

Minutes

5:30 p.m., June 28, 2011, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Public Hearing

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), Robert Davis (Attorney), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning and Accountability Executive Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests–

None

Press–

Reece Murphy, *The Lancaster News*

Citizens–

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Open Session

Call to order and invocation– BABA

At 5:30 p.m., the chair called the public hearing 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 News 2, Fort Mill Times, The Herald, Kershaw News Era, The Lancaster News, WAGL, WBTV, WRHI and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Welcome– BCB

The chair welcomed the public to the meeting on behalf of the board.

Approval of meeting agenda– BCBD

No items were added to the agenda, and the chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed.

The MOTION to approve the meeting's agenda was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (4-0).

Public hearing for FY 2011-12 general fund and debt service budgets and receipt of public input regarding the design, planning and implementation of 2011-12 Title I, Reading First Grant, Title I Stimulus Funding, Title II-Part A, Title III, Title V-Part A programs, Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act and IDEA (Special Education) Stimulus Funding DCDB

The chair called for input on the FY 2011-12 general fund and debt service budgets and on the design, planning and implementation of 2011-12 Title I, Reading First Grant, Title I Stimulus Funding, Title II-Part A, Title III, Title V-Part A programs Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act and IDEA (Special Education) Stimulus Funding.

J.R. Wilt addressed the board, stating that he was concerned about the large amount of the tax increase and urging the board not to increase taxes.

John Ratcliffe addressed the board, stating that he is in support

of whatever the board can do to relieve overcrowding at Indian Land Elementary. He stated that he was a realtor by trade and his experience told him that if a school gets to a point where it is overcrowded, there will be people who will not move to the area. He urged the board to pass the tax increases needed to address the overcrowding issues.

Thomas Filyaw addressed the board, stating that now is surely not the time to increase taxes, considering the county's high unemployment rate. He stated an increase would negatively impact families and children. He asked that for the good of the children, the board show restraint and vote no to a tax increase.

Jim Boling addressed the board, urging the board to be prudent regarding the budget. He stated that he is on a fixed income and has not had a raise in last two years. He asked the board not to increase taxes.

The chair thanked these people for their input and assured them the board would take their comments into consideration as they addressed the proposed budget.

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Chair