.

An update on the Ellis Performing Arts Center was given by Dr. Kirby.

NEW BUSINESS

Haywood Proctor with the Dillon County Public Private Partnership Board asked board members to endorse a resolution to partner with other educational fields to establish a plan to create a workforce investment center program and facility for the citizens of Dillon County. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the resolution committing the school to work with the Legacy Tree Trail of the Magnolia Garden Club and Amanda Huggins was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Kenneth Kits. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the naming of the new school from Latta Early Childhood Center to Latta Elementary School was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea. Vote was unanimous.

Richard Schafer and Calvin McRae gave an update and answered any questions on the completion of the new Latta Elementary School.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

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

A motion to approve the new Audit Contract from Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A. of Pawleys Island was made by Kyle Berry and seconded by Edward Bethea. Vote was unanimous.

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

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

Board Members were reminded by Dr. Kirby to complete their Ethic Form online before April 15, 2014.

Dr. Kirby gave an update on District Operations Cost.

An update on the LHS construction time line was given by Dr. Kirby.

The Superintendent's Evaluation form will be sent to each Board Member for completion.

Betty Jo Johnson gave a report on the South Carolina Boards Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting she attended on December 6 – 8, 2013. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

In observance of School Board Recognition Month, each Board member was presented a copper plaque.

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 Kyle Berry. Vote was unanimous.

Betty Jo Johnson, Chair
JMK:sg

W. Kyle Berry, Secretary