

Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, January 13, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Shane Neighbors, John Trammell, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Superintendent Mike Ballew called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ballew stated the floor was open for nominations for school board chairman for 2008. There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to carry on officers and committees as they were in 2007 and to add a technology committee. Ballew turned the meeting over to Chairman Trammell. The Facilities Committee members are Easterwood, Neighbors, and Chastain. Easterwood will chair the Facilities Committee. The Personnel and Policy Committee members are Easterwood, Mitton, and Neighbors. Mitton will chair the Personnel and Policy Committee. The Finance Committee members are Chastain, Neighbors, and Mitton. Chastain will chair the Finance Committee. The Technology Committee members are Neighbors, Chastain, and Mitton. Neighbors will chair the Technology Committee.

A motion was made by Neighbors, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented total enrollment as 4308 students and 96 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 45.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School. Shaddix reported that Ellijay Telephone Company (ETC) installed new cameras over the holidays on several school campuses. A three year asbestos inspection was performed and that report is ready to send to the state department. Superintendent Ballew, Shaddix, and Architect Steve Hill did a walk through of the ninth grade academic wing for inspection.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report.

Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 38.67% and revenue collected at 36.28. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest paid was \$27, 952.35 and the balance was \$7,008,550.27. The December SPLOST II balance was \$732,407.86 and interest paid was \$2,133.60. The November SPLOST III balance was \$608,361.44, interest paid was \$2,519.12, and revenue collected was \$364,122.38.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the minutes for December 13, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Chastain, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the Pickens County Middle School band field trip to the Disney Performing Arts Workshop.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the surplus property submitted.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

Mitton said he was looking forward to a great year. Mitton said to all principals, faculty and staff, and students to keep up the good work.

Chastain said he enjoys serving on the board. He said that the SPLOST election for the county was coming up and he thought this would also benefit the school system if it were to pass.

Easterwood said to all administrators, faculty, staff, and students he hopes everyone has a good year.

Neighbors made a motion, seconded by Mitton, to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Shane Neighbors, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Vice-Chairman Chastain called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Neighbors led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chastain read aloud the Pickens County Schools mission statement.

A motion was made by Neighbors, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Jasper Middle School Principal Bruce Godfrey and Jasper Elementary School Principal Nonnie Weeks presented a certificate to Ali Lawson. Ali drew a picture which was chosen by the American Printing House for the Blind to be placed in a 2008 calendar for the blind.

School Improvement Specialist Susan Reeves presented total enrollment as 4340 students and 130 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 51.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School. Superintendent Ballew, Shaddix, and Architect Steve Hill did a walk through of the new classroom addition for inspection.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 46.92% and revenue collected at 60.45. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest paid was \$18, 550.41 and the balance was \$18,550.41. The January SPLOST II balance was \$674,623.33 and interest paid was \$2,122.90. The January SPLOST III balance was \$5,980,081.19, interest paid was \$10,240.06, and revenue collected was \$316,966.83.

There was a motion by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which

passed unanimously to approve the minutes for January 10, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to continue as fiscal agent for Pickens County Family Connections.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as proposed.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to tentatively approve revisions to Policy AD School Attendance.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to tentatively approve revisions to Policy IFCB Field Trips.

A motion was made by Neighbors, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to tentatively approve Policy IHF (6) an addition to Policy IHF (5) Graduation Requirements.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

Neighbors said to Chastain that he ran a good meeting.

Mitton said Happy Valentines Day to those attending. Also, reminded those attending of the STAR BANQUET on March 4.

Chastain said that the school websites look great.

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Neighbors, to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Called Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for a called board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Shane Neighbors, John Trammell, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

There was a motion by Chastain, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the bond resolution. (See attached.)

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, John Trammel, Shane Neighbors, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to move personnel recommendations to item number ten, include executive session as item number nine, include board comments as item number eleven, and approve the agenda as amended.

Superintendent Mike Ballew announced that the week of March 17-21 was School Board Appreciation week. Ballew thanked the board for their work and presented the school board with certificates.

Harmony Elementary School Principal Sherry Mullins recognized the HES Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team which took second place out of fourteen elementary schools and she presented all of them with certificates. Mullins also announced that the HES Math Team won 8th in the nation in the Math Facts competition. Kyle Waters was recognized for placing 3rd in the Math Facts division competition and placing 4th place nationally. Chairman Trammell congratulated the students and teachers for their accomplishments at the competition.

Pickens County Middle School Principal Chris LeMieux thanked the Board Members for allowing him to recognize his students at the board meetings.

LeMieux recognized student Shannon O'Dell as an All State Band Member, Band Directors Mary Land and Kevin Boyle for receiving perfect scores at Reinhardt College band competition, student Alexa Baggs as the spelling bee champion for the school system, Coaches Smith and Thorton of the Robotic Team for placing third in the state and first in the region.

Superintendent Ballew recognized LeMieux for PCMS receiving the Beacon School to Watch Award and presented him with a plaque from the Georgia Department of Education.

Trammell said a group of people asked him how our tax dollars are being spent. Trammel replied for them to visit one of our board meetings to see several of the accomplishments of our students.

Public Participants Mitch Yeargin, Meagan Stephens, Brittany Sutton, and Lindsey Logan spoke to the board on behalf of Coach Donnie Byrom and requested that he be reinstated to his coaching duties.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School. Shaddix reported that our seven school cafeterias received excellent scores from the health department. He announced the new Director of Transportation Tony Garner.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented total enrollment as 4302 students and 219 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 59.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 54.66% and revenue collected at 72.4%. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest paid was \$52.12 and the balance was \$18,602.53. The February SPLOST II balance was \$676,467.18 and interest paid was \$1,843.85. The February SPLOST III balance was \$4,899,463.34, interest paid was \$25,061.82, and revenue collected was \$383,854.38.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the minutes for February 14, 2008 and called board minutes for February 28, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the surplus property submitted.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to approve policy IHF (6) Graduation Requirements 2008-2009+, revisions to Policy AD School Attendance, revisions to Policy IFCB Field Trips. (See attachments.)

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed 4-0 vote with Chastain abstaining to nominate Jerry Chastain as delegate and Shane Neighbors as alternate delegate for the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) delegate assembly in Savannah.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 6:29 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)).

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman Trammell reported no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to exclude Amanda Neighbors name from this list and approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented.
(See attachments.)

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed 4-0 to approve Amanda Neighbors as a teacher. Neighbors abstained from this vote for Amanda Neighbors is his spouse.

Board Comments:

Chairman Trammell commented on the Public Participation portion of the agenda. He stated that he appreciated the involvement on both sides of an emotional issue. Mr. Trammell stated that there were several in attendance at the board meeting that were in favor of retaining the present coach, but that other people opposing this view were discouraged from attending the meeting.

Mr. Trammell then discussed the roles and the responsibilities of a Board of Education. He stated that the Board does not get involved in the day to day management of the school system. The Board will not sway the administration to reverse a personnel decision that has been carefully considered. Chairman Trammell hoped that this decision would bring closure to this subject and that that everyone could move on. He stated he was confident that the administration would find a well qualified person to fill the responsibilities of coaching at Pickens High School.

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Easterwood, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Called Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for a called board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Ervin Easterwood, Shane Neighbors, John Trammell, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

The called board meeting was preceded by a finance workshop which began at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to include executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation prior to personnel and approve the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 5:04 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)) to consult and 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).

Neighbors departed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman Trammell reported that no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the personnel action report. (See attachments.)

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, John Trammel, Shane Neighbors, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Chastain, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to and approve the agenda as submitted.

Pickens County Reading Council President Cheryl Carter recognized Pickens County Schools Readers of the Year. These students were presented with \$25 gift cards to Barnes and Noble, certificates, and plaques.

Pickens High School Principal Chris Williams recognized Kevin Cain. Kevin has been accepted to the 2008 Governor's Honors Program held at Valdosta State University. He will participate in the Engineering and Technology Education component. Williams recognized Dwayne Daniels. Dwayne was ranked third in the state as the Outstanding Student at the state TSA conference. Dwayne has accumulated the points necessary to receive TSA's Gold Achievement Award.

