

# Minutes

6 p.m., April 21, 2009, District Board Room

## Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

### In Attendance

#### Board members present-

Peter Barry, Margaret Gamble (Secretary), Don McCorkle, Charlene McGriff (Chair), Bobby Parker (Vice Chair),

#### Board members absent-

Janice Dabney and Mary Etta Taylor

#### District personnel-

Beth Blum (Indian Land Elementray Principal), Ron Burns (Character Education Grant Buford High Coordinator), Lisa Byrd (Character Education Grant District Coordinator), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Kathy Durbin (Student Services Director), Robert Davis (Attorney), Lani Hammond (Character Education Grant Lancaster High Coordinator), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), Mike Kersey (Indian Land Elementray Physical Education Teacher), Amy Kirkley (Character Education Grant Indian Land High Coordinator), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Patrice Robinson (At-Risk Student Support Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Robert Thompson (Character Education Grant Andrew Jackson High Coordinator) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Jim Morton (J. Marion Sims Foundation), Trey Jackson, Marianne Palladino and Ann Small (USCL/J. Marion Sims Swim Program)

#### 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. Gamble 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, retirements or terminations, two contractual services matters, two student-personnel matters and one contractual property matter.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).

# Open Session

Welcome-  
BCB

Approval of meeting agenda-  
BCBD

Results of executive session-  
BCBK

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

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

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

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 Middle– TaLee Caldwell, teacher
- Andrew Jackson High– Louis Clyburn, teacher; James Moreland, teacher
- Brooklyn Springs Elementary – Erica Cureton, teacher; B.J. Snipes, teacher;
- Buford Elementary – Nancy Genoble, teacher; Phyllis Kilgo, cafeteria operator
- Buford High – Jeffery Whisenhunt, teacher; Mary Williams, attendance secretary
- Clinton Elementary – Brooke P. Box, teacher
- Heath Springs Elementary – Claudette Roberts, teacher assistant
- Indian Land Elementary – Sandra Wiseman, attendance secretary
- Indian Land High – Caroline Collins, teacher
- Lancaster Career Center – Gregg Shipston, teacher; Donna Sowell, administrator
- Lancaster High – Christopher T. Anderson, teacher; Jessica Cauthen, teacher
- District – Joel Christopher, maintenance; Pete Faile, maintenance; Ryan S. Wood, maintenance
- North Elementary – Shelby Balsley, teacher; Dennis Champion, teacher
- South Middle – Ashley Wilson, teacher

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt from the competitive bid process from the 2009-10 school year

- Inspection & testing services
  - » RPM Engineers (for construction required by OSF)
  - » JG Environmental Services (Wastewater Treatment Plant at Buford High School)
  - » Thyssenkrupp Elevator Service (elevators at Clinton & Lancaster High schools)
- Criminal Background Check Services
  - » Chapman Corporation, Charlotte, NC
  - » SC Law Enforcement Division
- Workers' compensation & property & casualty insurance
  - » SCSBIT (South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust)
- Non-instructional student activity insurance
  - » BatesBrokers, Inc. (Maksin Group/American International Group (AIG) is the underwriter with an AM Best rating of A++ and a financial class of XV. The Maksin Group

also administers our catastrophic coverage, provided for all student activities.)

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the following services used in conjunction with debt management and bond issuance with the understanding that all bond resolutions and any future change in these services will be presented to the board for approval.

- Bond Attorney – Theodore DuBose of Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.

- Financial Advisors – Ross, Sinclaire & Associates (Robert Damron, Brian Nurick)

- Bond Rating Services – Moody's and Standard & Poor's

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

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

- 2009 Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship S.C. Male Winner, Dylan Knight, Andrew Jackson High
- 2008-2009 Duke TIP Scholars Qualifying for State Recognition, Peyton Brumfield, AR. Rucker Middle; Devin Lowery, Buford Middle; Joseph Roberts, Buford Middle; Hailey Nicholson, Indian Land Middle; Rachel Payne, Indian Land Middle; Tara Brooks, South Middle; Karie Grace Duncan, South Middle Emily Richards, South Middle
- 2008-09 Palmetto Gold Award for 2008-09 – Andrew Jackson High and Lancaster High
- Palmetto Silver Award for 2008-09 – Buford High

**Special recognition:**

- The State Superintendent's Writing Awards-  
KAA, KHA

The State Superintendent's Writing Awards fifth-grade winner, Isaiah Johnson, from Buford Elementary, read his essay, *Savings and Financial Well-Being*, and received a congratulatory letter.

