

Minutes

6 p.m., February 21, 2012, 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), Bill Sumner, Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), 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), David Small (Facilities Director), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Transportation Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guest-

Lesley Kelly (McGregor & Co.)

Press-

Ronnie Wall (Kershaw News-Era)

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, 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 (7-0).

Open Session

Welcome- BCB

At 7 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board.

Moment of Silence- BCBD

The chair extended the board's sympathy to the family of Heath Springs Elementary fourth grade teacher Pamela White, who passed away that morning

He then asked those in attendance to remember Ms. White's family and the school's faculty and staff as they cope with



**Approval of meeting agenda-
BCBD**

their loss and asked those in attendance to join the board in a moment of silence for Ms. White.

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 (7-0).

**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 – Rebecca Fisher, teacher; Lori Smith, teacher
- Buford Elementary – Wanda Blackmon, instructional assistant; Patricia Carter, lead instructional facilitator; Deborah Elliott, teacher
- Buford High – David Elliott, Jr., instructional assistant
- Erwin Elementary – Carol Lee, teacher
- Heath Springs Elementary – Catherine Huggins, teacher
- Indian Land Elementary – Kimberly Howard, teacher
- Indian Land High – Tyler Campbell, bus driver
- Lancaster High – Boris Sylvia, teacher
- Maintenance Department – Kevin Carlton, master painter
- McDonald Green Elementary – Donna Roberts, media specialist
- North Elementary – Deborah Wood, teacher
- South Middle – Anetra King, teacher

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

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year

- A.R. Rucker Middle – Amanda Griffith, art teacher
- Clinton Elementary – Rebecca Benson, kindergarten teacher
- Indian Land Middle – Jessica Kuchler, science teacher

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

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's classified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year

- Brooklyn Springs Elementary – Janilyn Pagan, cashier
- Clinton Elementary – Artika Miller, 29-hour classroom helper
- District office – Felicia Collins, procurement buyer 1
- Indian Land Elementary – Angelia Evatt, 29-hour classroom helper
- Lancaster High – Brittney Reed, bus driver
- North Elementary – Mindy Mills, 29-hour classroom helper; Cheryl Roof, 29-hour classroom helper

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

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Moseley Architects as architects for the new school in the Indian Land community.

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

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt from the competitive bid process Campco Engineering to complete the traffic study for the new school in the Indian Land community.

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

The chair reported that the board had completed its executive session business.

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

- 2011-12 S.C. Junior Scholars
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle**– Teresa Ackerman, Trent Bartell, Sydney Gordon, Samantha Ihm, Jonathan Mackey, Tripp McCoy, Carrie Morrison, Marci Morrow, Jordan Mungo, Luke Sowell, Cody Twitty, John Ware
 - **Buford Middle** – MacKenzie Deas, Autumn Rabon, William Sims, Kelsy Stokes, Joshua Vincent, Anthony Wheeler

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Krisma Gregory addressed the board concerning her son's being assaulted at Indian Land High with no disciplinary action taken against the white student who assaulted her son, but when her younger son was swinging his coat and accidentally hit a white student, her son was disciplined.

Ms. Gregory stated that she is aware that administrators do not have to follow the discipline code strictly if extenuating circumstances indicate a different punishment is appropriate, but she believes the administrators are varying the punishment based on race.

She stated she fears her children are not safe and distributed to board members photos of bruises on her son's neck. Ms. Gregory asked the board to hold administrators accountable for what they do and stated that she thinks racial discrimination is hidden behind the "extenuating circumstances" statement.

Hearing no other requests from persons wishing to address the board, the chair closed the public forum.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 17 regular meeting and Feb. 3 & 4 planning meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial reports (IDDH)
A **MOTION** to approve the items was made and seconded.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Regular monthly
financial report-
DCH**

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

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the report.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
first reading of revised Board Policy
IDDB-Academic Assistance Plans-
BDE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who reviewed the policy revisions and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve first reading.
A **MOTION** to approve the first reading 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.

- U.S. Justice Dept. approval of 2011 Redistricting Plan (ABCA)
- 2012 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- Science Fair winners (ID)
- S.C. Young Writers' Conference (ID)
- Black History Month activities (ID)
- Celebrate Great Teaching Program (GAD)
- Celebration of Excellence– April 30 & May 1 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Receipt of FY2010-11
external procurement audit
DJE**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Sherman and Ms. Kelly, who gave the update.

*Alive at 25 update-
ED*

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

**Facilities update-
FG**

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

**Legislative update-
LB**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the update.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair