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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
October 13, 2008

The Anderson School District Three Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building in Iva, South Carolina. Those present were Mr. Herron, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Wiles, Mr. Watt and Mr. Davis.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d), as amended, the following were notified: Charmaine Smith-Miles, *The Anderson Independent*, Anna Simon, *The Greenville News*, and Kris Mau, WSPA TV Channel 7.

Mr. Wiles, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

AGENDA

Mr. Watt moved, Mr. Herron seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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Mr. Herron moved, Mr. Holbrook seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Jim Neal from Construction Control Corporation presented a written report of the status of construction at Flat Rock Elementary School. Southern A & E is checking the punch list to insure all items are complete. Damage to the kitchen floor and equipment are a major issue at this time. Melloul-Blamey expects to have this issue corrected by the end of this month. Mr. Neal presented an information sheet summarizing change orders on this project. Mr. Neal presented a change order in the amount of \$1,053.40. Mr. Watt moved, Mr. Herron seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the change order in the amount of \$1,053.40.

INSTRUCTION REPORT

Mrs. Southard presented a very detailed summary comparing PACT scores for each year beginning with 2005. Although scores have improved in some areas, scores are lower in other areas. Mrs. Southard also presented a report showing a longitudinal comparison of PACT scores. Mrs. Southard encouraged the board to especially review the longitudinal report.

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Mrs. Southard shared with the board a description of some additional assessment tools that the district is using to measure student progress. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computerized, adaptive, state-aligned assessment program that provides educators with information they can rely on to improve teaching and learning. Testing takes place three times a year in reading, math and language usage for students from kindergarten through grade eight. Teachers receive immediate feedback (24 hours) to help them determine the student's level in each area tested. Dibels testing is a progress monitoring tool for students primarily in kindergarten and grade one who are receiving intervention and /or identified as being at risk.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) information for the elementary schools and the middle school was also shared with the board. High School and district scores should be released Wednesday. The bar was raised on AYP this year.

Mrs. Southard presented a student enrollment information sheet to the board. Resource numbers are down at the elementary schools. Self-contained classes at the middle school are larger so some elementary teachers are going to the middle school to assist in those areas. Mrs. Southard stated that the district is continuing to monitor the special education student numbers in order to do what is best for our students.

Mrs. Southard asked the board to consider changing the November board meeting date which is scheduled for November 10. Several administrators and teachers will be attending a MAP conference November 10-11. The board agreed to move the November board meeting to Thursday, November 13, 2008.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Martin reviewed the September Revenue and Expenditure statements for the General Fund. Mr. Wiles asked Mr. Martin to monitor the electricity use at Crescent High School as it is higher than usual.

Mr. Watt moved, Mr. Herron seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve \$15.00 gift certificates to be presented to all full time employees at winter break.

The board requested that Mr. Martin ask Mr. Burdette about cutting the overgrown field at Crescent High School.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that a fifth grade teacher has been hired for Flat Rock Elementary School.

Mr. Smith presented a recommendation from Mr. James Burdette for the part-time custodian position at Flat Rock Elementary School. Mr. Herron moved, Mr. Watt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Candidate A for the part-time custodian position at Flat Rock Elementary School.

Mr. Smith presented a recommendation from Mr. Devon Smith for the ISS/Clerical Aide position at Crescent High School. Mr. Watt moved, Mr. Herron seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Candidate B for the ISS/Clerical Aide position at Crescent High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wiles moved, Mr. Watt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to enter executive session for personnel matters.

Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Watt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to come out of executive session.

No action was taken during or following executive session.

Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Watt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary