

# Minutes

6 p.m., May 18, 2010, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

## In Attendance

### Board members present-

Peter Barry, Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Mary Etta Taylor

### Board members absent

None

### District personnel-

Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Joyce Criminger (South Middle Principal), Robert W. Davis (Attorney), Butch Dutton (Andrew Jackson Middle Principal), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), David McDonald (Indian Land Middle Principal), Philip Mickles (A.R. Rucker Middle Principal), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Mary Sherman (Procurement Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Mary Thompson, (Food Service Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer) and Sheri Wells (Heath Springs Elementary Principal)

### Guests-

None

### Press-

Jesef Williams, *The Lancaster News*

### Citizens-

53 people attended

## Open Session

### Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 6:00 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, WAGL, WBTV, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

## Executive Session

### Executive session-

BCBK, GBC/D, CGD, FGD, DFN, CEI

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, a student/personnel matter, and three contractual service matters.

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

## 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. The superintendent asked that new middle school exam procedures be added under

**Results of executive session-**  
BCBK

Discussion Action Items. Hearing no other changes, the chair called for approval of the agenda as revised.

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

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

The chair reported results of executive session.

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the resignations of
  - **A. R. Rucker Middle**– Cassie Thurman, teacher
  - **Brooklyn Springs**– Brenda Bailey, teacher; La'Reshi Stinson, teacher
  - **Buford High** – Lois Miller, teacher
  - **Heath Springs** – Susan Blackmon, teacher
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Norma Soisson, cafeteria operator
  - **North** – Allison Foreman, teacherThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt from the competitive bid process for the 2010-11 school year
  - Inspection & testing services
    - » RPM Engineers (for construction required by OSF)
    - » J G Environmental Services (wastewater treatment plant at Buford High School)
  - Elevator maintenance and repair services
    - » Thyssenkrupp Elevator Service (elevators at Clinton & Lancaster High schools)
  - Architectural and engineering services
    - » Owens & Associates, Inc. (mechanical engineering services)
    - » Clayton Design, Inc. (architectural engineering services)
  - Roof consultant services
    - » Nelson Hall and Associates, Inc. (new or renovated roof projects)
  - Workers' compensation & property & casualty insurance
    - » SCSBIT (S.C. School Boards Insurance Trust)
  - Non-instructional student activity insurance
    - » Bates Brokers, 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.)
  - Criminal background check services
    - » Chapman Corporation, Charlotte, NC
  - Staffing services for highly qualified teachers
    - » VIF Program, Chapel Hill, NC
  - Hosted IP Services (Telephone system)
    - » Comporium

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the services listed below for the 2010-2011 year.
  - Procurement audit services
    - » McGregor & Company
  - Legal services
    - » Childs & Halligan
  - Financial advisors, investment management, debt service and bond services
    - » Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd, P.A.
    - » Moody's Investors Service

- » Standard & Poor's
- » Ross, Sinclair & Associates

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

- Perfect score on SAT – Zac Morrow, Andrew Jackson High
- 2010 Duke TIP State Recognition Qualifiers – William Anderson, A.R. Rucker Middle; Michael Bishop, Buford Middle; Chloe Cook, Indian Land Middle; Alexis Dabney, Andrew Jackson Middle; Jordan Eason, Andrew Jackson Middle; Richard Gardner, Buford Middle; Matthew Graham, A.R. Rucker Middle; Caroline Lalla, A.R. Rucker Middle; Trevin McKoy, Andrew Jackson Middle, Jayne Small, Buford Middle; Ciera Watts, Buford Middle and Brian Williams, A.R. Rucker Middle
- 2010 Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center – Matthew Bailey, Andrew Jackson Middle
- 2010 The Global Cold War - Clare College, Cambridge University in England – Janie McManus, South Middle
- American History and Culture summer workshop participant – Amanda Mings, South Middle
- 2010 SC Dept. of Education Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance – McDonald Green Elementary
- 2010 S.C. Dept. of Education Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap – McDonald Green Elementary
- 2010 SC Dept. of Education Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance – Discovery School and Indian Land Middle

**Purchase Award-**

KHA

On behalf of the board, the chair presented a Purchase Award and \$75 to Andrew Jackson High junior G.B. Heath for his painting. His artwork will be displayed in the district office.

**Public forum-**

BCBI

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

Dr. Stella Williams, addressed the board, inviting board members to the three-day Family Heritage Conference. Dr. Williams reviewed the goals of the Southside Literacy Project and outlined the activities planned for the conference. She commended the board, the superintendent and teachers for all they are doing for children.

**Approval of consent action items-**

BCBD

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

- Minutes of April 20 regular meeting, April 29 called meeting and May 10 called meeting (BCBH)
- Continuation of the Early Head Start refunding grant application for 2010-11 (IDDH)
- The 2010-11 Corrective Action Needs plan (IJ, M)

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

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

**Recommendation to approve  
2010-11 student fees**

DFG

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and Mr. Walker reviewed the fees.

Dr. Moore then recommended the board approve the fees.

A **MOTION** to approve the 2010-11 student fees was made and seconded.

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

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### Recommendation to change exam procedures for middle schools

IHAA

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Dr. Jordan reviewed the process.

Dr. Jordan then recognized Mr. Dutton and Mr. McDonald, who reviewed the changes and how they would help students and answered board members' questions.

After the discussion, Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the changes.

A **MOTION** to approve the changes in exam procedures for middle schools 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 emailed to board members before the meeting.

- Early Head Start monthly financial reports (IDDH)
- Palmetto Gold and Silver award winners (MK)
- Bond Anticipation Note Update (DFD)
- Middle school students completing prehonors science and social studies programs (IDAA)
- JAG recognitions (KHA)
- Renaissance Center update (IDAA)
- Professional Growth Institute update (GAD)
- 2010 Graduation/Baccalaureate information (IHF)
- SCSBA 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.

### Presentation of proposed FY 2010-11 general fund and debt service budgets-

DCC

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the proposed budgets.

### 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Plan

FG

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

### Food Service update-

JGFGA

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn and Ms. Thompson, who recognized the cafeteria managers who served on the committee to explore new lunch options – Kathy Bennett, field manager; Rhonda Evans, Lancaster High; Joy Hilliard, Indian Land High; Melissa Knight, South Middle; Stacey Sims, Andrew Jackson Middle; Johnna Smith, field manager; and Marilyn Steele, Indian Land Middle.

The managers presented the new lunch items that the committee developed, the reactions of teachers and staff to the new items and reviewed the steps for introducing the new items.

### Adjournment-

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair