

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Palmetto Unified School District
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 12, 2012

Board Members Present

Mr. Earl F. Brown, Jr
Mr. Leslie Levy
Mr. Roosevelt Garrick, Jr.
Mr. Ronald Bessant
Dr. James Furtick, Jr.
Ms. Queen Davis
Rev. Dr. Robert Reid
Gen. James Tuten
Ms. Deloris Jefferson

Staff Present

Dr. Randy Reagan
Ms. Jacqueline Venning
Ms. Teresa Johnson
Ms. Melissa Holmes

Others Present

Chaplain Lloyd Roberts., SCDC Chaplain

Mr. Earl Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Mr. Earl Brown asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. Chaplain Roberts, Pastoral Care Program, was called to lead the group in prayer. Mr. Brown thanked Chaplain Roberts for his time.

Chairman Brown asked if notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Dr. Reagan assured him that it was.

Mr. Brown asked if all members had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Rev. Dr. Robert Reid made a motion for the adoption of the minutes. Mr. Leslie Levy seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

The Chairman then asked Dr. Reagan to give his Superintendent's Report.

The South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA) annually declares January as School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Reagan, on behalf of the students and staff of PUSD, thanked the Board members for their service and support provided to our school district. In appreciation for their leadership and dedication, each board member was presented a beautiful tropical hanging basket grown by horticulture students at Manning Correctional Institution. The board room was decorated in the district's colors of blue and silver and a cake with a "We Appreciate You" message carried out the theme of appreciation for the Board's dedication to improving student achievement.

Two students from Stevenson High School were invited to the January meeting and eloquently talked about the important role of the school board and outlined their appreciation to the board for what the superintendent and staff of Palmetto Unified School District are doing to impact their lives by providing excellent educational opportunities and giving them a “second chance”.

Old Business

1. Budget Update

Dr. Reagan introduced Ms. Teresa Johnson, Grants Administrator, to give the financial report for the District. Ms. Johnson provided a brief summary of the budget for Fiscal Year 2012 Second Quarter and the expenditures that has occurred through December 28, 2011. Rev. Dr. Robert Reid made a motion to accept the budget report as presented and Mr. Leslie Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Report on Staffing

1. Added 65 ABE staff members (Teachers/Admin.Asst.)

2. Return of ABE Funds

1. As of January 1st, Adult Education funding has returned to PUSD.
2. Only \$212K of approximately \$800K. Struggle continues!
3. Working now on recovering LACES funding (\$170. @ 12 hours)
4. Dr. Reagan thanked the Board for their help that made this day become a reality.

Ms. Deloris Jefferson requested a PowerPoint to include funding issues, and annual state and federal decreases since 2002.

Mr. Bessant requested a representative from PUSD present an overview of PUSD at the February SCSBA conference in Myrtle Beach

Gen. James Tuten suggested Dr. Reagan meet with Judge Byars about the possibility of litigations but speak with SCDC’s attorney Chris Florian first.

3. Approving Instructional Materials (Curriculum)

Dr. Reagan asked the Board for approval of Steck Vaughn instructional materials as the curriculum for all schools in PUSD. Dr. Reagan recommended Steck Vaughn because it is used by a majority of teachers, most of our computer labs have their tutorials loaded, and it provides uniformity of instruction when inmates are transferred. Rev. Dr. Robert Reid made a motion to accept the Steck Vaughn curriculum and Mr. Leslie Levy second the motion. Unanimously approved. .

4. Federal Title I Funding

The Board of Trustees supported the Superintendent’s recommendation to find alternate funding sources for (1) GED Testing - \$120K (2) TABE Testing - \$50K WorkKeys – \$70K, because funds used for these purposes in the past, are no longer available for a total of \$240K. Rev. Dr. Robert Reid made a motion to accept the recommendation and that Federal Title I funds be considered to meet the needs. Mr. Leslie Levy seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. 2012 Graduations

During the April Board Meeting trustees will have the opportunity to view the graduation schedule to determine those graduations where one or more Board Members would be in attendance. Rev. Dr. Robert Reid made a suggestion that the District also pursue scheduling Trustees to attend one graduation as a Board. Dr. Reagan stated that he and Ms. Jacqueline Venning would try to schedule a board meeting along with a graduation.

The 2011 Agency Academic Goals attainments are as follows:

	GOAL	ATTAIN	2012 GOALS	
GED's/Diplomas	1,200	1,209	1,250	46%
Voc. Cert.	2,300	2,769	2,500	52%
WorkKeys	1,300	1,756	1,400	67%
Credentials	100	166	200	47%
Totals	4,900	5,898	5,400	

Transitioning from LSD to PUSD will impact our GED attainment.

6. 2012 PUSD Teacher of the Year

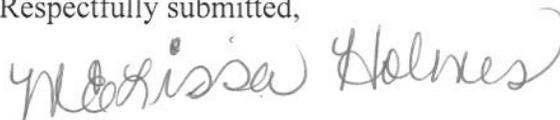
Congratulations to Ms. Maurie Singletary. Ms. Singletary is a Special Education Teacher at Kirkland High School.

Dr. Reagan stated that he had no further information to report.

Board Members commended and thanked Dr. Reagan and the PUSD staff for the excellent service being rendered to students. Goal attainments are at an all time high for the District.

Mr. Earl Brown made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 a.m. and Rev. Dr. Robert Reid, seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Holmes, Recording Secretary
Palmetto Unified School District
Board of Trustees

Reviewed by:



Randy Reagan, Ed.D.
Superintendent