

Minutes

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

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Joyce Hilliard (Cafeteria Manager), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Rachel Ray (Clinton Elementary Principal), David Small (Facilities Director), Shirnetha Stinson (Clinton Elementary Assistant Principal), Mary Thompson (Food Service Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Press-

Reece Murphy (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. Taylor 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, GBO, GBN, DFN

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, a classified employment recommendation and one contractual service matter. 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. Hearing none, the chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0 Ms. Gamble had to leave before the vote).

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
 - Buford Elementary – Diann Gaskin, instructional assistant
 - Buford Middle – Kevan Elliott, assistant principal
 - Clinton Elementary – Evelyn Blackmon, instructional assistant; Lisa Lane, cafeteria manager
 - Heath Springs Elementary – Jeanette Pittman, teacher
 - Indian Land High – Jimmy Fox, bus driver; Keely Quillen-Burnett, teacher
 - Kershaw Elementary – Christy Steen, teacher; Glenda Truesdale, teacher
 - McDonald Green Elementary – Christine Baker, cafeteria operator
 - Student Services – Mageline Rossheim

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to employ for the 2010-11 school year Amy L. Coombs as an Indian Land High bus driver.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt from the competitive bid process for the 2011-12 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 (Ongoing, May 2010)
 - Financial advisors, investment management, debt service and bond services
 - » Haynesworth, Sinkler & Boyd, P.A., Moody's Investors Service, Standards & Poor's and 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
- S.C. Association of School Librarians 2011 Media Specialist of the Year and Library of Congress 2011 Summer Teacher Institute Participant – Leigh Jordan, A.R. Rucker Middle
 - S.C. 2011 Class AA All-State Football Team – Jarrell Robinson, Indian Land High, Rondreas Truesdale, Indian Land High, Breyon Williams, Indian Land High, Reggie Wyatt, Indian Land High
 - March/April 2011 edition of Principal magazine article – Rachel Ray, Clinton Elementary
 - S.C. Athletic Association 2011 Class AA Principal of the Year – Kathy Faris, Indian Land High
 - S.C. Athletic Coaches Association’s 2011 North-South Basketball All Star Game Head Coach – Tamara Jacobus, Indian Land High
 - 2011 Exemplary S.C. Project Lead the Way Program – PLTW Introduction to Engineering – Lancaster High Career Center
 - 2010-11 S. C. Junior Scholars
 - Indian Land Middle– Chloe Hannah Cook, Joshua Samuel DeSantis, Alexia Renee’ Hall, Jacob Emerson Hilgemann, Rodney Edward Hubbard, Jaime Elizabeth Irwin, Megan Rose Jendrasiak, Justin Lee Krause, Faith Elliott Mitchell, Christopher Ray Nahum, Travis Lane Perkins, Harper Adele Richards, Amber Alexander Robinson, Christina Salvi Sadak, Hayley Margaret Schmelzer, Hannah Caitlin Smith, Iver Oma Vazquez Lafontaine, Logan Roan Waldo, Hailey Lynn Williams, Anna Lucille Young
 - South Middle – Gena Caskey, Zachary Catoe, Garret James, Kyle James, Brendan Massey, Sybrina Outhay, Johnasha Robinson Joel Rollin, Angela Sims

**Special recognition:
– The State Superintendent’s
Writing Awards-
KAA, KHA**

The State Superintendent’s Writing Awards fifth-grade winner, Natalie Bowers, from Kershaw Elementary, read her essay, *Technology and the World* and received a congratulatory letter.

Eighth-grade winner, Alexis Dabney, from Andrew Jackson Middle, read her essay, *Technology in the Classroom*, and received a congratulatory letter.

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

**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 Feb. 15 regular meeting (BCBH)
 - Early Head Start monthly financial reports (IDDH)
- A motion to approve the items was made and seconded.
The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

**Regular monthly
financial report-
DCH**

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

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

**Recommendation to approve
officer/board nominations,
SCSBA resolutions and
constitutional changes-
MK**

The chair referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the SCSBA information.

No proposals for nominations, resolutions and constitutional changes were made.

**Recommendation to approve
summer school fees-
DJE**

Dr. Moore noted that this item will be placed on the April agenda to allow board members time to consider possible recommendations.

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Jordan, who reviewed the plans for summer school and the proposed summer school fees. She noted that the proposed fees were the same as those charged for the 2010 summer school.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the summer school fees.

A MOTION to approve the summer school fees was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**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.

- Youth Art Month activities (IH)
- School Geography Bee winners (IH)
- Young Writers' Conference (IH)
- Celebration of Excellence (GBQ, GCO, IA)
- Summer schedule (GBR)
- District Science Fair (IDF)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Food Services update-
Indian Land High
ABCD**

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

**Instructional program
presentation – Clinton Elementary
MM**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Ray and Ms. Stinson, who gave an overview of its students' tremendous improvement in achievement and the strategies the teachers and staff used to help its students make these improvements.

**Receipt of FY 2010-11
school budget requests-
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the requests and stated that a copy of the requests will be available for board members to review.

**Facilities update-
FG**

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

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair

