

Orangeburg County School Board
Board Meeting
Orangeburg County Administration Building
1437 Amelia Street – Orangeburg, SC 29115
November 27, 2018 – 6:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Oath of Office: Mrs. Winnifa Clark, Clerk of Court
2. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
3. Call to Order
4. Moment of Silence
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of the Agenda
7. Orangeburg Legislative Delegation Comments
8. Orangeburg Consolidated Transition Committee Report*
9. South Carolina School Boards Association
 - A. Sections B and C Policies*
 - B. Board Training*
10. Executive Session
 - A. Contract for a Superintendent Search
 - B. Administrative Assistant Position
11. Return to Open Session
12. **Action**, if necessary, from Executive Session
13. Adjournment

* Action may be taken

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Board Members Present: Betty Pelzer, Vernell Goodwin, William O’Quinn, Peggy James-Tyler, Idella Carson, Ruby Edwards, Mary Ulmer, R.L. Brown, and Deborah Brunson.

Absent: None

Proceedings:

1. Oath of Office:

The board meeting began at 6:30 p.m. An opening statement was given by Dr. Tiffany Richardson from the South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA). The Oath of Office was administered to the board members by Mrs. Winnifa Clark, Clerk of Court for Orangeburg County.

2. Election of Officers:

Dr. Tiffany Richardson accepted nominations for board officers, and the board voted by secret ballot.

Board Chair - Peggy James-Tyler was nominated by Vernell Goodwin
Mary Ulmer was nominated by Idella Carson
Deborah Brunson was nominated by R.L. Brown

No nominee received a majority from the initial vote. A runoff was conducted between Peggy James-Tyler and Mary Ulmer. Peggy James-Tyler was elected as Board Chair.

Vice-Chair - Betty Pelzer was nominated by Vernell Goodwin
Mary Ulmer was nominated by William O’Quinn

Betty Pelzer was elected as Vice-Chair.

Secretary - Ruby Edwards was nominated by Vernell Goodwin (the nomination respectfully declined)
Idella Carson nominated by Vernell Goodwin

Idella Carson was elected as Secretary.

- 3. Call to Order & Notice to Media:** The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Peggy James-Tyler.

In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, § 30-4-80(e), the following media outlets were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of the meeting: Orangeburg County Times and Democrat, The Holly Hill Observer/The Santee Striper, WLTX, and WISTV.

- 4. Moment of Silence:** Board Chair, Peggy James-Tyler led the board in a moment of silence.
- 5. Pledge of Allegiance:** Board Chair, Peggy James-Tyler led the board in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 6. Approval of the Agenda:** Idella Carson moved, with a second by R.L. Brown, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 9-0.
- 7. Orangeburg Legislative Delegation Comments:** No members of the delegation were present.
- 8. Orangeburg Consolidated Transition Committee Report:** The Honorable Donnie Hilliard presented on behalf of the Transition Committee. A budget has been prepared but has not been finalized. An organizational chart for the district has also been done and will be presented to the district at a later date. The Committee recommended that the board start with new policies rather than trying to take from the 3 districts. Once the Committee has presented the report to the delegation, they will make a report the board.
- 9. South Carolina School Board Association:** Dr. Tiffany Richardson provided the board with drafts of the Orangeburg County School District's Policy Manual Section B, School Board Governance and Operations, and Section C, General School Administration. She suggested once the board has had a chance to read and review the policies, Chair Peggy James-Tyler contact her to set up a time to hold a work session to prepare them for first and second readings. Scott Price, SCSBA Executive Director, talked with the board about setting up a board training meeting. Chair Peggy James-Tyler will follow up with the other board members to find a date and time for the training.
- 10. Executive Session:** Mary Ulmer moved, with a second by Idella Carson, to enter executive session for discussion of a contract for a superintendent search and a discussion about an administrative assistant position. The motion passed 9-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:00 p.m.
- 11. Return to Open Session:** The Board returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.
- 12. Action from Executive Session:** Idella Carson moved, and R.L. Brown seconded, a motion authorizing the Chair to work with SCSBA to finalize a contract for a superintendent search. The motion passed 9-0.

Vernell Goodwin moved, and Idella Carson seconded, a motion authorizing the Chair to move forward with an interim superintendent and administrative assistant search. The motion passed 9-0.

Dr. Richardson stated that the Board would have to meet to hear the transition committee's report and meet for the first policy work session.

Vernell Goodwin asked Dr. Richardson how the board should go about ensuring their registration for SCSBA's upcoming conferences because some registrations via the former districts had been cancelled once they had been elected to the consolidated board. Dr. Richardson stated that each member wishing to attend should contact SCSBA to arrange for registration.

13. Adjournment: Idella Carson moved, and R.L. Brown seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.