Jasper Middle School Principal Bruce Godfrey recognized the JMS 8 th grade boys basketball team. The team won the North Georgia Mountain League region tournament with a perfect 12-0 record.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented total enrollment as 4304 students and 311 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 64.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School.

School Improvement Specialist Susan Reeves presented a technology

report to the board.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 63.47% and revenue collected at 77.55%. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest paid was \$47.45 and the balance was \$18,649.98. The March SPLOST II balance was \$644,937.12 and interest paid was \$1,866.94. The March SPLOST III balance was \$7,193,743.29, interest paid was \$33,831.99, and revenue collected was \$288,113.22.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the minutes for March 13, 2008 and called board minutes for April 7, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to approve the surplus property submitted.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

Chairman Trammell and Easterwood reported that Superintendent Mike Ballew's contract has been renewed for an additional two years.

Chairman Trammell also reported that Kevin Jacobs, who was hired tonight, will be the new girls' basketball and softball coach.

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, John Trammel, Shane Neighbors, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Family Involvement Coordinator Amelia McIntyre recognized and presented certificates to the parent volunteers and PTO officers.

Pickens High School Principal Chris Williams and Career and Technology Director Shannon Gable recognized Career Technical Instructor Connie Cagle and the students she took to state competition at Jekyll Island. In Early Childhood Education Mindy Pruitt was given an outstanding performance medal. In Occupation Creative Thinking the following students were given outstanding performance medals Angelica Jones, Steven West, and Stephanie Mitchell. In Professional Foods Alexander Johnson placed third in state. In Clinical Skills Casey Ray placed first in state. Gable recognized FFA Club Sponsors Joe Wright and Jason Cantrell and recognized FFA members that competed in state competitions in Perry, Georgia. The Livestock Judging Team included Junior Chapman (High Individual Area 1), Thomas Turcotte, Andy Bishop, Ali Pettigrew, and Lance Chapman. In Poultry Judging Lance Chapman placed first in state junior division, and Andy Bishop place third in the senior division. In Extemporaneous Speaking Ali Pettigrew placed third in state and first in Job Interview Area 1, Junior Chapman State FFA President, and Tyler Weaver placed first Creed Speaker Area 1. All students were presented with certificates of achievement.

PHS student and FFA State President Junior Chapman presented a certificate to Superintendent Mike Ballew in appreciation of his encouragement, cooperation and assistance given the FFA in helping them to accomplish outstanding achievements in agriculture, leadership,

citizenship and community development.

Pickens County Middle School Principal Chris LeMieux and Courtney Smith recognized Kara Rumble, Kelah Hendon, and Kaleigh Watters for being selected as middle school students academic scholarship recipients from Georgia Tech's Women in Engineering program. Cheerleading Coach Rebecca Holan announced that the PCMS Cheerleaders placed first at the 2008 ECDA 2007-08 Regional Cheerleading Competition.

Jasper Middle School Principal Bruce Godfrey recognized the FFA members that competed in the State Agriscience Fair in Macon and had three state winning projects; Jesslyn Chastain in Environmental Science, Timothy Crenshaw and Kayla Collis in Zoology, and Austin Davis and Austin Carver in Agriculture mechanics. JMS FFA was also recognized as a Gold emblem chapter for the second year in a row and is in the running for National Middle School Chapter of the year. Todd Dobson is the chapter sponsor Agriculture teacher at JMS.

Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Ben Arp presented certificates to the board in appreciation of allowing the Youth Apprenticeship program in our school system. PHS YAP students Alexa Houston and William Pass spoke to the board about their participation and experience in the program.

