



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

School District of Oconee Administrative Offices, Board Room

414 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

May 15 2012

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Council Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Vice Chairman

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Chairman Pro Tem

Mr. Archie Barron, District III

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met for a Joint Workshop with the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] Board and staff at 4:30 PM at the SDOC Administrative Offices with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder & Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse present.

Members of the SDOC Board Present: Mr. Andrew P. Inabinet / Chairman, Mr. Jerry Lee, Ms. Rosemary Bailes, Mr. Buddy Herring and Ms. Denise McCormick, SDOC Clerk.

SDOC Staff Present: Dr. Michael Lucas / Superintendent, Dr. Michael Thorsland, Ms. Gloria Moore, Ms. Ernestine Williams and Ms. Diane England.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available *[upon request]* to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Mike Eads - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr.'s Inabinet & Thrift called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The stated purpose for the meeting was to discuss the SDOC budget request for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Dr. Lucas and Dr. Thorsland lead discussion utilizing a booklet [copy filed with these minutes for reference] highlighting key areas to include:

- General Fund Expenditures FY 2012
- FY 13 Budget Deficit Factors
- Staffing Guidelines
- SDOC Allocations
- SDOC Salary Schedules
- SDOC Departmental Budgets
 - Superintendent & Board
 - HR
 - Community Relations [Dr. Lucas noted that this department has been discontinued and all functions moved to his office]
 - Division of Operational Services
 - Division of Instructional Services
- SDOC "per student" allocations to schools
- FY 2012 General Fund Revenue Report [as of 4/30/12]

Lengthy discussion followed regarding various aspects of the SDOC budget and overall operations including class sizes, reserve funds, unfunded mandates, millage, health insurance, retirement plan, bonding & debt, capital projects & new schools, fiscal autonomy and utilization of fund balances to meet budget shortfalls.

Mr. Inabinet thanked Council for attending the workshop, noting he hoped the information was helpful and offered to meeting with and discuss any aspect of the budget with any member of Council.

Mr. Thrift thanked the SDOC Board members and Dr. Lucas and his staff for the opportunity to meet and discuss specifics related to their budget, noting the presentation was very informative.

Other Business:

None at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Inabinet & Thrift adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth G. Huise, Clerk to Council