

Minutes

6 p.m., February 18, 2014, 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-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Jonathan Phipps (Secondary Instruction Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Beth Branham (SCSBA), Robert Burns (Burns Ford Mercury)

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. McCorkle 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, terminations, certified employment recommendations, an administrative employment recommendation and classified employment recommendations.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0 Ms. Dabney

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 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 – Deborah Rivers, teacher

- Brooklyn Springs Elementary – Gypsy Timmons, instructional assistant; Patricia Wagner, teacher
- Buford Elementary – Magaret Davis, teacher; Patricia Taylor, cafeteria operator
- Buford High – Kathryn Tiller, teacher
- District Office – Charles Carpenter, computer tech III
- Heath Springs Elementary – Sheri Watson, principal
- Indian Land Elementary – Cecelia Hernandez, teacher
- Indian Land High – Christopher Whitlow, teacher
- Indian Land Middle – Laking Priester, teacher
- Lancaster High – Sara Fleming, teacher; Venise Grier, instructional facilitator; David Helms, teacher; Patricia Mahaffee, teacher; James Shute, guidance
- South Middle – Justin Thomas, teacher
- Southside Early Childhood Center – Lynette Garris, 29-hour classroom helper

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 2013-14 school year
 - A.R. Rucker Middle –Deborah Rivers, language arts teacher
 - Lancaster High – Bobby Collins, physical education teacher; Venise Grier, special education teacher

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendation for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year
 - Heath Springs Elementary – Sheri Watson, principal

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 2013-14 school year
 - Andrew Jackson High – Joseph Huger, bus driver
 - Andrew Jackson Middle –April Deese, nurse
 - Brooklyn Springs Elementary –Nina Faulkenberry, nurse
 - Buford Elementary – Patricia Taylor, food service

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

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

**Legislative update-
LB**

Dr. Moore gave a brief summary of the proposed bill to allow school boards to waive up to three days missed for inclement weather.

He also referred the board to the agenda for information on other bills related to education that are being considered.

**Special recognition-
KA**

On behalf of the board, the chair recognized Robert Burns of Burns Ford Mercury and SCSBA President Beth Branham. Branham presented the company with a *Champions for Public Education* award for its outstanding support of our school district.

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

- On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to
- **2014 SCSBA *Champions for Public Education* Award**
 - Burns Ford Mercury
 - **2014 National Junior Beta Club State Convention Arts & Crafts Competition first-place watercolor –**
 - Feride Ertrual, McDonald Green Elementary

- **2014 National Junior Beta Club State Convention Arts & Crafts Competition first-place photography** – Ashton Neal, McDonald Green Elementary
- **2014 National Beta Club Harris Leadership Award** – Hope Jewett, Buford High
- **2013-14 S.C. Junior Scholars**
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle**– Hallie Caroway, Thomas Holland, Laurel Howard, Harrison Latham, Puja Patel, Katelyn Prete, Matthew Rivers
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Hannah Adams, Tucker Adams, Lynleigh Blackmon, Riley Blackmon, Natalie Bowers, Makayla Branham, Morgan Eason, Rachel Greene-Phillips, Alaina Houghtaling, Ashley Kirk, Amber Mungo, Savannah Small

**Public forum-
BCBI**

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. No one addressed the board.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 21 regular meeting and Feb. 7 & 8 planning meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)
- YouthBuild monthly financial report (IDDH)

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

**Recommendation to approve
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
school budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the 2013-14 school budget revisions and answered board members' questions. Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions. A **MOTION** to approve the school budget revisions was made and seconded. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
district-wide budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the district-wide budget revisions for 2013-14 and answered board members' questions. Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions. A **MOTION** to approve the district-wide budget revisions was made and seconded. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
debt service revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the debt service budget revisions for 2013-14 and answered board members' questions. A **MOTION** to approve the debt service budget revisions 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.

- 2014 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- Science Fair winners (ID)
- Black History Month activities (ID)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching* Program (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – April 29 & 30 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Budget update-
DCC**

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

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair