

Minutes

6 p.m., December 15, 2009, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

Peter Barry, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

Janice Dabney

District personnel-

Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Robert Davis (Attorney), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), 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) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Al Simpson, S.C. State Board of Education

Press-

Jesef Williams (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. Mr. McCorkle 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

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, 2009-10 certified employment recommendations, 2009-10 administrative employment recommendations and a contractual services matter.

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

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 emailed.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).



**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
 - Andrew Jackson High–Jacqueline Criminger, bus driver
 - Brooklyn Springs– Donald Coates, special ed teacher
 - District Office– David Knight, public information director
 - Heath Springs Elementary – Jackie Cauthen, cafeteria operator; Gertrude Mason, guidance counselor
 - Lancaster High– Sheila Robertson, special ed teacherThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s recommendation to employ for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year
 - Andrew Jackson Middle–Sha’Ron Robertson, PE teacher
 - District Office– David Knight, public information director
 - Indian Land High– Beverly Schroth, science teacherThe 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

- S.C. Art Education Association 2009 Secondary Art Educator of the Year – Dianne Mahaffee, Lancaster High
- S.C. High School League 2009 Sportsmanship Award – Lancaster High

**Special recognition:
Al Simpson, State Board
of Education Representative
MA**

On behalf of the board of Trustees, the chair thanked Mr. Simpson for his service on the State Board of Education during the last four years and for giving so generously of his time and energy to represent the Sixth Judicial District .

The chair thanked Mr. Simpson for always making himself available -- not just to do the work required of him in Columbia, but also to visit local schools, to listen to citizens’ concerns and suggestions and to attend education-related functions. His commitment to his work as a state board member earned him the respect of his fellow board members.

The chair also commended Mr. Simpson’s selection as the 2008 chair of the state board, which was a tribute to the depth of the state board’s respect for Mr. Simpson’s dedication and his leadership.

The chair noted that the board was especially appreciative of Mr. Simpson’s always being available to answer board members’ questions and to hear concerns and suggestions about educational issues before the state board.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Parent Darin Robinson addressed the board, expressing his concerns about statements in the letters responding to his comments during the November board meeting’s public forum. He detailed point by point the statements that he considered misrepresentations of what occurred as he and his wife sought to have their daughter enrolled in the 4K program.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

He asked the board to “dig deep and research the issue yourself” to correct the errors he listed.

He also urged the board to reconsider his request to allow his daughter to enroll in the 4K program.

He thanked the board for the opportunity to address them and urged the board to strongly consider his request.

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

- Minutes of Nov. 17 regular meeting (BCBH)
- FY 2008-09 external audit (DID)
- Second reading of proposed revisions to Hiring of Administrative Personnel Policy CGD (BDE)

**Board/superintendent
planning meeting-
BCAF**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and asked that the board discuss dates for the meeting.

After discussion, the concensus was that Feb. 5-6 were the preferred dates for the meeting.

Dr. Moore asked that board members send agenda items for the meeting to Mr. Parker or to him.

***Race to the Top* grant application
BCAF**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate hand-out and recognized Ms. Quinn, who gave an outline of what district support of the grant could involve.

After discussion, Dr. Moore asked that board members grant the chair and the superintendent the authority to commit the district to being a part of the grant once the final details of the grant were known and the administration could determine if participating in the grant would be in the district’s best interest.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to authorize the superintendent and the chair to sign the grant, if appropriate.

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

**Receipt of 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.

- Early Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)
- District Spelling Bee – Feb. 9 (IH)
- End of semester schedule (AEA)
- Celebrate Great Teaching Program (GAD)
- Celebration of Excellence – April 26, 27 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- 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.

**Facilities update
FG**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who gave the update.

**Buford Elementary and
Kershaw Elementary
Collaboration Initiative
ID**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Jordan, who stated how excited the district is about the collaboration initiative and the great results seen so far. Ms. Jordan then introduced the teachers and administrators involved in the project – from Buford Elementary: Principal Sandra Jones-Izzard, assistant principal

Rebecca Dover, math coach Wendy Jenkins and fifth grade teachers Patricia Carter (lead language arts teacher), Margaret Davis, Shannon Griffin, Jill Nelson, Michelle Stroud, Trina Thompson and Jessica Williams; and from Kershaw Elementary: Principal Jennifer Etheridge, instructional facilitator Clara Cook, technical assistance grant project director Eleanor Young and fifth grade teachers Debbie Anglin (could not attend because of death in her family), Jennie Estridge, Jill Nelson, Ellenia Russell and Debbie Taylor.

Ms. Etheridge, Ms. Nelson and Ms. Rogers gave an overview of the initiative and shared how positive the experience is for students and teachers.

Dr. Moore commended the teachers for their work together.

With no other business before the board, the chair wished those present a safe and happy holiday and adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Chair