

Minutes

6 p.m., October 19, 2010, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

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), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Joyce Crimminger (South Middle Principal), Liz James (South Middle English Language-Arts Technician), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Melissa Knight (South Middle Cafeteria Manager), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Virginia Sorrow (Indian Land Middle Assistant Principal), Mary Thompson (Food Services Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer), Sheri Wells (Buford Middle Principal)

Guests

David Better & Paul Horne (Winthrop University), Theo Dubose (Haynes Sinkler and Boyd)

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

Executive Session

Executive session-

BCBK, GBC/D, DJE

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, 2010-11 certified employment recommendations, 2010-11 classified employment recommendations, one contractual property matter and a certified personnel matter.

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

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 emailed.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).



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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 Middle** – Georgia Yelton, math teacher
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Billie Crawford, science teacher
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Glen Robinson, social studies teacher
 - **Discovery School** – Alejandro Pasqualini, Spanish teacher
 - **Indian Land High** – Deborah Leshner, music teacher
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Mary Starnes, cafeteria operator
 - **Lancaster High** – Dorothy McGraw, teacher assistant; Monica Medlin, cafeteria operator; Kathryn Prete, guidance counselor; Darlene Thompson, bus driver

The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's certified employment recommendation for
 - **Adult Education** – Kevin Cauthen, interim director
 - **Buford Elementary** – Susan Owens, elementary
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Mary Riggins, early childhood

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's classified employment recommendation for
 - **Adult Education** – Chandra McIlwain, instructional assistant
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Veronica Garris, 29 hour classroom helper
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Diane S. Shepard, cafeteria
 - **North Elementary** – Crystal Carter, instructional assistant

The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Trustees Awards- KHA

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to

- **Lancaster High** for being selected as the S.C. Junior Civitan 2010 Club of the Year; International Junior Civitan Foundation Award for Largest Donation to CIRC; International Junior Civitan 2010 Campus Project of the Year and S.C. Junior Civitan 2010 Campus Project of the Year.
- **Lancaster High 2010 graduate Sam Keenan** for being selected as International Junior Civitan 2010 Junior Civitan of the Year, S.C. Junior Civitan 2010 Junior Civitan of the Year and S.C. Junior Civitan 2010 Club President of the Year
- **Lancaster High 2010 graduate Brice Short** for being selected as S.C. Junior Civitan 2010 District Officer of the Year and International Junior Civitan 2010 District Officer of the Year
- **The Rambler, Lancaster High's yearbook** for receiving the 2010 SCSPA Palmetto Award for Class III Schools and 2010 SCSPA Best Yearbook in South Carolina.

NetSCOPE recognition- MD/MDA

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Jordan, who reviewed how the NetSCOPE partnership would benefit our district and introduced Mr. Better and Dr. Horne, who presented plaques to Ms. Crimminger and Ms. James for South Middle, to Ms. Sorrow for Indian Land Middle and to Ms. Wells for Buford Middle.

AmeriCorps swearing-in ceremony- MD/MDA

The chair thanked the AmeriCorps members for their service and administered the AmeriCorps oath. AmeriCorps assistant Clarrissa Duncan presented each member with an AmeriCorps pin.

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Public forum- BCBI

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

- Leland Hughes, District 1 board candidate, addressed the board, stating that he would like nothing better than to serve with the board. He stated that the board's decisions in the past have hurt him. He then explained that he felt harassed at a football game because of a political sign on his car that was in violation of a board policy that he was not aware of because he never received a copy of the board policy, which he was told was mailed to him. He stated that he saw other candidates with signs on their cars who were not asked to remove them. He questioned the district's ability to enforce the policy, said that he felt it violated his personal liberties and urged the district to enforce the policy equally for all candidates.

Mr. Hughes also stated that discipline has to improve in the district, stating that the rules are good but are not applied the same from student to student or across the district.

- Blessed Care president Ro Harris addressed the board, stating that she and Blessed Care wanted to address youth idleness and asked if programs are already in place to help suspended students with homework.

Approval of consent action items- BCBD

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

- Minutes of Sept. 21 regular meeting. (BCBH)
- Recommendation to approve Early Head Start monthly financial reports.

A **MOTION** to approve the consent items without discussion was made and seconded.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

Resolution to approve regular monthly financial reports- DCH, DID

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

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

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

Resolution to approve tax anticipation notes- DCH

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Mr. Dubose, who reviewed the resolution.

After questions, Dr. Moore recommended that the board approve the resolution.

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

Delegates to SCSBA Delegate Assembly- LD, DF

The chair called for board members to serve as delegates to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, Ms. Dabney, Mr. Faulkner and Ms. Taylor were nominated to serve as delegates.

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

SCSBA Champion of Education- LD, DF

Dr. Moore reviewed the SCSBA Champion for Education program and asked board members to consider people or community organizations the board might want to recognize.

The chair asked that the item be placed on the November agenda and asked board members to think about possible nominations.

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**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 governance overview (IDDH)
- FY 2009-10 external audit update (DID)
- Funding flexibility-furlough update (DCH)
- 8% General Obligation Bond sale update (DFD)
- Discovery School annual report (ID)
- Red Ribbon Week (IDBB)
- National School Bus Safety Week (ED, JGG)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

A **MOTION** to approve the reports was made and seconded.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

**Facilities update-
GAD**

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

**End-of-course results-
IDAF**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn, who reported results for the end-of-course exams.

**School Food Services update-
EE**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Knight, who gave the update.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair