

# Minutes

6 p.m., April 17, 2012, 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), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), Carolyn Jordan (Instructional Services Executive Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), David Platts (Instructional Specialist), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

#### Press-

None

#### 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, 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, retirements or terminations, a classified employment recommendation, two contractual property matters and a student 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. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

#### 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 (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
  - **Andrew Jackson High** – Mary Barry, principal; Lana Walden, bus driver
  - **Erwin Elementary** – Gwendolyn Scott-Tucker, speech teacher
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Laura Ritter, special education teacher
  - **South Middle** – Erlinda Broughton, sixth-grade 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 2011-12 school year of
  - **North Elementary** – Leslie Phillips, 29-hour classroom helper

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

- 2012 S.C. Shrine Bowl Coach – Mike Wells, Buford High
- 2011 S.C. Exemplary Program – Project Lead the Way, Introduction to Engineering – Sam Mullis, Lancaster High
- 14th Annual S.C. Junior Golf Association Pee Wee Champion – Emily Cox, Andrew Jackson Middle
- 2012 S.C. Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Journalism Contest Winner – Savannah Adams, Indian Land High
- 2011-12 Class AAAA 50-Yard Freestyle Swimming State Championship – Jory Pettit, Lancaster High

**Purchase Awards-  
KHA**

On behalf of the board, the chair presented a Purchase Award and \$75 to Lancaster High senior Caila Rodriguea for her painting and Lancaster High senior Stephany Campos for her 3-D sculpture.

Their artwork will be displayed in the district office.

**Special recognition-  
KHA, LB**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Platts, who introduced the district winners in the 2012 Poetry Out Loud contest – Andrew Jackson High senior Robert Massey and Buford High sophomore Raina Hill

Raina recited *Every Single Day* and Robert recited *Advice To a Prophet*.

Mr. Parker stated that the board is very proud of these students and all our students who entered the contest and commended them for their creativity and hard work.

**Public forum-  
BCBI**

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

Lancaster High senior Brandon Newton addressed the board, urging them to be sure schools don't just focus on teaching the basics needed to pass standardized tests. Brandon stressed that without an effort to foster creativity in students, teaching is not as effective, and he stated that what has made America great is the creativity and innovative approaches its citizen use to address problems. He stated that Lancaster High's recent lipdub was a good example of student creativity and how it can not only be used as a teach-

ing tool, but can also build student morale and get them working together. Brandon also noted that education is the only business that ignores input from its consumers and urged the board to seek input from students on what is and is not working in classes and asked that they find time to meet with student leaders to get that input. He stated that students do care and do want to make school a better place.

**Approval of consent  
action items-  
BCBD**

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

- Minutes of March 27 regular meeting (BCBH)
  - Early Head Start monthly financial reports (ID)
- 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.

The chair called for a **MOTION** to approve the report.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve  
first reading of Board Policy ABCD-  
BDE, ABCD**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate pages and recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the revision.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve first reading.  
A **MOTION** to approve the revision was made and seconded.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve  
first reading of Board Policy DL-  
BDE, DL**

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

Dr. Moore recommended board approve first reading.  
A **MOTION** to approve the revision was made and seconded.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve  
companies for staff annuities payroll  
deduction-  
EGAE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Conner, who reviewed the companies for payroll deduction for staff annuities – ING, AXA Equitable Life, MetLife-CitiStreet Associates LLC and Horace Mann Life Insurance.

Dr. Moore recommended the companies be approved for payroll deductions.  
A **MOTION** to approve the companies 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.

- Spring testing dates (IH)
- High school graduation schedules (IHF)
- Schedule for the end-of-second semester (AEA)
- Teacher Appreciation Week activities (GAD)
- Celebration of Excellence update (GBQ, GCO, IA)
- Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week–May 2-6 (EE)
- School Bus Driver Appreciation–Week May 2-6 (ED)
- National Nurses–Week May 6-12 (ED)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Update on FY 2012-13 budget-  
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who presented the update.

**Facilities update-  
FG**

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

**Legislative update**

LB

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Knight, who referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and gave the update.

**Adjournment-**

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair