

September 8, 2011

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, September 8, 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 7:11 p.m.

Fincher led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Superintendent Ben Desper presented the principals and Liz Ray with their certificates from the Georgia Accrediting Association. All Pickens County Schools are accredited with quality through the Georgia Accrediting Association as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Desper recognized the school board for participating in the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) required six hour training activities. Desper presented certificates from GSBA to the board.

Public Participant Deborah Murphy would like for the school bus stop for her child be changed to a different location. Murphy believes the current bus stop is unsafe. She resides in Riverstone Subdivision.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented the enrollment as 4,431 students and drop-outs as six students. Hill City Elementary School received the banner for the highest monthly attendance of 98.05%.

Desper thanked Director of Operations Lloyd Shaddix for all his hard work in the Pickens County School system.

Shaddix presented a maintenance report to the board. Shaddix reported that Pickens County Food Service Department received the USDA Southeast Region Best Practice Award in the category of Customer Service. Shaddix also reported that the County Government was putting up signs around the county referencing school buses entering highway and/or school bus stop signs.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported the FY12 General Fund revenue as 7.24% and expenditures as 5.93%. Burgess reported the SPLOST III August revenue as \$363,138.00, interest as \$1,993.36, and balance as \$2,590,768.27. Burgess said that the Department of Audits would be joining us in October.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 11th and called minutes for August 30, 2011.

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

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Fincher, which passed unanimously to approve a school board training plan.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to approve the loan bid for tax anticipation note from Jasper Banking Company at 2.5% with \$1,000 loan fees.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Fincher, which passed unanimously to approve the loan resolution which will allow the Superintendent and the Board Chair to execute the loan.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Fincher, which passed unanimously to tentatively approve Policy DCL Fund Balance.

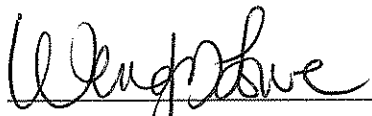
A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Trammell, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA 50-14-3 (6)) and to consult or 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).

A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 9:13 p.m.


Chair Lowe reported no action was taken in executive session.

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

A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.



Wendy D. Lowe, Chair



Ben Desper, Secretary