

2002 Board Meeting Minutes Archive

Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Board Attorney Phil Landrum was present.

Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Chairman Cagle led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the minutes for the May 30, June 06, and June 11, 2002, meetings. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the minutes.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the agenda. Landrum requested moving item XII, Emergency Access Road on PHS Campus, to executive session because of possible litigation issues. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the agenda as amended.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the attendance report. Jasper Primary School had the best school attendance for the school year of 2001-2002. Total system enrollment was 3865 students with a total of 65 dropouts to date.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the financial report. The current SPLOST balance is \$2,448,411.67. The general fund revenue collected was 104.36% and expenditures were 93.21% of the FY02 budget.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. Pickens County Middle School lost a substantial number of phones due to an electrical storm. Pickens High School had water coming in from glass windows above the front awning. The board instructed Ballew to get quotes for a covered walkway for bus students at PHS. Mike presented a quote from B&R Builders to repair the auditorium ceiling at Tate Elementary School. Ballew reported sagging floors and rotted floor joists at TES. Mike is working with the DOT in search of a location to place signs for Tate Elementary and Hill City Elementary. Jasper Elementary lost several phones due to an electrical storm, and had water damage in the fourth grade building causing floor damage. Jasper Middle School renovations are on schedule.

Construction Supervisor Jim Smith stated that the State Fire Marshall authorized the certificate of occupancy for Hill City Elementary School. Architect Steve Hill will follow up with a walk through and make sure that the contractors and the sub-contractors have completed their punch lists. Smith recognized Mr. Dan Corell with H&M Construction. Shiver stated that the Grand Opening for Hill City Elementary School is set for Sunday, August 11, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

Shiver presented statements from Harcourt Educational Measurements that described the state-wide delay and invalid test score reports for grades 3,5, and 8.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 3 to 1 vote with Cagle opposing to grant approval of the attendance zone policy (AD). (See attachment.)

Mike Ballew submitted a list of items that need to be declared surplus. There was a motion by Whitaker, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to declare the items surplus.

Special Education Director Teresa Ware presented the Special Education Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Special Education Comprehensive Plan.

Shiver requested tentative approval for the FY03 tentative budget in the amount of \$29,582,254.00. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to grant tentative approval of the FY03 tentative budget in the amount of \$29,582,254.00.

Mike Ballew presented the five-year facilities plan. A motion was made by Whitaker, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 4-0 vote to approve the five-year facilities plan.

Shiver asked that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations, and pending litigation. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (OCGA 50-14-3(6)) and to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (OCGA 50-14-2).

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Chairman Cagle reported there was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on 4 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Chairman Cagle reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as amended. (See attachments.)

Klein made a motion, seconded by Locke to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Primary School Media Center for a called board meeting. Then following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Jerry Andrews, Melvin Cagle, Joan Locke and Shirley Whitaker.

Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

A motion was made by Whitaker, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (OCGA 50-14-3 (6)). David Klein arrived during executive session.

After discussion in executive session, a motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, to return to open session. The board voted 5 to 0 to return to open session.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5-0 vote to accept personnel recommendations as submitted by the superintendent. (See attachment).

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the list of supplements as amended. (See attachment).

The board scheduled a fourth budget workshop for Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Whitaker, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5-0 vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 01, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, Jerry Andrews, David Klein, and Shirley Whitaker. Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Cagle led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the agenda.

Superintendent Shiver recommended the appointment of Phil Landrum III as the School Board Attorney. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to appoint Phil Landrum III as School Board Attorney for the remainder of the 2002 calendar year.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the minutes for the July 11, 2002, meeting. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for July 11, 2002.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the financial report. The general fund revenue collected was 105.27% and expenditures were 94.13% of the FY02 budget.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. The sagging floor and rotted floor joist at Tate Elementary School have been replaced. The repairs to the Tate Elementary School auditorium are near completion. Pickens County Middle School, Tate Elementary School, and Hill City Elementary School are having new signs installed. Floor tiles at Pickens County Middle School have been repaired. The mobile units at Pickens County Middle School have been removed. Renovations at Jasper Middle School are near completion. Pickens High School has had some painting and landscaping. The tile floor has been replaced in the fourth grade building at Jasper Elementary School. Transportation has two new special education buses and five regular buses are expected before school starts.

Board member Joan Locke arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Construction Supervisor Jim Smith stated that the contractors and the sub-contractors are working very hard to finish all the items that have not been completed at Hill City Elementary School.

Shiver stated that the Grand Opening for Hill City Elementary School is set for Sunday, August 11, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

Shiver requested moving the January 2, 2003, board meeting to January 9, 2003, due to the holidays. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the request to the move the January board meeting to January 9.

Shiver mentioned the ceremony at Freedom Park on Thursday, September 5, 2002, and said the park will be a great addition to the Tate Elementary School campus.

Shiver distributed school open house schedules to the board members.

Amy Burgess presented the final FY03 budget for approval. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the final FY03 budget.

Amy Burgess discussed the FY01 State Audit Report. The report included two findings. According to state regulation, all outstanding indebtedness must be satisfied by December 31 each year. Burgess reported we were unable to satisfy our obligation due to the delay in the collection of property taxes for that year. The second finding was recurring due to the lack of a general fixed assets accounting system. This will be corrected in FY03 due to new regulations.

Mike Ballew submitted a list of items that need to be declared surplus. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to declare the items surplus.

Special Education Director Teresa Ware presented the Special Education Compliance Review. Ware reported two commendations and seventeen recommendations. Several of the recommendations have been taken care of and the rest may take up to one year to comply with. Ware introduced Lucy Nutt, Special Education Administrative Assistant, to the board members.

Shiver requested approval of policy JCDA Student Code of Conduct. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 5-0 vote to approve policy JCDA Student Code of Conduct as amended and also to waive the thirty-day tabling period.

Public participation included Tonya B. Barrett, Christina Joiner, and Ronda Mullins concerning transportation issues to and from the daycare facilities. Cagle thanked them for their comments and concerns and told them someone would respond to them.

Landrum requested approval of an emergency access road easement on the Pickens High School campus. The school board will be responsible for repairs if there is subsequent damage to the property. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5-0 vote to approve the easement access.

Locke suggested making a decision about the transportation issue to the daycare businesses. Shiver said he would arrange a meeting to discuss the issues early the next week.

Shiver asked that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel related to his pending recommendations. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Cagle, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (OCGA 50-14-3(6)).

Shirley Whitaker left the board meeting at 7:50 p.m. during executive session.

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Chairman Cagle reported there was a motion and a second, which passed on 4 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Chairman Cagle reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as amended. (See attachments.)

Additional positions approved by the board were a campus police officer and in-school suspension coordinators for Pickens High School, Pickens County Middle School, and Jasper Middle School.

Klein made a motion, seconded by Andrews to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, September 05, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, Jerry Andrews, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Chairman Cagle led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the agenda.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the minutes for the August 01, 2002, meeting. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for August 01, 2002.

