

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 1, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the SCSDB Outreach Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman Dobson called the meeting to order and stated that proper notification of the meeting had been made according to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the introductions of any guests in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert A. Dobson III, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
W. Scott Brawley, Vice Chairman
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
David J. Gundling
Rebecca Davis, Ex-officio
Cynthia S. Holland
Robert H. Morrow
Dr. Steven R. Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Page McCraw, President
Mary Hayes
Sara Kollock
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
Trad Robinson
Mike Sims

INTERPRETERS

DEAinitely Taking Requests

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda C. Sellars

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Bible
Kristin Barber

Chairman Dobson welcomed Rebecca Davis, Interim Director of the Office of Special Education at the Department of Education, as the newest Ex-officio board member. Additionally, he informed the Board of the appointment of John Payne to the position of Deputy Superintendent for the Division of Innovation & Effectiveness. The Board suggested to President McCraw that a letter be sent on the board's behalf to Mr. Payne for his years of service as an Ex-officio board member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 board meeting (see attachment #1 to the May 1, 2018 agenda) was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Brawley. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCraw opened her report by reminding the Board that the Upcoming Events were included in the board packets, and shared that she hoped it would serve them better as a reference for scheduled events on and off campus. She asked them to note that SCSDB Graduation on June 1st would be held at 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. to support staff to tend to students on the last day of school. Additionally, she briefed the Board on a Title II audit in Education Services that received an excellent commendation for teacher quality and professional development. Dr. McCraw also mentioned to the Board that an Accreditation desk audit was completed which received an all clear in all areas. Lastly, Dr. McCraw

recognized Michael Sims, Director of Athletics, for being selected as Regional Athletic Director of the Year for Region I-IA and thanked him for his great work with the student athletes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the Board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 to the May 1, 2018 agenda).

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2018-2019

Mr. Riddle presented the draft of the projected departmental budgets for the 2018-2019 year to the Board (see attachment #3 to the May 1, 2018 agenda). He explained the budget documents were estimated departmental breakdowns totaling roughly \$34 million which are dependent upon funding availability and the authority to spend as afforded by the South Carolina Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey relayed to the Board that the Budget process continues to move through the Legislature. He added that the Legislative sessions for the year would be nearing an end over the next few weeks, and the Budget being currently in the House of Representatives would be finalized soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED

Dr. McCraw congratulated Sara Kollock, Director of Educational Services, for her thirty plus years of service at SCSDB and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. On behalf of the board, Dr. McCraw presented Mrs. Kollock with a piece of student artwork and wished her well in her future endeavors.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Kollock presented the 2018-2019 School Calendar (see attachment #4 to the May 1, 2018 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. After reviewing the calendar, a motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Morrow and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOKS

Mrs. Kollock presented the school textbooks that are recommended for adoption for the 2018-2019 School Year (see attachment #5 to the May 1, 2018 agenda). She explained that although funding was not available at the time the following books would be purchased if this was to change:

SCIENCE: Deaf High School

**Chemistry I, Grades 9-12*

McGraw-Hill Education

Glencoe Chemistry: Matter and Change

SCIENCE: Deaf High School and Blind High School

**Physical Science, Grades 9-12*

CPO Science

A motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Bible and unanimously passed to approve the request as submitted once funding becomes available.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Mrs. Kollock updated the Board on the SIC (School Improvement Council) quarterly meetings for the 2017-2018 school year. She informed the board that the meetings serve as an avenue for parents to stay

involved and for the agency to receive feedback from the parents, as well as the community. Ms. Kollock emphasized that parent participation had increased from prior years which she felt was a result of narrowing the focus to such areas as literacy, health and wellness, career and technical skills, and post-graduation guidance.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- September 18, 2018.....SCSDB Campus
- December 11, 2018.....SCSDB Campus
- February 19, 2019.....Columbia
- April 30, 2019.....Columbia

A motion was made by Mr. Brawley, seconded by Mr. Gundling and unanimously passed to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Mr. Brawley, and unanimously passed to move out of Executive Session.

Chairman Dobson stated that no action was necessary following the Executive Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Dobson, III, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary