

South Carroll County Special School District



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Board Minutes

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Thursday, December 17, 2020

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Chairman Bartholomew allowed Krista Noble to speak to the board concerning a Memorial to Emily Peterson. A plaque and shadow box containing Emily's Jerseys were presented with the hopes that the board would allow them to be presented as soon as possible at a basketball game and placed in the new gym lobby. There were no objections by any board members for this to be allowed.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

There was an error in the minutes with extra lines:

"Ms. Blount made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

Ms. McDaniel-Cox seconded. Motion passes." These will be removed from previous Minutes.

Ms. Blount made a motion to approve the minutes with said changes.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passes

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. McDaniel-Cox made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss:

1. Adding Students to the Board Meeting
2. Adding Annual Meeting with Dr. Grissom

Mr. Bartholomew wanted Lori Leisure, Principal, to be added to the agenda as the first item to discuss.

Nick Cobb made a motion to approve the Agenda with said changes.

Ms. Blount seconded the motion. Motion passes.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Financial Report, Trustee's Report and Clarksburg School Balance Sheet

B. Approve Budget Amendments

Only the Clarksburg School Balance Sheet and Budget Amendments were available for approval. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve consent Agenda with said changes. Ms. McDaniel-Cox seconded the motion. Motion passes.

VI. New Business

A. Update of Virtual and In-Person Students by Ms. Leasure

Ms. Leisure stated there were 47 students virtual by choice. 22 in K-8 and 25 in 9-12. Ms. McDaniel-Cox asked if any students were known to be truant. Mr. Suite answered that, with the state law, there was a Tier System that was used for truancy. Ms. McDaniel-Cox asked about the attendance of virtual students and how it was counted. Ms. Leasure said that students who log-in were counted as being present.

Ms. Leisure has meetings with parents in the office and by phone with parents informing of their child's absence and those with children who may not be passing. Ms. Leisure stated that some of those students who were not passing have returned to in-person classes.

B. Discuss Board Retreat Date

Mr. Bartholomew explained to Board Members that the Board Retreat was our Annual Meeting. The Teachers are encouraged to be present as well as the community as to not violate the Sunshine Law. It was separate from the Board Meeting. It has been done in previous years on the same night. Things of topic would be: 5-year Plan, Scores, etc. Ms. Blount suggested Board/Director Relations Class. Ms. McDaniel-Cox suggested inviting Dr. Grissom. They decided to start at 5:30 p.m. on February 18, 2020.

C. Discuss Adding Students Board Members

Ms. McDaniel-Cox suggested to the board that they add Students to the School Board to help teach our future leadership. These students would have speaking parts and non-counted votes. Student Council Advisor should recommend a student as well as the BETA Club Advisor. Ms. Blount also suggested asking the FFA Advisor to recommend students also. Mr. Bartholomew felt they should try no more than 3 students. Ms. McDaniel-Cox made a motion to solicit board participation from three students from various organizations. Ms. Blount seconded the motion. Motion passes.

D. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 1.400 School Board Meetings

Realigned policy with recommendations from TSBA. Ms. Blount made a motion to change line 8 to insert "or unavailability of Board Members" and said changes. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading

E. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 1.407 School District Records

Ms. McDaniel-Cox made a motion to adopt Policy 1.407 as recommended by TSBA. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes, Ms. Blount – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes; Mr. Miller – yes. Motion Passes 1st Reading.

- F. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools
Mr. Miller made a motion to remove lines 8 – 11. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion.
Roll call: Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes;
Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading.
- G. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 3.212 District Water Testing

Ms. McDaniel-Cox made a motion to adopt Policy 3.212 District Water Testing. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Cobb – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading.
- H. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 3.600 Insurance Management

Ms. Blount made a motion to add “Director/designee shall develop procedures to ensure the privacy of HIPAA protected information” to Policy 3.600. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes;

Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading
- I. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 4.201 Basic Program

Mr. Miller made a motion to make changes to Policy 4.201 that are recommended from TSBA. Ms. Blount seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Cobb – yes; Mr. Miller – yes;

Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes. Motion passes first 1st Reading.
- J. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 4.502 Parent and Family Engagement
Ms. McDaniel-Cox made a motion to adopt an updated version of Policy 4.502 replacing No Child Left Behind Act with Every Student Succeeds Act. Mr. Cobb seconded motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bartholomew – yes, Ms. Blount – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes; Mr. Miller – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading.
- K. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 4.606 Graduation Activities

Ms. Blount made a motion to add the list of recognition to the Policy 4.606. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Cobb – yes; Mr. Miller – yes, Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes. Motion passes 1st reading.
- L. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 5.302 Sick Leave

Mr. Miller made a motion to change Policy 5.302 to align with State Law. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes. Motion passes 1st reading.
- M. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 5.303 Personal and Professional Leave

Mr. Miller made a motion to add items (d) and (e) from TSBA’s model policy. Ms. Blount seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes; Ms. Blount – yes. Motion passes 1st Reading.

N. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 5.304 Long-Term Leaves of Absence for Professional Personnel

Ms. Blount made a motion to remove information regarding FMLA. Ms. McDaniel-Cox seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes; Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes. Motion passes 1st reading.

O. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 6.303 Interrogations and Searches

Ms. Blount made a motion to make changes to policy that aligned with state and federal law. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes;

Mr. Cobb – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount – yes. Motion passes 1st reading.

P. Discuss/Approve 1st Reading Policy 6.308 Bus Safety Conduct

TSBA recommends adopting updated version that aligns with state and federal laws. Ms. Blount made a motion to update Policy 6.308 to align with state and federal laws. Mr. Cobb seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bartholomew – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Cobb – yes; Ms. McDaniel-Cox – yes; Ms. Blount. Motion passes 1st Reading.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Suite stated that the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar would be presented at the next Board Meeting. The Administration and Professional Development Days, Snow Days, etc., would be updated for presentation.

With the resignation of Officer Dickey from the Sheriff's Office, Clarksburg School will be needing to interview applicants sent by Sheriff Dickson for his replacement as SRO. Mr. Suite stated these are recommendations from Sheriff Dickson. One officer named was Officer Decanter. Mr. Miller and Mr. Cobb both stated that Officer Decanter would be a good choice of SRO.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Blount made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion.
Motion passes

Corey Bartholomew

Board Chairman

Lex Suite

Director of Schools

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