

**Palmetto Unified School District
South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC)
Board of Trustee Meeting
April 6, 2021**

Mission Statement: To Improve the academic, vocational, and life skills of offenders assigned to the South Carolina Department of Corrections so that they are better prepared to successfully re-enter society when released to the community.

Vision: Palmetto Unified School District educates and empowers participants to become employable, self-sufficient citizens.

Objective: To prepare educational staff members for the efficient and effective operation of SCDC schools.

Board of Trustee Members Present

Mr. Jay W. Ragley, Chairman
Mr. Ronald Bessant, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Charmeka Childs
Dr. James Quinn
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Reid
Dr. M. Elaine Richardson
Mr. Michael Sumter

Executive Office Staff Member Present

Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, Superintendent
Ms. Beverly Holiday
Dr. Carmen Stone
Mr. John Shipman
Ms. Bazella Glover
Ms. Brenda Miller
Dr. Charlette Taylor
Dr. Gail Widner
Dr. Jay Collins
Mr. Josh Brade
Ms. Lakeisha Adams
Ms. Lila Grooms
Mr. Russell Salter
Ms. Vanessa Singleton

Other Members Present Mr. Samuel Latta, Mr. Jake Dadsden Jr, Deputy Director of Programs and Reentry
Mrs. Georgeanna Martin

Prior to the Board Meeting, **Mr. Samuel Latta** began by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplain Sameul Latta III led the invocation

Dr Sumter, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum approved..

Old Business

Mr. Michael Sumter, Chairman, asked if all members had reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting from February 11, 2021.
- Motioned to approved by Dr. Reid, Ms. Charmeka Childs second; no changes nor addition; approved 10:05 minutes from last meeting

New Business

- **Georgeanna Martin**-3/4 of way of the physical year, goal is to leave nothing on the table and we are on track to do that.
- **Dr Jamie Quinn**- Are we getting ESSER funds? Yes not as much has larger schools, (virtual learning materials). Interested in knowing how those monies will be distributed.
- **Michael Sumter**- use of funds in areas where
- **Dr. Richardson**-is any of the virtual resources, academic supporting materials. (Dr. Cash-Greene) monies used to increase the accessibility between staff and student via web cameras. Now they have return, they are used differently. ID areas of deficiency, particularly math, looking how we can provide teachers in math, we are limited in teaching staff in concentrated areas. We will keep you abreast of that. Dr. Richardson suggest Khan Academy- can we download it as an internal service, or Student lingo;pre-recorded workshops that can be purchased (life-skills), per Dr. Richardson the company is interested in working with PUSD, some other Learning Center service from local institution of higher learning.
- We do have Khan Academy and APEX (24-7),plan is to have all institutions, creating lesson/virtual learning management system, pre-recorded lessons in reading and math...**Dr. Stone** will share that later
- **Michael Sumter** asked any career assessment or exploration? **Forward to Ms. Lakesha Adams**..we have career assessment via SCOIS to do career assessment and employability skills document that teachers are using. Assessment with CTE component to make sure they are properly place

Staffing Report

Lila Grooms- Palmetto Unified School District has a total of approximately 146 positions available statewide, 121 positions are filled and 25 vacant positions. We have 2 pending candidates for Manning and Perry. There is a national and state shortage of certified teachers. The shortage is even greater considering correctional education.

Superintendent Report

Strategic Plan Approval

- **Dr. Cash-Greene**- shared electronically,
- **Dr. Reid** -look at plan and budget, move to approve, **Dr. Quinn** second
- **Dr. Richardson**- commended staff on great job.
- All approved 10:17, no opposition, approved

Calendar

- **Dr. James Quinn** moved to approved, **Mrs. Charmeka Childs** second
- Question- **Dr. Richardson** graduation will they be virtual or in person? **Cash-Greene**- pondering on which one but will decide on case by case per each institution. Hopefully by May we an make a decision.
- **Richardson**- vaccination of inmates; **Cash-Greene** "yes"
- Approved 10:19, 21-22 calendar approved
- **Chairman Sumter**- suggestion for approval,
- No executive session 10:20

In Closing

The Chairman opened the floor for board members to provide remarks:

- How we use inmates as resources, this can be a model for institution, having inmates tutor each other who are trying to get their GED
- Ms. Holliday**-There are TA's assigned to all school who work with offenders and teacher to help get GED
- Mr. Ragley, Dr. Reid, Mr. Bessant, Mrs. Childs, Dr. Quinn** (great job on the strategic plan),

Cash-Greene- thanks for the support and commended PUSD for their hard work, staff worked well with virtually learning

With no other business on the agenda, **Chairman Sumter** made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 10:58 AM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 7th @10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Grooms, Recording Secretary
Palmetto Unified School District Board of Trustees

ADJOURMENT

With no other business on the agenda, Mr. Jay W, Ragley, Chairman, made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:02 a.m. Rev. Dr. Robert J. Reid motioned, and Mrs. Charmeka Childs seconded the motion.

The next Call Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Miller, Superintendent Administrative Assistant
Palmetto Unified School District Board of Trustees

Reviewed By: _____
Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, Superintendent