

# Minutes

6:15 p.m., April 15, 2014, 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, Bill Sumner and Mary Etta Taylor

### Board members absent-

Bobby Parker (Chair)

### District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Kathy Durbin (Student Services 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) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

### Press-

Reece Murphy (The Lancaster News)

### Citizens-

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## Open Session

### Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 6:15 p.m., the vice chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Taylor 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, DJE

The vice chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, retirements, classified employment recommendations and one contractual property matter.

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

## Open Session

### Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance-

BCB

At 7 p.m., the vice chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### Results of executive session-

BCBK

The vice chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6:20 p.m.

- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the resignations/retirements of
  - **Andrew Jackson High** – Paul Clayton, band director
  - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Patricia Awbrey, teacher
  - **Discovery School** – Susan Hinson, teacherThe motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In open session, a <b>MOTION</b> was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's classified employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year of<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Facilities &amp; Maintenance</b> – Kenneth Shurley, maintenance apprentice</li><li>– <b>Human Resources</b> – Margaret Small, administrative assistant</li></ul>The motion <b>PASSED</b> unanimously (6-0). The vice chair reported that the board had completed its executive session business.</li></ul>
<p><b>Legislative update- LB</b></p>	<p>Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handouts and reported that the update included information on the <i>SC Read To Succeed Act</i>, the <i>Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act</i> and the bill eliminating the High School Exit Exam.</p>
<p><b>Public forum- BCBI</b></p>	<p>The vice 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><b>Approval of consent action items- BCBD</b></p>	<p>The vice chair called for approval of the consent action items below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes of March 18 regular meeting and April 10 called board meeting (BCBH)</li><li>• Early Head Start monthly financial reports (IDDH)</li><li>• YouthBuild monthly financial reports (IDDH)</li><li>• Recommendation to approve textbook adoptions</li></ul> A <b>MOTION</b> to approve the items was made and seconded. The motion <b>PASSED</b> unanimously (6-0).
<p><b>Regular monthly financial report- DCH</b></p>	<p>Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report. A <b>MOTION</b> to approve the item was made and seconded. The motion <b>PASSED</b> unanimously (6-0).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation to approve companies for staff annuities payroll- EGAE</b></p>	<p>Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Conner, who reviewed the companies for payroll deduction for staff annuities – AXA, Horace Mann, ING and MetLife. Dr. Moore recommended the companies be approved for payroll deductions. A <b>MOTION</b> to approve the resolution was made and seconded. The motion <b>PASSED</b> unanimously (6-0).</p>
<p><b>Recommendation to approve officer/board nominations, SCSBA resolutions &amp; constitutional changes- MGB</b></p>	<p>Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the forms and deadlines for the nominations, resolutions and constitutional changes. No action was taken and the item will be placed on the May 20 board agenda.</p>
<p><b>Consent information items- BCBD</b></p>	<p>The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items. The reports were emailed to board members before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spring testing dates (IH)</li><li>• High school graduation/baccalaureate schedules (IHF)</li><li>• Schedule for the end-of-semester (AEA)</li><li>• Teacher Appreciation Week activities (GAD)</li><li>• <i>Celebration of Excellence</i> update (GBQ, GCO, IA)</li><li>• School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week–May 6-10 (EE)</li><li>• School Bus Driver Appreciation Week–May 5-9 (ED)</li></ul>

- National Nurses Week–May 6-12 (ED)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Accountability update-  
GAD**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn, who showed a PowerPoint and reviewed state assessments given and dates for those assessments.

Dr. Moore then referred board members to the letter sent to the State Board of Education by Dr. Zais, informing the state board he was exercising his authority to pull South Carolina from the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium, despite the state board's vote not to exit the consortium.

Dr. Moore stated that because of the state debate over Common Core and the state superintendent's action, no one is sure which state assessments will be used next year.

**FY 2014-15 budget update-  
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who gave the update and reported that work was continuing internally on the budget.

The state budget is now in the Senate Finance Committee and still has the same per pupil funding levels as the House and Governor's proposals. No increase in teacher salaries is included in any versions of the state budget.

Dr. Moore asked that board members check their calendars and let him know if May 8 would work for a budget work session.

**Capital Project Sales Tax information-  
FG**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the request from County Council to the public for suggestions on how the county should use the remaining revenue from the county's one-cent sales tax.

Dr. Moore then referred board members to the suggestion form and asked the board to consider at the upcoming budget work session a suggestion on a school district capital improvement project for the tax.

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the vice chair adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair