

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD  
Minutes  
June 10, 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, June 10, 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: Edward Bethea, Vanessa Harrison, Betty Jo Johnson and Kenneth Kitts. Kyle Berry, Linda James and Eddie Watson were absent.

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

New Trustee Vanessa Harrison was introduced and sworn into office by Chair Johnson.

Edward Bethea made a motion to reaffirm the election of officers that were elected at the March 14, 2014 board meeting. They are as follows: Betty Jo Johnson, Chair; Edward Bethea, Vice-Chair and Kyle Berry, Secretary. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Kitts and vote was unanimous.

The school levels Honor Roll Teachers of the Year were introduced by Martha Heyward. They are as follows: Latta Elementary – Marty Watson and Latta Middle – Laura Cooke. Latta High Honor Roll Teacher Rachel Caulder was unable to attend.

There being no additions or corrections to the May 13, 2014 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved.

A motion to allow an out of district employee to be exempted from paying out of district tuition for their child(ren) must be a full time employee was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Vanessa Harrison. Vote was unanimous.

Donna Taylor presented the following:

- A status report of the General fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)
- 2014-2015 school year budget for seconded reading. She highlighted changes from first reading and stated that the budget was balanced. Motion was made by Edward Bethea and seconded by Kenneth Kitts to approve the second reading of the budget as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Budget attached becoming part of the minutes.)

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Esther Rogers recognized Latta High with the Palmetto Gold award for general performance and the Palmetto Silver award for closing achievement gap. Latta Middle was awarded the Palmetto Silver for general performance.

Ms Rogers updated the Board on the summer programs being conducted in the district.

Martha Heyward presented an assessment of the 2013 International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

Larry Legette updated the Board on the summer maintenance projects. He stated the moving of furniture and teaching supplies from Latta Early Childhood to the new Latta Elementary School was going well.

Amanda Huggins presented the landscape design for the new Latta Elementary School.

Dr. Kirby updated the Board on the progress and needs of the new Elementary School.

Dr. Kirby reported the resignations of Martha Dudley, Tony Whittington, Mandy Vipperman and Victor Rockhill. The hiring of Lanie Gleeson (teacher), Patrick Martin (teacher), King McCoy (bus supervisor), Jeffery Moultrie (assistant bus supervisor) and Christopher German (varsity basketball coach). Kenneth Kitts made the motion seconded by Vanessa Harrison to accept the resignations and hirings as presented. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to amend the previous motion to include the hiring of Kimberly Bean as assistant athletic director was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Vanessa Harrison. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to tour the new Elementary School.

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Betty Jo Johnson, Chair

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W. Kyle Berry, Secretary

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