

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, February 20, 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
David J. Gundling
Robert H. Morrow
Dr. Steven R. Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT

W. Scott Brawley, Vice Chairman
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
Cynthia S. Holland
John Payne, Ex-officio
Dr. Linda Sellars

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Page McCraw, President
Ann Akerman
Scott Falcone
Mary Hayes
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
Trad Robinson

INTERPRETERS

Deafinitely Taking Requests, Inc.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney
Julie Bible

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 6, 2016, (see attachment #1 for agenda dated February 20, 2018) was made by Mr. Gundling and seconded by Mr. Bible. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCraw began her report by briefing the board on the success of the most recent Braille Challenge that took place on February 1st, which allowed SCSDB students an opportunity to compete in various events with other students across the state. Dr. McCraw commended Mrs. Cynthia Holland (absent) for her 25 years of service on the board. She mentioned that the certificate and pin given to Mrs. Holland by The SC School Boards Association would be presented to her during a future meeting. Lastly, Dr. McCraw made the board aware of a potential naming proposal from the SCSDB Deaf Alumni organization regarding a marker on campus that if brought forth, would require a vote from the committee at a later date.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 for agenda dated February 20, 2018).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey updated the board on the status of our 2018-2019 state budget requests. He informed the board that the full House Ways & Means committee was in full session speaking on the budget. He believes the presentations were well received from the House and Senate sub-committees. Additionally, Mr. Ramsey spoke about the SCSDB student performance at the State House to take place on February 28, 2018.

2016 SCSDB BOARD AWARDS

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the nomination information for the 2018 SCSDB Board Awards (see attachment #3 for agenda dated February 20, 2018). She informed the board that one nomination per award was received this year. A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously approved to award the 2018 Hearts and Hands Award to the Delta Gamma Sorority of Furman University, Mrs. Barbra H. Rippey as the recipient of the 2018 SCSDB Charitable Giving Award, and to name Mr. Donald R. Finkell, Jr. as the recipient of the 2018 Douglas F. Dent Award.

NEW REPORT CARD

Dr. McCraw provided a review of the new state report card giving details of expected changes from the Education Oversight Committee.

THE WALKER FOUNDATION UPDATE

Ms. Akerman updated the board on the work of The Walker Foundation on behalf of the agency. Most importantly, she made the board aware of the Henderson Hall fun room dedication that would take place on March 13th at 10:00 a.m. She encouraged board members to attend and informed them of the media presence that would be on campus.

MAKEUP DAYS

Dr. McCraw reviewed the current law by the SC General Assembly concerning school make-up days (see attachment #4 to agenda dated February 20, 2018). She reminded the board that the law requires districts to set aside three dates in the calendar that must be made up. Over the course of the 2017-2018 school year, two days of school were missed due to inclement weather and both days were made up. Dr. McCraw informed the board that March 30th remains on the calendar and will be used as an additional make-up day, if needed. A motion was made by Mr. Bible, seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously approved for three additional days to be afforded to SCSDB in the event of more weather related closures before the end of the school year.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr. Robinson relayed to the board the upcoming special events that included The State House Student Performance on February 28th at 10:00 a.m. and the SCSDB Career Day to be held on March 23rd. Additionally, Mr. Robinson informed the Board of the Annual Vision Summit being held at the Archives & History Museum on March 30th.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- May 1, 2018..... Outreach Building, Columbia, S.C.

Mr. Bible requested new business cards, to include updated contact information, as well as adding braille to each card that would be completed by the National Federation of the Blind. Dr. McCraw

assured the board that the President's office would follow-up with each member to consider their need for new business cards.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Dobson, III, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary