

Minutes

6 p.m., February 15, 2011, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Bill Sumner, Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair)

District personnel-

Jan Collins (Technology Specialist), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Sharon Marshall (A.R. Rucker Middle Cafeteria Manager), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Donna Parsons (Instructional Specialist), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Mary Thompson (Director Food Service) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests

None

Press-

Reece Murphy (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. 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, 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, certified employment recommendations, classified employment recommendations and contractual matters.

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).

**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 – Brenda Shehane, teacher assistant
 - Alternative Program – O’Brian Colbert, lab assistant
 - Andrew Jackson High – Phyllis Jarvis, teacher
 - Brooklyn Springs – Daniella Cordner, teacher; Kimberlee Poore, teacher
 - Buford Middle – Cynthia Denton, cafeteria operator
 - Clinton Elementary – Sharon Buchanan, parent coordinator; Margie Filyaw, teacher assistant; Sarah Hamrick, teacher; Cecilia Stevens, teacher; Judith York, teacher
 - Communities in Schools – Sabrina Causey, YouthBuild counselor; Patricia Whitaker, mentoring coordinator
 - Discovery School – Vivian Gray, teacher; Lynn Morris, teacher
 - District Office – JoAnn Mosier, administrative assistant to superintendent
 - Erwin Elementary – Sue Farris, teacher
 - Indian Land Elementary – Charlotte Keefer, teacher; Nacole Yost, teacher
 - Lancaster High – Tamara Keller, teacher
 - South Middle – Greg Knight, teacher; Stephanie Secker, 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 2010-11 school year
 - Alternative Program – Kathy Brown, secondary supervisor
 - Lancaster High – DeLena Nelson, bus driver
 - Maintenance Department – Todd Karl, maintenance
 - South Middle – Amanda Bellenger, math teacher; Jennifer Hudspeth, instructional assistant

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve two easements requested by Lancaster County Water & Sewer District – one on River Road for a future forced main and one to tie existing water tower with 10-inch line to feed into school district retention pond – under the condition that future pavings over the easements would be allowed.

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

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

- 2011 TESOL Virginia French Allen Award – Crystal Fields, ESOL Lead Teacher
- 2010-2011 SC Dept. of Education’s Palmetto Gold Award for General Performance – Discovery School
- 2010-2011 SC Department of Education’s Palmetto Silver Award for General Performance – A.R. Rucker Middle, Indian Land Elementary, Indian Land Middle and McDonald Green Elementary

**Special recognitions
ID**

- 2010-2011 SC Department of Education’s Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap – McDonald Green Elementary
- 2010-2011 SC Class AA All-State Volleyball Team – Callie Dixon, Andrew Jackson High
- 2010 North/South All Star Football Game Head Coach – Bennie McMurray, Lancaster High
- 2010 North/South All-Star Football Game Scout – Rick Brown, Lancaster High
- 2010 North/South All-Star Football Game – Daniel Foster, Lancaster High

- Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Jordan, who reported that the district now has 112 National Board Certified teachers. Four of these teachers were re-certified this year. Forty-three other teachers who no longer work in our district received certification while working here. Ms. Jordan, Dr. Moore and the board congratulated the eleven new National Board Certified teachers and the four who received recertification and commended them for their hard work.

The teachers earning certification this year are Gregory Caskey, Buford Middle; Denise Barnes, Lancaster High; Kimberly Carter, Lancaster High; Phedrian Lester, Indian Land Middle; Brandy Engel, North Elementary; Michelle Griffin, North Elementary; Mary Beth Hileman, Lancaster High; Jonathan Jamison, Buford Elementary; Devin Moore, Heath Springs Elementary; Laura Ritter, Indian Land Middle; Marsha Williams, Heath Springs Elementary

The teachers earning re-certification this year are Paula Adams, Indian Land High; Brandy Caroway, A.R. Rucker Middle; Debbie Keenan, Brooklyn Springs Elementary; and Kay Sehorn, Indian Land Middle.

- The Partners for Youth Program was recognized by the S.C. School Boards Association with a Champions for Public Education Award for its invaluable contribution of time and resources to support public schools. SCSBA Region representative, Ann Reid, presented the award.

**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 consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 18 regular meeting and Jan. 28 & 29 planning meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial reports (IDDH)

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0 Ms. Taylor left before the vote).

**Regular monthly
financial report-
DCH**

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

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

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

**Recommendation to approve
school budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the 2010-11 school budget revisions and answered board members’ questions.

Recommendation to approve district-wide budget revisions- DCH

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions.

A **MOTION** to approve the school budget revisions was made and seconded.

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

Recommendation to approve 2011-12 school year calendar AEA

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the district-wide budget revisions for 2010-11 and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions.

A **MOTION** to approve the district-wide budget revisions was made and seconded.

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

Consent information items- BCBD

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the calendar options, reported on the results of the calendar survey and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve Option 2, which he felt was best instructionally for students and teachers.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Option 2 as the 2011-12 school year calendar.

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

The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items. The reports were emailed to board members before the meeting.

- Strategic Plan update (CA)
- 2010 Performance on the Perkins Indicators for Career and Technology Education (MK)
- 2011 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- Black History Month activities (ID)
- Celebrate Great Teaching Program (GAD)
- Celebration of Excellence – May 2 & 3 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Food Services update- A. R. Rucker Middle School ABCDA

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

PowerSchool update- JR

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Collins, who gave the update.

Facilities update- FG

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

Adjournment- BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair