

Minutes

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

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble (Secretary)

District personnel-

Ron Burns (Character Education Grant School Coordinator), Lisa Byrd (Character Education Grant Coordinator), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Robert Davis (Attorney), Lani Hammond (Character Education Grant School Coordinator), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), Sarah Jordan (Character Education Grant School Coordinator), Amy Kirkley (Character Education Grant School Coordinator), David Knight (Public Information Director), Paul McKenzie (Research & Development Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Patrice Robinson (At-Risk Student Support Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Mary Thompson (Food Services Director), Robert Thompson (Character Education Grant School Coordinator), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer) and Adrienna Witherspoon (Research & Development Program Director)

Press-

Jesef Williams (The Lancaster News)

Citizens-

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Open Session

Call to order and invocation- BABA

At 6 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Dabney 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, 2008-09 certified employment recommendations, one student-personnel matter, one contractual matter and one service contractual matter.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Open Session

Welcome-
BCB

At 7 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 (6-0).

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

- A.R. Rucker – Jane Agee, teacher; Tommy Wilson, teacher
- Andrew Jackson High – Royce Clark, teacher; James Edwards, teacher; James Moreland, teacher
- Andrew Jackson Middle – Ernest Taylor, teacher
- Buford High – Robert Cason, teacher; Regina Diehl, teacher; Denise Jordan, teacher; Gloria Robinson, media specialist
- Clinton Elementary – Juliet Borchers, teacher
- District – Miriam Boucher, instructional specialist; Judy Kirk, accounting clerk; Suzanne Lever, gifted & talented teacher
- Indian Land Elementary – Catherine Crawford, teacher; Juliann Pavlovic, teacher
- Indian Land High – Ram Yadala, teacher
- Indian Land Middle – Jessica Kuchler, teacher
- Kershaw Elementary – Paulette Hendrix, teacher; Sheila Shores, teacher
- Lancaster High – Jeremy McMurray, GearUp site advisor
- North – Pinky Harris, teacher; Nancy Walton, teacher

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

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

- Indian Land High – Christopher Kendrick, science

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

• In open session, the chair called for a MOTION to grant a request to waive the minimum age requirement for kindergarten for a child.

NO motion was made.

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

- 2009 Governor's Committee on Employment of the Disabled Journalism Contest – Brooke Adams, Indian Land High
- 2009 Palmetto Drama Association's Blair Beasley Award – Lauren Rogers, Andrew Jackson High
- 2009 Project Learning Tree National Teacher of the Year – Denise Trufan, Indian Land Elementary
- 2009 Science P.L.U.S. at Roper Mountain Science Center participant – Audrey Burk, Eastside Academy
- 2008-09 S. C. Junior Scholars (*A.R. Rucker, Buford and South middle schools were recognized last month*) –
 - Andrew Jackson Middle – Jacob Bailey, McKenna Bartell, Colton Crenshaw, Daniel Faulkenberry, William Green, Samuel

**Special recognitions-
IDF**

Helms, Emilee Hunter, Joshua Kelly, Luke Kennington, Claire McManus, Tori Roberts, Lacey Sowell, Rebecca Thompson, Dylan Young

- Indian Land Middle, Taylor Ashley, Kevin Barton, Lennart Bendfeldt, Kacey Cederstrom, Daniel Crofford, Christopher Crook, Dylan Eaton, Brandon Fairchild, John Graham, Eric Hahn, Abbygail Hancock, Kristin Hinson, Margaret Huggins, Katelyn Jowers, Emily Krebich, Timothy Long, William Medlock, Jose Pineda, Stephanie Psaroudis, Amanda Tripp, Maria Vasquez, Marissa Velez, Megan Wendover

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Platts, who introduced Emily Moore, a freshman at Lancaster High, the winner of Comporium Telephone Book Cover Contest. Emily's cover was selected from hundreds of entries in the contest.

Ms. McGriff stated that the board is very proud of Emily and of all our students who entered the contest.

Ms. McGriff also congratulated Emily and commended her for her creativity and hard work.

Mr. Platts then introduced the district's first and second place winners in the 2009 Poetry Out Loud contest – Buford High senior Keigan Woodhart and Andrew Jackson High senior Ethan Wells.

Keigan recited *Jabberwocky* and Ethan recited *A Supermarket in California* for the board.

Ms. McGriff expressed that the board is very proud of Keigan and Ethan and all our students who entered the contest and commended them for their creativity and hard work.

Mr. Platts also introduced Andrew Jackson High students who won state awards at the 2009 Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival Feb. 20-22.

Andrew Jackson High received The PDA Spirit Award for the second year in a row, and Andrew Jackson senior Lauren Rogers was one of only two students in the state to receive the Blair Bleasley Award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship.

Andrew Jackson senior Ethan Wells received third place in the playwright competition for his play *Drifter*.

Andrew Jackson High students also performed two plays at the festival: *The Audition* and Wells' play, *Drifter* and received an overall performance rating for *The Audition* of Superior and an overall performance rating for *Drifter* of Honorable Mention.

Six students also received acting awards: Superior went to Dixon Hill, Lauren Rogers and Ethan Wells; Excellent went to Andrea Azumendi; and Honorable Mention went to Jessie Hartley and Dylan Knight.

Andrew Jackson drama teacher Joe Timmons was also elected vice president of the Palmetto Dramatic Association.

Ms. McGriff praised the students for the way they represented Andrew Jackson High and our district at the festival and thanked the students' being such positive representatives for our district and commended them for their outstanding showing at the festival. The district also appreciates Mr. Timmons' making this opportunity possible for our students.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Parent John Smyre addressed the board, thanked it for the opportunity to speak, offering support for the district's proposal to increase meal prices and suggesting other ways to improve the meal

choices students have. He shared information about meal offerings in Fort Mill and other York County school districts and urged the board to visit cafeterias in those districts and to seriously examine alternatives beyond the traditional and safe approach our district has used for food services. He also asked the board to use Lancaster High if the district could try something new at only one location to limit risk or cost.

**Approval of consent
action items-
BCBD**

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

- Minutes of Feb. 17 regular meeting (BCBH)
 - Textbook adoptions (BDC, EBCB)
- A MOTION to approve the items was made and seconded.
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve
officer/board nominations,
SCSBA resolutions and
constitutional changes-
MK**

The chair referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the SCSBA information.

No proposals for nominations, resolutions and constitutional changes were made.

**Recommendation to approve
summer school fees-
DJE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Jordan, who reviewed the plans for summer school and the proposed summer school fees.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the summer school fees.

A MOTION to approve the summer school fees was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve
school meal prices-
IDCA**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who reviewed the proposed meal price increases.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve increases in meal prices.

A MOTION to approve meal prices was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).

**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.

- Palmetto Gold and Silver award winners
- Youth Art Month activities (IH)
- School Geography Bee winners (IH)
- Young Writers' Conference (IH)
- Celebration of Excellence (GBQ, GCO, IA)
- Summer schedule (GBR)
- District Science Fair (IDF)
- 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.

**Receipt of FY 2009-10
school budget requests-
DID**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate handouts and recognized Mr. Walker, who presented the requests.

**Construction update-
FG**

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

**School Report Card ratings-
IDAF, IJ**

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

***Your Choices. Your Actions. Your Future.*
(Character Education) Grant-
IDBB**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Witherspoon, who reviewed the grant basics. She then recognized Ms. Byrd, Mr. Burns, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Kirkley and Mr. Thompson who reviewed the grant's components.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Margaret E. Gamble, Secretary

Charlene McGriff, Chair