Superintendent Mike Ballew and Chairman Trammell recognized the 2008 retirees and presented them with a plaque. Retirees included Sylvia Cagle, Geneva Parker, Dorinda Hillhouse, Johnette Watson, June Gilbert, Kitty Baldwin, Sherri Ballew, Linda Hunter, and Dan Gabriel.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented total enrollment as 4296 students and 346 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 56.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 71.31% and revenue collected at 82.62%. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest/balance was \$29.13. The April SPLOST II balance was \$642,991.99 and interest paid was \$1,560.52. The April SPLOST III balance was \$6,863,334.69, interest paid was \$31,132.99, and revenue collected was \$321,333.39.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the minutes for April 10, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the surplus property submitted.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as amended. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

Chairman Trammell said that this is Teacher Appreciation Week and on behalf of the board thank you to the teachers, staff, and administration for all their hard work that is administered in our schools. Chairman Trammell announced graduation ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Chairman Trammell announced that over one million dollars was given out at Pickens High Schools Scholarship Night.

Mitton congratulated the retiring employees on their retirement. Mitton thanked those who put the reception together.

Easterwood said thank you to the retirees and he said he appreciated the job that they had done in our schools. He said the drop-out rate was good and we were fortunate to have a great school system.

Chastain said he viewed the new construction at PHS and it was of excellent quality. He commended Mike and Lloyd for the oversight of the PHS project.

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Called Board Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for a called board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Ervin Easterwood, Shane Neighbors, John Trammell, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

The called board meeting was followed by finance and policy workshops.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to include public participation and executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation prior to personnel and approve the agenda as amended.

No one was present to participate for public participation.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 4:39 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)) to consult and 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 Mitton, seconded by Trammell, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 5:16 p.m.

Chairman Trammell reported that no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the personnel action report. (See attachments.)

Board Comments:

Chairman Trammell commented on how smooth graduation went Saturday morning.

Easterwood said that graduation went very well Saturday morning.

Easterwood made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 5:20 p. m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Called Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for a called board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, Ervin Easterwood, John Trammell, and Jerry Chastain.

The called board meeting was followed by facilities workshop.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to include executive session to discuss personnel and approve the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Mitton, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 5:02 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 Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 5:37 p.m.

Chairman Trammell reported that no action was taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to approve the personnel action report. (See attachments.)

Easterwood made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman

Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Conference Center on D. B. Carroll Street for the regular monthly board meeting. The following board members were present and received per diem compensation: Mark Mitton, John Trammel, Shane Neighbors, Ervin Easterwood, and Jerry Chastain. Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was present.

Chairman Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation.

Allen Bufford, a boy scout of Hill City Troup #288, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mitton, seconded by Chastain, which passed unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Attendance Officer Shelley Cantrell presented total enrollment as 4287 students and 412 students with 15 or more absences and drop-outs as 59.

Supervisor of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance update to the board including an update on the renovations and additions to Pickens High School.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported FY08 general fund expenditures at 79.11% and revenue collected at 88.09%. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) interest/balance was \$29.18. The May SPLOST II balance was \$644,556.31 and interest paid was \$1,561.32. The May SPLOST III balance was \$6,390,439.08, interest paid was \$28,579.55, and revenue collected was \$398,116.19.

There was a motion by Chastain, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve the minutes for May 8, 27, and June 4, 2008 as presented.

There was a motion by Mitton, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the surplus property submitted.

There was a motion by Chastain, seconded by Mitton, which passed

unanimously to approve a tentative budget for FY09 in the amount of \$40,754,642.00.

There was a motion made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to waive policy BD Policy Development in order to approve revisions to another policy without tabling the said policy for thirty days.

There was a motion made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve revisions to Policy JBCB Non-Resident Students. (See attachments.)

There was a motion made by Chastain, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve a budget amendment for FY08. (See attachments.)

There was a motion made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to waive policy BD Policy Development in order to approve revisions to another policy without tabling the said policy for thirty days.

There was a motion made by Easterwood, seconded by Neighbors, which passed unanimously to approve revisions to policy JCDA Student Code of Conduct. (See attachments.)

A motion was made by Neighbors, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the superintendent's personnel recommendations as submitted. (See attachments.)

Mitton made a motion, seconded by Chastain, to adjourn at 5:41 p.m. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Michael L. Ballew, Secretary

John Trammell, Chairman