

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

January 13, 2015

(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 13, 2015 at 6:00 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, Vanessa Harrison, Betty Jo Johnson, and Kenneth Kitts. Linda James and Eddie Watson were absent.

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

There being no corrections or additions to the November 11, 2014 minutes, Chair Johnson ruled that they stand approved. Chair Johnson ruled to amend the current agenda to add a new teacher contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Dollie Morrell updated the board on the plans for an open house for Latta Elementary School.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

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

Esther Rogers gave an update on testing for the 2014-2015 school year. (Attachments becoming part of the minutes.)

Esther Rogers presented the 2014 State Report Card. (Attachments becoming part of the minutes.)

Larry Legette gave an update on the school facilities.

Anita Mace presented the 2014-2015 school health report. Areas of services provided to students and staff were highlighted. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

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

Vanessa Harrison gave an update on the 2014 South Carolina Boards Legislative Advocacy Conference that she attended on December 5-7, 2014. (Attachments becoming part of the minutes.)

Debra Morris updated the Board on the \$20,000 Verizon Grant awarded to Latta Schools which will help fund the next two courses for robotics for all middle school students.

Dr. Kirby gave an update on the \$5000 South Carolina School Board Association Insurance grant awarded to Latta Schools.

Dr. Kirby updated the Board on a \$5000 Duke Energy Award for Latta Schools.

Dollie Morrell updated the Board on the submission of a \$250,000 Improvement Grant given out by the Education Oversight Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Kirby gave each board member a State of South Carolina State Ethics Commission Form to be completed online by March 30, 2015.

Dr. Kirby stated that the Superintendent's Evaluation Form will be sent to each Board member for completion.

In observance of School Board Recognition Month, each Board member was presented a certificate to Kings Pizza.

A motion was made by Kenneth Kitts and seconded by Edward Bethea to accept the resignation of Bradley Richardson and approve the hiring of Barry Leonard. Vote was unanimous.

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

