

Minutes

6 p.m., October 15, 2013, 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 and Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), LaVilla Brevard (Southside Early Childhood Center Site Manager), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Tom McDuffie (Discovery School Site Manager), Paul McKenzie (Research & Development Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Jonathan Phipps (Secondary Instruction Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guest-

Theo DuBose (Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd)

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. 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, WBTV, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session- BCBK, GBC/D, JD, DJE, FGB, D

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, 2013-14 certified employment recommendations, 2013-14 classified employment recommendations, one personnel matter, a contractual property matter and a contractual services matter.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Open Session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance- BCB

At 7 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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/retirements of

- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Maria Valdivia Mora, 29-hour bi-lingual parent liaison
- **Discovery School** – Renee Wright, 29-hour art teacher
- **District Office** – Doug Graves, misc. temp./substitute courier (deceased)
- **Lancaster High** – Rachel Carter, nurse 1, LPN PMH
- **McDonald Green Elementary** – Midenna Anderson, first-grade teacher
- **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Lauren Smith, childcare instructor

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

- **Barr Street Learning Center** – Kathy Brown, site manager
- **Indian Land Elementary** – Rebecca Pennington, special education
- **McDonald Green Elementary** – Midenna Anderson, early childhood

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's classified employment recommendation for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

- **Indian Land Elementary** – Jennifer Costello, 29-hour classroom helper

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to extend the contract with Interstate Roofing maintenance services for a sixth year, effective Dec. 1, 2013, through Nov. 30, 2014, with the option to renew for the seventh and final year Dec. 1, 2014-Nov. 30, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to rate the superintendent outstanding in all seven areas of his evaluation.

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

The chair read the board's letter to Dr. Moore, which commended him for his energy, his passion for excellence and his commitment to effective leadership.

Dr. Moore thanked the board, stating his appreciation to the people he works with who make great things happen and his appreciation to the board for its support and its efforts to put children first in every decision it makes.

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the proposed changes to S.C. Code And Regulations 43-205.

Legislative update- LB

Trustees Awards- KHA

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

- **2013 U.S.C. College Counselor Advisory Board Member** – Brenda Ishmael, Indian Land High
- **2013 PSTA STAR Seminar Participant** – Jane Hudson, North Elementary

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Public forum- BCBI

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

Thelathia Barnes-Bailey from USC Lancaster addressed the board, giving them information on the upcoming Third Annual Soul Food Cook Off & Fundraiser. She stated that money raised goes to buy textbooks for needy students. She challenged the board, the district office and schools to form a team for the cookoff to help former district students.

Approval of consent action items- BCBD

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

- Minutes of Sept. 17 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
- YouthBuild monthly financial report (DC)

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

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

Resolution to approve regular monthly financial reports- DCH, DID

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

After discussion, Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the reports.

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

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

Fee-in-lieu-of-tax proposal- DA, LA

Dr. Moore reported that County Council administrator Steve Willis asked for the board's input on the proposal, which would be generated from taxes on the company coming through Project Vino.

The proposal would set aside 7% of school district revenue from the Project Vino company for future economic development activities. The money would pay for things like roads and water and sewer.

Mr. McCorkle and Mr. Sumner both stated that the school district did support economic development but did not feel the school district should support spending money intended for educating students on infrastructure items.

Ms. Gamble stated that economic development was important to the school district because it helped provide jobs for our students and graduates.

The chair stated that board members' comments would be forwarded to Mr. Willis.

Delegates to SCSBA Delegate Assembly- LD, DF

The chair called for board members to serve as delegates to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sumner and Ms. Taylor were nominated to serve as delegates.

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

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

Head Start grant application- DA

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Dr. Brevard and Dr. McKenzie, who reviewed the grant application.

After questions, Dr. Moore recommended the board vote to endorse the grant application.

A **MOTION** to approve the grant application was made and seconded.

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

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Recommendation to approve first reading of proposed Board Policy JGCE – Concussions and Student Athletes-
BDC, JGCE

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the proposed policy.

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

Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy KM – Visitors to Schools-
BDC, KM

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

A **MOTION** to approve 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.

- Early Head Start governance overview (IDDH)
- FY 2012-13 external audit update (DID)
- Update on sale of 8% GO bonds (DFD)
- Discovery School annual report (ID)
- Red Ribbon Week report (IDBB)
- National School Bus Safety Week (ED, JGG)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Common Core Standards-
IC

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Dr. Phipps, who gave the report.

Assessment reports-
– SAT 2012
– Advanced Placement
– End of Course
IDAF

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who gave the reports on the SAT 2012 results, the Advanced Placement results and the End of Course results.

Facilities update-
EB

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

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair