

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 Benson Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
August 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Colleton County Board of Education was held in County Council Chambers, 109 Benson Street, Walterboro, SC on August 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Evon Robinson, Chairman
Mrs. Eleanor Adams
Mr. Michael Crosby
Mr. Miles Crosby
Mrs. Redell Fields
Mr. P.A. Pournelle
Mr. Wayne Shider

Board members absent:

None

Staff members present:

Mr. Charles Gale, Associate Superintendent and Acting Secretary to the Board
Mr. Kirk Reynolds, Director of Finance
Mrs. Cynthia Gant, Director of Personnel
Mrs. Beth Frank, Technology Coordinator
Mrs. Leila Williams, Director of Special Services
Mr. Kenny Blakeney, Director of Maintenance
Mrs. Christine Stroble, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Attorney present:

Mr. Bert Duffie

News Media and others present:

Ms. Libby Roerig, The Press and Standard
Mrs. Melissa Buckner, Community Times Dispatch

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinson. Mrs. Fields gave the invocation and asked those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Miles Crosby presented a motion to enter into executive session for a legal briefing. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Chairman Robinson stated that no action had been taken in executive session. Mr. Miles Crosby presented a motion to reconvene in open session. Mr. Shider seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the July 16, 2002 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Adams, a second by Mr. Shider with a unanimous vote (Mr. Pournelle was not present).

During public input, Mr. Alfred Givens presented a request for temporary occupancy of Ivenia Brown Elementary School. The request was tabled until the Building and Grounds section of the agenda.

Chairman Robinson called for a Student/Staff Recognition report.

Student/Staff Recognition

No recognitions this month.

Chairman Robinson called for the Superintendent's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In the absence of Dr. Smith, Mr. Gale presented the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Bobby Bunch from Companion Forest Pointe presented a request at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be granted an easement onto the Forest Circle Middle property. At the regular meeting, Mr. Bunch requested, on behalf of Companion Forest Pointe, to purchase .02 of an acre for \$560.00. After some discussion, the request was tabled until the Building and Grounds section of the agenda.

Mrs. Catherine Bodison, representative from the Colleton Training School/Colleton High School Alumni Association and Mr. Ronald Ravenel from Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation, Inc. presented separate requests regarding 229 Gruber Street property. The requests were tabled until the Building and Grounds section of the agenda.

Mr. Gale presented the following names for the Edisto Beach facility:

Edisto Beach Community Education Center
Edisto Beach Community Education and Civic Center
Edisto Beach Education/Community Center
Edisto Beach Education/Civic Center

Mrs. Adams presented a motion to approve Edisto Beach Education/Civic Center as the name for the new facility. Mr. Miles Crosby seconded the motion that carried with 6 'yes' votes (Rev. Robinson, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Miles Crosby, Mrs. Fields, Mr. Pournelle, and Mr. Shider) and 1 'no' vote (Mr. Michael Crosby).

Chairman Robinson called for the Finance report.

FINANCE

Mr. Pournelle presented a motion to accept the July finance report. Mr. Miles Crosby seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote. (See Attachment # 1)

The budget item on the agenda was postponed. A special board meeting will be scheduled in September for final approval.

Chairman Robinson called for the Associate Superintendent's report.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Gale presented a request from Mrs. Kim Roberts for permission to have her child, Kala released from Colleton County School District to attend Hampton School District 1. Mrs. Roberts is employed in Hampton School District 1. Mrs. Adams presented a motion to allow Kala Roberts to be released from Colleton County School District. Mr. Miles Crosby seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gale presented a request from Mr. Shannon Stephens to allow his children, Trevor and Ashley to enroll in Colleton County School District. Mr. Stephens is a school district employee and lives in Dorchester School District IV. Mrs. Adams presented a motion to allow Trevor and Ashley Stephens to enroll in Colleton County School District. Mr. Miles Crosby seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gale presented a request from Mrs. Donna Myers for permission to have her children, Jennifer, Robert and Randi released from Colleton County School District to attend school in Orangeburg School District IV. Mrs. Adams presented motion to allow Jennifer, Robert and Randi Myers to be released from Colleton County School District. Mr. Miles Crosby seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gale informed board members that the Office of Civil Rights is auditing the services being provided to English as a Second Language students in the state of South Carolina. The Department of Education requires all districts to submit plans for ESL students. The school district's plan was submitted and reviewed last year. The State Department of Education has required the district to amend the plan so that it is in compliance with all of the Office of Civil Rights requirements. The plan has been reviewed and was resubmitted in July for review.

Chairman Robinson called for the Technology report.

TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Fields stated that there was no Technology Report this month.

Chairman Robinson called for the Curriculum and Instruction report.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Joyce Davis presented information at the Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the Curriculum and Instruction Facilitators. (See Attachment #2) The following facilitators attended the meeting and were recognized:

Kathleen Whay, Colleton Middle
Betty Beach, Forest Circle Middle
Lynn Anderson, Bells Elementary
Tracy McDonald, Black Street Elementary
Janice Headden, Forest Hills Elementary
Louise Rogers, Northside Elementary

Rebecca Crook from Ruffin Middle was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Floyd Buckner informed the board at the Committee of the Whole meeting that the Title One office is preparing for the FY '02 audit, developing the Title V-Part A project application and BSAP summer administration has been completed. No additional information was given at the regular meeting.

Mrs. Leila Williams presented information regarding the number of special education classes. (See Attachment #3)

Chairman Robinson called for a Building and Grounds report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Kenny Blakeney presented a Building and Grounds update. (See Attachment #4) Mr. Blakeney informed board members that the new guidance area at Colleton County High School passed final inspection and will be occupied by Friday, August 23rd.

Mr. Bobby Bunch from Companion at Forest Pointe presented a proposal to purchase .02 of an acre of property at Forest Circle Middle School for \$560.00. Companion at Forest Pointe will incur all closing costs. After some discussion, Mr. Miles Crosby presented a motion sell the .02 of an acre to Companion at Forest Pointe for \$560.00 with the understanding that Companion will incur all closing costs. Mr. Shider seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Alfred Givens presented a proposal for temporary occupancy of the Ivenia Brown Elementary facility. Mr. Givens expressed a concern regarding the security of the building. After some discussion, the board authorized the administration to look into getting a certified appraisal of the property done, have the school district attorney and the attorney representing New Covenant Fellowship Ministries get together and bring a proposed contract back to the board as soon as possible in September

Mrs. Catherine Bodison, a representative from the Colleton County Training/High School Alumni, presented a proposal for acquisition of the Gruber Street site. The Gruber Street property is leased to the county with a reverter clause that states if the property is no longer used for a day care facility it will revert back to the school district. Mr. Ronald Ravenel from Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation, Inc. was directed to the school board by county council after making a request to have the Gruber Street school and playground deeded to Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation, Inc. After some discussion, the board agreed to table the issue until the school district attorney can look at the lease and report back to them.

Chairman Robinson called for a Personnel report.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Michael Crosby called on Mrs. Cynthia Gant to present the personnel recommendations.

Mrs. Gant presented the following employment recommendations and resignations for the 2002-2003 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>
Karl Naugle	Principal/Cottageville Elementary
Daniel Block	Social Studies Teacher/Colleton Middle
Cassandra Cain-Durrah	English Teacher/Ruffin Middle
William Campbell	Choral/Music Teacher/Colleton Middle
Franklin Cleveland	Social Studies Teacher/Colleton County High

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>
Amanda Collins	Kindergarten Teacher/Hendersonville Elementary
Melissa Crosby	Math Teacher/Colleton County High
Iris Edwards	Special Ed. Teacher/Colleton Middle
Farrell Fowler	Teacher/Ruffin Middle
Lydia Hiott	Former Teacher/Northside Elementary
Nakita Holmes	Special Ed. Teacher/Northside Elementary
Jeremy Jourdan	Social Studies Teacher/Colleton County High
Charlene Lopes	Teacher/Hendersonville Elementary
Joy Mazur	Transition Teacher/Hampton Street Education Center
Daniel Mihut	Math Teacher/Colleton Middle
Renee Samuelsen	English Teacher/Colleton County High
Denise Smith	Health Occupations Teacher/TCTC
Antonio Stephens	Math Teacher/Colleton County High
Mark Towery	Science Teacher/Colleton County High
Ileana Voina	Special Ed. Teacher/Colleton County High
Allison Wall	Science Teacher/Colleton County High
Anthony Washington	Math Teacher/Colleton Middle
Courtney Williams	Four Year Old Teacher/Cottageville Elementary
Jennifer Wood	Teacher/Hendersonville Elementary
Donald Youmans	English Teacher/Colleton Middle

RESIGNATIONS

Kirk Reynolds	Director of Finance/District Office
James Stroman	Music/Choral Teacher/Ruffin Middle
Amy Threatt	Science Teacher/Colleton County High

Mr. Michael Crosby presented a motion to accept the above employment recommendations and resignations as presented. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Gant presented the following information:

Teachers that were hired decided not to sign contracts:

Yarah Daniels – Science Teacher – Ruffin Middle
Ronda George – Teacher – Hendersonville Elementary
Doris Jenkins – Science Teacher – Colleton County High
April Smith – English Teacher – Ruffin Middle

Retired teachers who have been re-employed for the 2002-2003 school year:

Annette Ashcraft – Language Arts – Colleton Middle Annex
Arlene Finney-El – Science – Colleton County High
Rosa Middleton – Language Arts – Colleton Middle
Dr. Anthony Stone – Mathematics – Colleton County High

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Adams presented a motion to adopt the following policies that were placed on the table in July:

DKB-R – Salary Deduction for Independent Insurance Programs
EGAA-R – Worker’s Compensation
IDDD – Gifted and Talented Program
GCH – Classified Employees – Supervision and Evaluation

Mrs. Fields seconded the motion that carried with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the board meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary