

Minutes

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE January 11, 2024

TIME 6:00pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mrs. Lashonda McFadden, Chair

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustee Lashonda McFadden, Committee Chair
Trustee Angela Nash, Board Vice Chair
Rania Jamison, Committee Vice Chair
Lisa Ellis, Richland Two Teacher Representative
Melissa McFadden, Parent Representative
Larry Smalls, Parent Representative

Motion made by Mrs. Lashonda McFadden to call the meeting to order at 6:00pm, seconded by Mrs. Angela Nash

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NO ACTION REQUESTED

Purpose of the Committee

- Review current policies for updates and eliminations
- Address concerns of parents teachers, Students, community members and businesses the district represents
- To enact policies the best suit Richland School District Two’s Mission, Vision and Values

NEW BUSINESS – NO ACTION REQUESTED

Meeting Schedule

Committee will meet in person every second and third Tuesday of the month but with varying times. The meetings will be held as follows:

Second Tuesday at 4:00pm before regularly scheduled board meeting

- March 12, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- July 9, 2024

Third Tuesday at 5:30pm

- February 20, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- June 18, 2024

LEGISLATIVE LETTERS

- Timeline to be developed for letters to be sent.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- Bill was passed last year.

- Will help students who will not be attending college or entering the military further their education.
- Contact list to be created by February.
- Partnerships with electrical co-ops and other industries to help garner certifications for students to facilitate jobs for them in the future.
- Mrs. McFadden has developed a contact list of businesses, which she would like a representative from the committee to attend their meetings to discuss the possibility of a partnership with Richland Two. List should be finalized by February.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

- Personal finance course has been implemented for high school students
- Investigate Department of Education Standards
- Conversation with the schools from financial educators to discuss best financial practices.
- Mrs. Nash to develop a module to be added to Parent University

COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION BILL

- Will possible eliminated seat time requirement
- Give schools and districts flexibility as it relates to absenteeism and instruction.
- Already added to the Proviso for the last 2 years
- Richland Two has a waiver to proceed if it is regarding a high school credit class. End of Year course exams are exempted.
- School Calendar Flexibility
- No cost to the district if bill is passed.
- Equals the playing field for public schools students with private schools students.
- Increases the ability for students to engage in other academic opportunities i.e: Internships, Job Shadowing
- Helps with teacher shortage.
- Mrs. Nash will draft letter and present to the Board at the January 23rd meeting for approval to send to the legislature.

P.A.C.E (PROVIDING ACADEMIC CHOICE EDUCATION)

- Allow tax credit for contributions to a scholarship fund for private school students.
- Allow tax credit for exceptional need as well as disadvantage students.
- Possible academic choice education for students provided by an income-based voucher worth \$6000.
- Free lunch allowance has been raised by 40 percent for low-income families.
- Money is sent directly to the school district from the state department and then disseminated to the student. With the school district monitoring the student academically.
- Currently, if the student leaves the district, the funds transfer with the student but if the student transfers back to their original district then the funds stay with the former district.
- Mrs. Jamison to research the fiscal impact of this program and will present finding at February Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Committee Members will present bills to the board that the legislative committee are reviewing.
- Melissa McFadden to discuss the competency-based education letter with the board at the January 23rd meeting.
- Mrs. Jamison will be reviewing meeting dates and times to discuss the committee's funding with the full delegation

DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Parental Rights
- Regulation of Instructional Matters

Next Meeting

February 20, 2024, at 5:30pm

Motion made to adjourn by Mrs. Lashonda McFadden, seconded by Mr. Larry Smalls

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ms. Tanedra Washington

January 12, 2023