

Minutes

6 p.m., February 17, 2009, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

Peter Barry, Janice Dabney, Margaret Gamble (Secretary), Don McCorkle, Charlene McGriff (Chair), Bobby Parker (Vice Chair), Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (North Elementary Principal), Terri Coats (Get Fit Grant Coordinator), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Robert Davis (Attorney), Kathy Durbin (Student Services Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Rakeishea McGriff (North Elementary Lead Teacher), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Andrea Ribelin (North Elementary Assistant Principal), Patrice Robinson (At-Risk Student Support Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Mary Thompson (Food Services Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Press-

Ronnie Wall (Kershaw News-Era)

Citizens-

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Open Session

Call to order and invocation- BABA

At 6 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Parker gave the INVOCATION.

Notice to media- BCBB

In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, Cable 2, the Fort Mill Times, The Herald, the Kershaw News Era, the Lancaster News, the York Observer, WAGL, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session- BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, GBN, DFN

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, certified employment recommendations, one services contractual matter, one contractual personnel matter and one certified employment matter.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Open Session

Welcome- BCB

At 7:00 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board.

**Approval of meeting agenda-
BCBD**

The chair called for amendments to the agenda. Hearing none, the chair called for approval of the agenda as mailed.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the agenda as mailed.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Results of executive session-
BCBK**

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6 p.m.

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the resignations of

- Indian Land Elementary – Robin Mitchell, teacher
- Kershaw Elementary – Kenneth Walton, teacher
- McDonald Green – Sarah Morris, guidance counselor

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to employ for the 2008-09 school year

- Discovery School – Dana Portrais, early childhood
- Indian Land Middle – Brittany Howell, science

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt Youth Build from the district procurement code.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's request for the board to waive the provisions in Policy CGD requiring the superintendent to recommend persons for administrative positions in February and delay the recommendations until April.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

The chair reported that the board had completed its executive session business.

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to the 2008-09 S. C. Junior Scholars (Andrew Jackson, and Buford middle schools will be recognized next month)

- A.R. Rucker Middle – Carley Adams, Matthew Barnes, Rasheed Blackmon, Tyson Blanton, Sydney Cauthen, Bobby Dukes, Nekias Duncan, Aaliyah Fletcher, Robert Hagins, Joshua Howard, Marshall Jackson, Breunna McCrorey, Bryan Pettit, Jordan Ribelin, Michael Windhorn
- Buford Middle – Randolph Arnett, Brandon Gossman, Phillip Jones, Michael Keating, Chesney Lyles, Kristen Melton, Nicholas Prosser, James Shehane, Jordan Smith, Olivia Stogner
- South Middle – Kelsey Carter, Joshua Cato, Emily Fitzpatrick, Ashley Garris, Lyndsey Hegler, Steven Hendryx, Corey Hudson, Chloe Jeffers, Yvette Lopez, Joshua Massey, Adam Pearson, Marcus Smyre, Cory Strang, Quintravius Talford

**Special recognitions
KAA, KHA**

The students could not attend but will be invited to the March board meeting.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward.

Parent Darren Long addressed the board, asking that the

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

board waive the kindergarten age requirement for his daughter, who will be five years old eight days after the cut-off date for admission. He stated that his daughter was ready academically for kindergarten, citing several examples of her academic skills and reading a letter from his daughter's pre-school teacher attesting to the child's readiness for kindergarten.

The chair called for approval of the consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 27 regular meeting and Feb. 6-7 planning meeting (BCBH)

A **MOTION** to approve the items was made and seconded.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
school budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the school budget revisions for 2008-09 and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions.

A **MOTION** to approve the school budget revisions was made and seconded.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
district-wide budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the district-wide budget revisions for 2008-09 and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions.

A **MOTION** to approve the district-wide budget revisions was made and seconded.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
proposed 2008-09 Medicaid bud-
get-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the proposed 2008-09 Medicaid budget and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the budget.

A **MOTION** to approve the budget was made and seconded.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Consent information items-
BCBD**

The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items. The reports were mailed to board members before the meeting.

- 2009 Spelling Bee winners (IH)
- Black History Month activities (IH)
- Celebrate Great Teaching Program (GAD)
- Celebration of Excellence (GAD)
- National School Breakfast Week – March 2-6, 2009 (EE)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Regular monthly
financial report-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report.

**Construction update-
FG**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and recognized Mr. Small, who reviewed the report.

**Summer school update-
IDCA**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Jordan, who reviewed the proposed summer school plans, including district considering charging \$25 fee for each student enrolling in middle school summer program, with scholarships available for children whose families could not pay.

**Food services update-
EE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and handouts and recognized Ms. Quinn and Ms. Thompson, who reviewed the increases in operating costs the food service program is experiencing and informed the board that the district may ask the board to consider an increase in meal prices. If proposed, the increase would be the first since the 1996-97 school year. The district usually includes recommendations on food services prices as part of the budget process in June, but if a price increase is proposed, the district would like to have it approved this spring to give families time to budget for the increase.

**North Elementary single gender
education information-
ID**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate handouts and recognized Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Ribelin and Ms. McGriff, who reviewed the school's process to consider implementing a single-gender section in fifth grade.

**Get Fit Grant update-
IDB**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Coats, who gave an update on Get Fit Grant activities.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Margaret E. Gamble, Secretary

Charlene McGriff, Chair