Superintendent Shiver presented Certificates of Merit to each of the board members from the Georgia School Board Association and the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the attendance report. Total system enrollment was 4050 students with a total of 9 dropouts to date. Student enrollment has increased by 109 students since the end of last school year.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the SPLOST report. Burgess reported June revenue of \$220,293.81 and July revenue of \$266,290.81. She also reported interest paid for the month of July as \$6,834.79. The SPLOST balance for July is \$2,112,689.57. Burgess also reported receipt of the 2002 preliminary tax digest. The digest indicates a value of \$823,786 per mill. Burgess said the five-year history would be run in the local newspaper as required by the Department of Revenue. Burgess said a recommended millage rate will be presented at the next board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. The repairs to the Tate Elementary School auditorium are completed. The roof and the walls of the auditorium are to be painted following the completion. The upstairs bathroom at Tate Elementary School was leaking and damaged the auditorium ceiling, which has been repaired. Pickens County Middle School, Tate Elementary School, and Hill City Elementary School had new marquee signs installed. Jasper Middle School had bleacher seats, new scoreboards, and curtains installed in the gym. Pickens High School walls have been painted. An air conditioning unit at Pickens High School had to be replaced. Water was installed at the football field at Pickens County Middle School. Lockers should be arriving at Jasper Middle School by September 6. A drain was put in at the fourth grade building at Jasper Elementary School to alleviate the flooding situation. Jasper Elementary School's roof was repaired and the chair lift was replaced. Hill City Elementary School was substantially completed August 13, 2002, and should be completely finished September 13, 2002. Ballew met with George Eubanks from the State Department of Education and completed the application for special construction funds available through HB1187. The Harmony School Road property has been approved by the state for construction. Ballew is waiting on a topographical map of the Harmony School Road property. All the new buses ordered for transportation are in. Shiver stated that Architect Steve Hill has served the school system well and recommended that the board continue to retain his services.

Shiver proposed the following business community representatives for approval as members of School Advisory Councils: Tommy Shaw (Shaw Supply) for Pickens County Middle School; Lorrie Shaw (Crescent Bank) for Jasper Elementary School; Deborah Goodrum (Chamber of Commerce) for Hill City Elementary School. There was a motion

made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the School Advisory Council business representatives as recommended.

Burgess presented the FY02 financial closing. Total revenue collected was \$27,401,139.34, which was 105.40% of budgeted revenue. Total expenditures for the year were \$25,817,040.75, which was 95.22% of budgeted expenditures. Excess revenue totaled \$1,584,098.59. The fund balance, including the prior year, was \$4,295,063.78.

Mike Ballew submitted a list of items that need to be declared surplus. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to declare the items surplus.

Burgess explained and requested supplement revisions for the Title1 Director and PHS principal positions. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the supplement revisions. (See attached)

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (OCGA 50-14-3(6)) and to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (OCGA 50-14-2).

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Chairman Cagle reported there was a motion and a second, which passed on 5 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Chairman Cagle reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as amended. Cagle abstained and stated that Channa Spears is his daughter. (See attachments.)

Andrews made a motion, seconded by Klein to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Jerry Andrews, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present. Vice-Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Andrews led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Vice-Chairman Andrews requested approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Andrews requested approval of the minutes for the September 5, 2002, meeting. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for September 5, 2002.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the attendance report. Total system enrollment was 4079 students with a total of 19 dropouts to date. Tate Elementary School won the Highest Monthly Attendance Banner with a 97.34% attendance rate.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the SPLOST report. Burgess reported August revenue of \$287,599.04. She also reported interest paid for the month of August as \$5,168.53. The SPLOST balance for August is \$1,984,703.31.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. Several leaks at some of the schools have all been repaired. Pickens High School walls have been painted and new carpet has been installed in some areas. Lockers have been installed and are in use at Jasper Middle School. Jasper Elementary School had new carpet and new cabinets installed. Hill City Elementary School's final completion paperwork should be available to the board by the next board meeting. Recycling with VISY will begin at all the schools at no cost to the system. Ballew said we will enter a contract with Kleen Air, which will provide an inspection service and change all filters as needed at all schools. Ballew presented a draft use of facilities form to the board for their review and requested feedback from them.

Shiver requested \$3,000.00 from the board to provide financial support to the Pickens County Certified Literate Community Program. A motion was made by Locke, seconded by Klein, which passed on 4-0 vote to approve a \$3,000.00 contribution to the Certified Literate Community Program.

Shiver requested approval of the FY03 millage rate of 14.96. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4-0 vote to approve the 14.96 millage rate.

Shiver nominated Mark Whitfield of Jasper Banking Company for the Georgia School Board Association Partnership Commendation. There was a motion by Locke, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to nominate Mark Whitfield for the GSBA Partnership Commendation.

Principal Steve McDaniel requested approval for out-of-state travel for the Jasper Middle School cheerleaders. The JMS cheerleaders will be participating in the 2003 Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on 4-0 vote to approve the out-of-state travel for the JMS cheerleaders.

Mike Ballew submitted a list of items that need to be declared surplus. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to declare the items surplus.

Shiver said that the person who had asked to be on the agenda to address the board had withdrawn her request.

Shiver asked that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations, and property acquisitions. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee (OCGA 50-14-3(6)) and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (OCGA 50-14-3 (6)).

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Vice-Chairman Andrews reported there was a motion and a second, which passed on 4 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Vice-Chairman Andrews reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 3 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as amended. Whitaker abstained and stated that Ashley Headrick is her granddaughter. (See attachments.)

Klein made a motion, seconded by Locke to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary School Media Center for a called board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present. Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 4 to 0 vote to review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal {Hearing Officer, Panel}; (OCGA 20-2-757).

Jerry Andrews entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

After reviewing tribunal videotape in executive session, there was a motion and a second, to return to open session. The board voted 5 to 0 to return to open session.

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5-0 vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, November 7, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, Jerry Andrews, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present. Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Chairman Cagle led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the agenda.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the minutes for the October 3 and October 30, 2002, meetings. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for October 3 and October 30, 2002, meetings.

The members of the Board and Shiver recognized Dr. Kathleen Thompson, art teacher at Jasper Elementary School and several Jasper Elementary School students for their contributions to the art gallery on display in the board room.

Shiver congratulated and welcomed the 2003 board members Mark Mitton, Tony Young, Ervin Easterwood, incumbent Shirley Whitaker, and incumbent Joan Locke. Shiver reminded the board of the Teacher of the Year Banquet on December 9, 2002.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the attendance report. Total system enrollment was 4055 students with a total of 26 dropouts to date. Tate Elementary School won the Highest Monthly Attendance Banner with a 97.41% attendance rate.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the SPLOST report. Burgess reported August revenue of \$284,060.41. She also reported interest paid for the month of August as \$5,438.91. The SPLOST balance for August is \$2,126,681.10.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. Tate Elementary had their fire alarm system upgraded. Pickens High School had some landscaping done to their baseball field. The Pickens County Middle School handicap ramp has been completed and the football field will be aerated and reseeded. Jasper Elementary had new coat racks and a new intercom system installed. Jasper Middle School gym and lobby bathrooms received new tile. Hill City Elementary School's construction was not completed as of November 7, 2002. Receptacles for paper recycling with VISY are in place at all the schools at no cost to the system. Ballew has received the topographical map for the Harmony School Road property and the property has been approved as a site for a school and a bus garage. Bids for construction manager for the new bus shop/maintenance facility are being advertised and are due December 5, 2002. The bids will be opened at the next board meeting and the board will have the option to accept a bid for a construction manager or bid the project to a general contractor. Launch Pads for Literacy received 125 computers to refurbish and put in students' homes. Adjustments requested by the board were made to the facilities draft. Ballew said we need to look into adding more bus routes due to length of time on the bus and overcrowding. Ballew mentioned that he has a preliminary drawing of the new bus shop for the board's consideration. Mrs. Whitaker mentioned that Jasper Middle School gym needs a concession stand. Ballew replied that he would get with Mr. McDaniel and discuss that with him. Mr. Andrews mentioned that the steps at the Pickens County Middle School baseball field need replaced. Chairman Cagle commented that the Jasper Middle School gym looks very good.

Shiver presented a certificate to Dr. LeMieux from the Georgia School and Community Nutrition Program for the high percentage of students choosing school lunch during the 2001-2002 school year at PCMS.

Principal Lloyd Shaddix requested approval for out-of-state travel for the Pickens High School band and chorus. The PHS band will be participating in the 2003 Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida. The PHS chorus will be participating in Disney's Candlelight Processional in Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom, Orlando, Florida. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Locke, which passed on 5-0 vote to approve the out-of-state travel for the PHS band and chorus.

Attorney Landrum stated that an attorney representing the citizen who was on the agenda to address the board had called him and said that the person would not be at the meeting.

Shiver asked that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA 50-14-3(6)).

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Chairman Cagle reported there was a motion and a second, which passed on 5 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Chairman Cagle reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations. (See attachments.)

A motion was made by Locke, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve three extended positions for Pickens High School and the addition of one advanced placement U.S. History supplement in the amount of \$600.00. (See attachments.)

A motion to adjourn was made by Andrews, seconded by Whitaker, but the motion failed on a 3-2 vote with Andrews and Klein voting for and Whitaker, Locke, and Cagle voting against.

Personnel Director Ben Arp brought forth an amended list of personnel. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Locke, which passed on 5 to 0 vote to approve the amended list of personnel. (See attachments.)

Andrews made a motion, seconded by Klein to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

MELVIN CAGLE, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY

Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2002

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, December 5, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jasper Elementary Media Center for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Melvin Cagle, Jerry Andrews, David Klein, Joan Locke, and Shirley Whitaker. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present. Chairman Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Cagle led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the agenda. There was a motion by Locke, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to eliminate agenda items number 8 and 10 and table until January. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the agenda as amended.

Chairman Cagle requested approval of the minutes for the November 7, 2002, meeting. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Locke, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for November 7, 2002.

Chairman Cagle and Shiver presented a resolution honoring Mark Whitfield, President of Jasper Banking Company, with the Georgia Partnership Commendation in recognition of his support of public education in the community and his dedication to Pickens County's youth.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the attendance report. Total system enrollment was 4051 students with a total of 30 dropouts to date. Jasper Middle School won the Highest Monthly Attendance Banner with a 96.29% attendance rate.

Finance Director Amy Burgess discussed the SPLOST report. Burgess reported September revenue of \$285,681.67. She also reported interest paid for the month of September as \$4,470.13. The SPLOST balance for September is \$1,987,163.18. Burgess discussed recent state budget cuts totaling \$467,830.00. Burgess sent 15 insurance quote requests out for system wide comprehensive insurance coverage and has had very little response. Burgess will pursue additional quotes in an effort to get adequate coverage with a reasonable premium.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ballew presented the facilities update. Ballew reviewed all the maintenance work that has been done at all schools.

Ballew requested approval of the Hill City Elementary final approval resolution that all construction was complete and no claims were outstanding. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote for final approval of completion of Hill City Elementary School.

Ballew requested approval for a change order noting that Hill City Elementary School was completed for \$61,213.26 under the original contract price. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the change order.

Principals Steve McDaniel and Chris LeMieux requested approval for out-of-state travel for Pickens County and Jasper Middle Schools eighth graders to Washington D.C. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Locke, which passed on 5-0 vote to approve the out-of-state travel for eighth grade students.

Tim McFarland appeared before the board to request support for funding lights at the Pickens County Middle School baseball field. McFarland reported that Amicalola EMC would furnish the poles and the only cost to the board would be \$16,815 for the lights. The board thanked Mr. McFarland for his time and efforts. There was a motion by Andrews, seconded by Whitaker, which passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Cagle opposing to approve the funding as requested for the Pickens County Middle School baseball field lights.

Board members made individual remarks concerning their past four years of service on the board of education, and thanked their colleagues and the superintendent for their support and collaborative efforts.

Transportation Director Charlie Wright, requested approval for three additional bus routes to eliminate overcrowding and long bus routes. There was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the additional bus routes.

Shiver asked that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations and pending litigation. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA 50-14-3(6)) to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (OCGA 50-14-2).

After discussion in executive session, the board reconvened in open session. Chairman Cagle reported there was a motion by Klein, seconded by Andrews, which passed on 5 to 0 vote in executive session to return to open session. Chairman Cagle reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Klein, which passed on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations, including a math teacher to teach one class at the Pickens County Middle School. (See attachments.)

Klein made a motion, seconded by Andrews, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

TONY YOUNG, CHAIRMAN

LEE SHIVER, SECRETARY