

July 14, 2011

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Thursday, July 14, 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, and Byron Long. School Board Attorney Phil Landrum III was in attendance

Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Easterwood led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director of Operations Lloyd Shaddix presented a maintenance report to the board. The big ongoing project at this time is the culinary arts room at Pickens High School. He reported that Cliff's Extinguisher has tagged all extinguishers and sprinklers and that the State Fire Marshall will be visiting next week.

Chief Financial Officer Amy Burgess presented the financial report. Burgess reported the FY11 General Fund revenue as 100.65% and expenditures as 98.09%. Burgess reported the SPLOST III June revenue as \$334,922.67, interest as \$1,238.96, and balance as \$1,840,042.51.

Superintendent Ben Desper announced new school registration times and open house times. He also presented a slide proudly displaying the decrease in high school drop-outs from 2004 to 2011 from 64 students to 11 students.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes for June 9, 2011 and called board meeting minutes for June 21st as presented.

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Long, which passed unanimously to approve the spending resolution for August 2011. (See attachments.)

A motion was made by Easterwood, seconded by Trammell, which passed unanimously to approve the revisions to Policy JBC (1) Homeless. (See attachments.)

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to approve the new school start and end times. Elementary schools will be 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., middle schools will be 8:10 a.m. to 3:25 p.m., and high school will be 8:10 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Lowe, seconded by Easterwood, which passed unanimously to go into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss 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 Trammell, which passed unanimously to return to open session at 8:15 p.m.

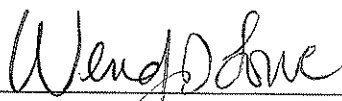
Chair Lowe reported no action was taken in executive session.

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


Board Comments:

- Long welcomed Desper to Pickens County. Desper replied that he is glad to be here.

A motion was made by Trammell, seconded by Lowe, which passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.



Wendy D. Lowe, Chair



Ben Desper, Secretary