

**Palmetto Unified School District**  
**South Carolina Department of Corrections**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

**Mission Statement:** Palmetto Unified School District and South Carolina Department of Corrections will provide students with relevant academic courses, highly effective career related vocational programs and necessary life skills to make a positive impact in society.

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

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

**Board of Trustee Members Present**

Mr. Michael Sumter, Chairman

Dr. James Quinn, Vice Chairman (present virtually via Teams)

Rev. Ronald Bessant

Rev. Dr. Robert Reid

Dr. Elaine Richardson (present virtually via Teams)

Ms. Charmeka Childs (present virtually via Teams)

Dr. James Ann Sheley (present virtually via Teams)

Mr. Tyson Grinstead (present virtually via Teams)

Mr. Wade Keith Coones

**District Office and Headquarters Staff Members Present**

Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, Superintendent

Dr. Beverly Holiday

Dr. Charlette Taylor

Dr. Jay Collins (present virtually via Teams)

Bazella Glover

John Shipman

Vanessa Singleton

Josh Brade

Russell Salter

Paul Clinkscale, Jr.

Gina Williams

Lila Grooms

Ryan Bartola

Chantal Rochefort

All other PUSD Staff (present virtually via Teams)

A gift from PUSD for Coach Dawn Staley being accepted by Ms. Staley.

**Meeting began at 10:00 am.**

**Chairman Sumter** – confirmed a quorum and meeting was called to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – led by **Chairman Sumter**

**Invocation – Rev. Ronald Bessant**

**Chairman Sumter** swore in newly appointed board member **Mr. Coones**.

**Old Business** – Minutes reviewed from April 7<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Bessant accepted minutes with Rev. Reid to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business** – Budget Update given by **Ms. Glover** who stated things are closing out with nothing further until fall

**Superintendent's Report - Rev. Bessant** asked questions regarding changes to budget as well as concern over current funding which were by both answered **Ms. Glover** and **Dr. Cash-Greene**. **Rev. Reid** questions COVID-19 money and if the department received any of that funding. **Rev. Reid** also expressed his concern and disappointment with the February conference held in Hilton Head with a response from **Chairman Sumter**. **Rev. Bessant** questioned if conversations were had regarding funding. **Mr. Coones** questioned Federal Funding with response to all questions given by **Dr. Cash-Greene**. **Dr. Cash-Greene** acknowledged all staff for their services.

**Adult Certificate Summary - Dr. Holiday** gave updates.

**Curriculum and Regional Attainment Recognition - Dr. Cash-Greene** gave an update.

**Human Resources – Ms. Grooms** gave update including open positions, retirees, and outcome of Employee Appreciation Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. Cash-Greene** gave Teacher of the Year nominees as well as Classified Employee of the Year nominees.

**Vocational - Update** given by **Mr. Shipman**. **Rev. Reid** commended **Mr. Shipman** on his work with PUSD.

**SPED** – Update given by **Dr. Collins**.

**Post-Secondary** – No update but will be updated at next meeting.

Classified Employee of the Year announced as **Ms. Chantal Rochefort**.

Teacher of the Year announced as **Mr. Ryan Bartola**

**Chairman Report** – **Chairman Sumter** thanked staff again for their great work. **Dr. Richardson** gave an update on Emeritus College. **Dr. Sheley** spoke about New Board Orientation in June stating how enjoyable it was. **Chairman Sumter** spoke again about funding for conferences and believes, to cut spending, that we may have to put parameters on the number of conferences attended. **Rev. Reid** stated his desire to have others know who we are and what we do. **Ms. Glover** reiterated the issue with funding of the February conference in that we were not aware of any issues. **Rev. Bessant** spoke about his experience with being on the School Board and how different it has been with funding. **Chairman Sumter** asked if **Ms. Childs** had any comments. Birthday wishes were given to **Dr. Reid** who has a birthday in August. **Ms. Childs** suggested sharing information. **Mr. Coones** made a comment regarding his experience.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Next meeting October 6, 2022

Respectfully,

**Gina Williams, Meeting Secretary**  
**Palmetto Unified School District Board of Trustees**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent