

Minutes

6 p.m., December 10, 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, Mary Etta Taylor (left early)

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Education Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Jonathan Phipps (Secondary Education Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Transportation Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guest-

Lisa Robbins, Catawba Regional Education Center

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. Faulkner 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, GBK, GBN, EB

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive retirements/resignations/terminations and 2013-14 classified employment recommendations and a legal 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.

Results of executive session- BCBK

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6 p.m.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In open session, a <u>MOTION</u> was made and seconded to accept the resignations of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Brooklyn Springs Elementary – Diane Wood, instructional assistant – Buford Middle – Kimberly Mullens, cafeteria operator; Donna Shelby, LD resource teacher – Erwin Elementary – Margaret Norsworthy, nurse – Indian Land Elementary – Alejandra Kaul, first-grade teacher – Indian Land High – Heather Morton, English teacher – Kershaw Elementary – Trent Jones, assistant principal – McDonald Green Elementary – Jody Contreras, nurse – South Middle – John Wilson, 29-hour classroom helper The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0). • In open session, a <u>MOTION</u> was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s classified employment recommendation for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Andrew Jackson High – Tommy Langley, bus driver – Barr Street Learning Center – Irma Gomillion, 29-hour teacher – Southside Early Childhood Center – Donna Horn, childcare instructor The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0).
<p>Legislative update- LB</p>	<p>No report.</p>
<p>Trustees Awards- KHA</p>	<p>On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 S.C. All-State Chorus – Scott Barrett, Lexi Fletcher, Amanda Mobley, Brandon Pardue and Eric Roberts, all of Andrew Jackson High • 2012-13 Class AA All-State Track Team – Raheem Carter and Briana Wright, Andrew Jackson High • 2012-13 Class AA All-State Softball Team – Haley Faulkenberry, Andrew Jackson High • 2012-13 Class AA All-State Soccer Team – Trevor Hammond, Andrew Jackson High • 2012-13 Class AA All-State Baseball Team – Tripp Rollings, Andrew Jackson High • 2012-13 National Promising Practice in Character Education – <i>Extending Learning and Empowering Students</i> program, Indian Land Middle
<p>Public forum- BCBI</p>	<p>The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. No one addressed the board.</p>
<p>Approval of consent action items- BCBD</p>	<p>The chair called for approval of the consent action items below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Nov. 19 regular meeting (BCBH) • FY 2012-13 external audit (DID) • FY 2012-13 external procurement audit (DID) • Early Head Start monthly financial reports (DC) • YouthBuild monthly financial reports (DC) <p>The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0).</p>
<p>Board/superintendent planning meeting- BCAF</p>	<p>Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and asked that the board consider Jan. 31-Feb. 1 or 7-8 as dates for the planning meeting.</p>

Regular monthly financial report-
DCH

Board members will email to the superintendent which of the dates works for them. The date for the planning meeting will then be set based on the date best for the majority of the board.

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 (6-0).

Name of new elementary school on Harrisburg Road-
FDC

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who reviewed the recommendations and the input received from the community.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the recommendation.

Ms. Gamble stated she would not vote for the recommendation because she objected to using Tomahawks as the mascot. She felt a mascot should be a person or animal, and she felt using a weapon as the mascot could send a mixed message.

Mr. Faulkner did have some concerns with using Tomahawks as the mascot and wondered if a student would get in trouble for bringing a tomahawk to school.

Mr. Sumner stated that the board had appointed a committee to come up with the name, mascot and colors and that because the committee worked hard to make a recommendation the committee considered appropriate, he believed the board should approve the recommendation as presented.

Ms. Dabney asked if the mascot could be changed later if problems arose.

The superintendent stated the board could change the mascot if problems arose.

The motion PASSED 5-1 (Yes - Ms. Dabney, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sumner / No - Ms. Gamble).

Attendance lines for new elementary school on Harrisburg Road-
JBCBC/D

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reviewed proposed attendance lines and said he had no calls about the proposed lines and that no one came to the two scheduled input times.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the recommendation.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Receipt of 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.

- District Spelling Bee – Jan. 28 (IH)
- End-of-semester schedule (AEA)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching Program* (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 12 & 13 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Catawba Regional Education Center update-
MD/MDA

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Robbins who showed the board a video about the center and reviewed how she worked to bring schools and businesses together and to promote Personal Pathways to Success.

She then reviewed the contents of packets given to board members:

- a flyer on the upcoming financial aid workshop for students Feb. 22 at USCL and York Tech.
- information on professional development sessions offered to educators by the center.
- information on history of Personal Pathways to Success.
- information on the Center's Summer Externship Program, which Indian Land High guidance counselor Brenda Ishmael took part in during Summer 2013.
- information on the Center's Education & Business Luncheon, when students and business leaders came together to discuss employability skills.
- information on the Center's Education & Business Workforce Development Summit, when keynote speakers talk about the importance of education and business working together to grow a more qualified workforce in the state.
- information on the Certify Your Workforce program.

Facilities update

LB

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who gave the update. He reported that construction on the new elementary school on Harrisburg Road was on schedule and that

- a wing of new school is mostly dried in,
- the other wings should be dried in by mid-January,
- internal framing of A and C wings is almost complete and
- above-ground plumbing and electrical are almost complete.

Adjournment-

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair wished those present a safe and happy holiday and adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Chair