

November 10, 2011

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and will receive per diem compensation: John T. Trammell, Ervin Easterwood, Wendy D. Lowe, Dan Fincher, and Byron Long. School Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was in attendance.

Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation.

The Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Recognitions:

- Academic Coach Anita Walker was presented a "Writing to Win" certificate. PCMS was a 2011 School of Significant Progress. Eighth grade writing scores increased from 79% passing in 2010 to 87% passing in 2011.
- PCMS student Kaycee Walker was the winner of the Constitution Day Essay in the middle school division.
- The PCMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Dragon Team, coached by Carrie Stephens and Beverly Anderson, finished second place at the Fall Berry College Math Competition.
- PHS student William Jarrett was the winner of the Constitution Day Essay in the high school division.
- PHS softball players Danielle Goss made 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-region and Mindi Mullins made 1<sup>st</sup> team all-region.
- JMS is one of twelve schools in the state of Georgia to be named a GA Farm to School Pilot by the GA Department of Education. JMS Agriculture Teacher Todd Dobson was given a plaque for his dedication to excellence and the work he puts in to the program.
- JMS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Team, coached by Ms. Weyman, won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Berry College Math Competition.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the enrollment as 4,401 students, drop-outs as six students, and students missing 15 or more days as five. Hill City Elementary School received the banner for the highest monthly attendance of 97.47%.

Supervisor of Operations Rick Little presented an operations update, which included maintenance, transportation, and food service.

Assistant Superintendent Tommy Qualls presented the financial report. Qualls reported the FY12 General Fund revenue as 12.44% and expenditures as 22.79%. Qualls reported the SPLOST III October revenue as \$356,745.87, interest as \$2,409.34, and balance as \$3,164,182.43. Qualls reported that property taxes are due to the county by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Federal Programs Director Susan Reeves presented a presentation to the board explaining strategic planning and a proposed outline of the steps to be taken to implement the plan.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Fincher, which passed unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 13<sup>th</sup> as presented.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to approve to surplus the items presented for surplus.

A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 7:56 p.m. 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)).

A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 8:12 p.m.

Chair Lowe reported no action was taken in executive session.


A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Fincher, which passed unanimously to approve personnel as presented. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

- Chair Lowe thanked Food Service Director Emily Hanlin and her staff for the meal prepared for the board after their training session. Also, she thanked Laura Desper for the beautiful decorations and supplies provided.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Wendy D. Lowe, Chair

  
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Ben Desper, Secretary