Eighth-grade winner, Kristen Melton, from Buford Middle, read her essay, *Personal Financial Responsibility*, and received a congratulatory letter.

These students will be invited to the state awards ceremony in Columbia in May.

**Purchase Awards-  
KHA**

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Purchase Awards and \$75 to Andrew Jackson High senior Rachael Dippel for sculpture of a woman's head and Andrew Jackson High senior Caleb Story.

Their artwork will be displayed in the district office.

**Special recognition-  
KHA, LB**

The board recognized new B★E★S★T Buddies

- A.R. Rucker Middle
  - Dukes Eyecare
  - Gus's Family Restaurant
  - Troplex
- Buford Middle
  - Buford Little General
  - Crenco Food Stores
- Eastside Academy
  - Ace Hardware & Garden Center
- Indian Land Elementary
  - A+ Embroidery
  - Domino's' Pizza
  - Foxhole

- Jersey Mike’s Subs
- Liberty Tax Service
- Sun City at Carolina Lakes
- Indian Land Middle
  - Allied Waste Services
  - 521 BBQ & Grill
  - Jersey Mike’s Subs
- McDonald Green Elementary
  - Baker Embroidery
  - Chick-fil-A
- North Elementary
  - Animal Supply House
  - First Citizens Bank

**Public forum-  
BCBI**

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward.  
No one addressed the board.

**Approval of consent  
action items-  
BCBD**

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

- Minutes of March 17 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Textbook adoptions (IFAA)

A **MOTION** to approve the items was made and seconded.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

**Recommendation to approve  
strategic plan update-  
GBA**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate enclosure and recognized Ms. Quinn, who reviewed the update.  
Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the updated strategic plan for submission to the State Department of Education.  
A **MOTION** to approve the update was made and seconded.  
The board commended teachers, staff and students for all the wonderful work going on in the district.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

**Recommendation to approve  
first reading of proposed Political  
Solicitations in Schools-  
BDC, GAHBA, KJA**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the proposed policies.  
After discussion, Dr. Moore stated that board members’ suggestions for changes in the proposed policy would be incorporated and the policy would be brought back before the board for consideration.

**Recommendation to approve  
companies for payroll deduction  
for staff annuities-  
EGAE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the companies for payroll deduction for staff annuities – AXA Equitable Life, Horace Mann Life Insurance, ING, MetLife-CitiStreet Associates LLC, Symetra Investment Services and Variable Annuity Life-AIG.  
Dr. Moore recommended the companies be approved for payroll deductions.  
A **MOTION** to approve the companies 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 emailed to board members before the meeting.

- Teacher Appreciation Week activities (GAD)
- Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week May 4-8 (EE)
- School Bus Driver Appreciation Week May 4-8 (ED)
- National Nurses Week May 6-12 (ED)

- Celebration of Excellence update (GBQ, GCO, IA)
- Science fair winners (I)
- Spring testing dates (IH)
- High school graduation schedules (IHF)
- Schedule for the end-of-second semester (AEA)
- Bond Refunding report (DFD)
- SCSBA officer/board nominations, resolutions and constitutional changes- (MGB)
- 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.

**Update on FY 2009-10 budget-  
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who presented the update.

**Construction update-  
FG**

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

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Small, who recognized Mr. Morton, Mr. Trey Jackson and Ms. Palladino and Clinton Elementary student Felix Chavez and Indian Land Elementary student Jada Norma. Ms. Small then reported on the J. Marion Sims Swim Program for fourth graders.

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Margaret E. Gamble, Secretary

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Charlene McGriff, Chair