

LATTA SCHOOL BOARD  
Minutes  
November 12, 2019

(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, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Administrative Conference Room. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, 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, Ray George, Vanessa Harrison, Kwame Hennagan, Eleanor Powers and JoAnn Williamson. Stuart Poston was absent.

Eleanor Powers welcomed all present and Dr. John Kirby opened with prayer.

David Westen McCall and George McIntyre Roberts were recognized for achieving a perfect score on the SC PASS Science test.

There being no corrections or additions to the October 8, 2019 minutes, Kwame Hennagan made a motion to approve the minutes and amend the current agenda to include auditor's contract under Departmental Business and Charter School issue under New Business. JoAnn Williamson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

Donna Taylor presented the status report for September 2019 on the General Fund budget. (Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Auditor Stacey Moree from Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A. presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. (Audit Report attached becoming part of the minutes.)

Eleanor Powers made a motion to ask Harper, Poston, Moree, P.A. for a proposal for consideration to continue services. Kwame Hennagan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

George Liebenrood gave an update on test scores.

Robert McIntyre gave an update on technology, 45<sup>th</sup> day student demographics, and electrical savings.

Larry Legette gave a roofing update.

Eleanor Powers shared the Ellis Performing Arts Center upcoming events with the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kwame Hennagan made a motion to approve at least a \$500 signing bonus for teachers. JoAnn Williamson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Eleanor Powers made a motion to approve a signing bonus for bus drivers in the same amount as the signing bonus for teachers. Motion not seconded therefore failed.

A motion to approve a \$1000 signing bonus for bus drivers was made by JoAnn Legette. Ray George seconded the motion. The motion passed with majority votes in favor and one vote against.

Ray George made a motion to approve first reading and waive second reading of policy JIH-R Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests. Kwame Hennagan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve adding extra duty positions for activity security officers and a district safety coordinator was made by Kwame Hennagan and seconded by JoAnn Williamson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve contracts for activity security officers and a district safety coordinator was made by JoAnn Williamson and seconded by Vanessa Harrison. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. John Kirby gave charter school information to Board Members.

**CITIZEN INPUT ON ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO SCHOOLS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**FORMAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

There being no further business, Chair Kyle Berry adjourned the meeting with unanimous consent at 8:32.

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Kyle Berry, Chair  
JMK:sg

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Vanessa Harrison, Secretary