

MINUTES - UNION COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 12, 2007 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting
Career and Technology Center

ATTENDEES: Manning Jeter, Chairperson; Jane Hammett, Vice Chair; Randy George, Wanda All, BJ McMorris, Kakie White, Donna Sanders, John Rampey and Kim Bailey.

Call to Order: Mr. Manning Jeter called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: The invocation was given by Ms. Kakie White who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice to Media: In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: The Union Daily Times, WBCU Radio Station and The Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Randy George made a motion to approve minutes from the January 8, 2007 Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Kakie White. The vote was (8-0) in favor of the motion. Dr. Wanda All abstained from voting due to her absence of the January 8, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Randy George made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 22, 29 and February 5, 2007, seconded by Dr. Wanda All. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

Agenda Addendum

A motion was made by Mr. Randy George to approve the addendum to the agenda, seconded by Ms. BJ McMorris. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: Mr. Scott Greene made comments regarding the consolidation of schools issue.

Public Information: Mr. Mike Anthony gave a report on various bills related to education that have been introduced to the General Assembly to include the K-4 Sub Committee, First Steps and Put Parents in Charge.

Overnight Field Trips: A motion to approve two overnight field trips was made by Mr. Randy George, seconded by Mr. John Rampey. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

The following field trips were approved:

<u>School</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>
UHS Rifle Team	Cookeville, TN	February 23-25, 2007
UHS Soccer Team	Shelby, NC	March 2-4, 2007

Instruction: Ms. Cindy Langley provided a briefing on new courses being offered in grades 9-12, changes to the State Uniform Grading Policy, highlights of the South Carolina defined program for grades 9-12, and the newly revised Commission on Higher Education (CHE) recommendations for college entrance.

Personnel: Mr. Randy George made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented by Mr. Lewis Jeter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kakie White. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

The Personnel Report was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Polly Sherfield	Computer Lab Manager
James Gory	Custodian
Linda Bratton	GED Instructor

Finance and Operations: Mr. Lynn Lawson presented the Board with the Year-to-Date reports for the General Fund and the Food Service Fund.

Mr. Lawson also requested Board approval to allow employees to contribute one additional day to the sick leave bank. A motion was made by Mr. Randy George to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Donna Sanders. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent briefed the Board on several upcoming events including:

- The SCSBA Conference
- The NSBA Conference
- "A Day at the Capitol" event
- Early Release Day
- Inclement Weather Make –up Plans

The Superintendent provided an update on steps taken regarding consolidation of the grades 9-12 program.

Athletic Review Committee: Mr. Pat Littlejohn, Mr. Dennis Cooper, Mr. Mike Massey and Mr. Joe Walker presented information to the Board. The Athletic Review Committee discussed general goals, opportunities for student/athletes, and selection of Head Coaches.

Executive Session: Mr. Randy George made a motion to move into executive session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Ms. Kim Bailey. The vote was unanimous.

Open Session: The Board reconvened into open session at 9:05 p.m. Board Chairman Mr. Manning Jeter stated that no votes were taken during executive session.

The Superintendent presented Policies JICFAA and JICFAA-R to the Board for first reading.

Mr. Randy George moved to agree to the request of Mayor Aileen Ashe that Lockhart Schools be annexed into the town limits of the town of Lockhart. The motion was seconded by Ms. BJ McMorris. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

The Board considered the final agenda item of the evening regarding tabled motions. Mr. John Rampey made a motion to "Remove from the table, discuss and take action on the previously tabled motion of February 5, 2007 by Ms. Donna Sanders to 'discuss a new name, colors and mascot for the consolidated high school'." The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy George. The vote was (9-0) in favor of the motion.

Ms. Sanders then made a motion to “direct the administration to establish a committee of representatives from each of the three high school attendance areas, including students, to make a recommendation(s) regarding names, colors and mascots to the Board. Upon considering one or more recommendations from the committee, the Board will have final approval.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Kakie White. During discussion of the motion several Board members spoke in favor of the motion. Ms. Kim Bailey stated that she felt the consolidated high school should be named “Union County High School” because it would indicate that all students are from Union County. Every Board member agreed with Ms. Bailey. At the conclusion of discussion, the Chairman called for the vote. The vote on Ms. Sanders’ motion was a unanimous (9-0) vote in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

Mr. Randy George made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. John Rampey. There were no objections. The Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.