

Summary

6 p.m., August 19, 2014, District Board

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

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In attendance

- **Board** – Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Bill Sumner, Mary Etta Taylor
- **District office** – Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Education Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)
- **Guests** – None
- **Citizens** – 131
- **Press** – Reece Murphy, *The Lancaster News*

Executive session results

The chair reported results of executive session.

- In open session, **MOTION** made and seconded to accept the resignations of
 - **Erwin Elementary**– Lakeisha Lightner, instructional assistant
 - **Harrisburg Elementary**– Robert Barnes, computer lab coordinator; Crystal Shrader, PMD nurse
 - **Indian Land Elementary**– Lisa Citro, physical ed teacher
 - **Kershaw Elementary**– Donna Harrison, instructional assistant
 - **Lancaster High**– Jade Jump, Spanish teacher**PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle**– Jerry Smalls, music education
 - **Buford Elementary**– Cynthia Ellis, early childhood
 - **Buford High**– Gayle Posipanko, agriculture
 - **Clinton Elementary**– Darrell Brunson, elementary; Katherine Perry, elementary; Erica Sanders, special education
 - **Indian Land Elementary**– Michael Stockton, physical education
 - **McDonald Green Elementary**– Robin Bello, English**PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made and seconded to accept the superintendent's non-certified employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year
 - **A. R. Rucker Middle**– Courtney Sanchez, 29-hour receptionist
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle**– Elizabeth Neal, instructional assistant
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary**– Elisha Evans, food service; Phyllis Massey, food service
 - **Buford Elementary**– Mary McGriff, food service
 - **Buford Middle**– Toni Flynn, 29-hour receptionist; Susan Johnson, food service
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Tandra Jowers, instructional assistant
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Melissa Lewis, instructional assistant
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Brandi Elliott, instructional assistant; Michelle Reid, instructional assistant
 - **Indian Land Middle**– Gary Fago, instructional assistant
 - **Lancaster High**– Sara Jordan, instructional assistant
 - **South Middle**– Charles Snipes, instructional assistant**PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made and seconded to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendation for the 2014-15 school year.
 - **Buford High**– Martin Orr, interim assistant principal**PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made and seconded to reappoint Rick Chandler as school board attorney for 2014-15.
PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Open session

- **Legislative update** – Dr. Moore stated the district had no further information on the legislative action to report.
- **Trustees Awards** – The chair called Trustees Awards recipients up and presented them with their awards.

- **Celebrate Great Teaching Award recipients** – The board recognized Beginning Celebrate Great Teaching Award recipient Patrick Marshall, Elementary School Celebrate Great Teaching Award recipient Michelle Griffin, High School Celebrate Great Teaching Award recipient Steve Knight and Middle School and District Celebrate Great Teaching Award recipient Mary Beth Mize.
- **School cafeteria inspection results** – The chair presented certificates to the cafeteria managers whose cafeterias received 100% rating from DHEC. He praised the managers and Ms. McCrorey for their leadership and hard work to achieve these ratings.
- **Public forum** – Retired educator Stella Williams addressed the board, thanking them for their support of children and told them about her program, United Heritage Total Outreach. She said the program served 34 children during its summer camp to make sure no child goes to school without the basic skills needed to succeed. She encouraged board members to visit the Preston Blackmon Success Center and pledged that her program would do whatever it could to help the district help children succeed.
- **Consent action items** – **MOTION** made & seconded to approve as emailed with no discussion. **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
 - Approval of minutes of **July 15 regular meeting, July 31 called board meeting** and **August 12 called board meeting**
 - Recommendation to approve **Early Head Start monthly financial report**
 - Recommendation to approve **YouthBuild monthly financial report**
- **Discussion action items**
 - Recommendation to approve **Regular monthly financial report** – Mr. Walker had to leave the meeting early because of a family emergency, so Dr. Moore gave the report, stating that revenues and expenditures were in line.
MOTION made & seconded to approve recommendation.
PASSED unanimously (7-0).
- **Consent information items** (Accepted as emailed with no discussion)
 - FY 2013-14 **external audit update**
 - EIA \$250 **teacher supplies reimbursement update**
 - 2014 student **scholarship totals**
 - Welcome Back, Teachers activities – **memo** and **flyer**
 - **Invitation** to Chamber of Commerce State of Education Breakfast August 26
 - South Carolina School Boards Association **information**
- **Discussion information items**
 - **Assessment reports** – Dr. Moore gave an overview of the testing results, noting that changes and indecision about which tests students were having a huge impact on teachers' ability to prepare students for testing.
 - **PASS** – Ms. Quinn and Ms. Blackwell reviewed the state and district results.
 - **HSAP** – Ms. Quinn reviewed the state and district results.
 - **Facilities update** – Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who reported that construction on Harrisburg Elementary was basically complete and that the opening went smoothly. He said he was amazed at how much work teachers could do in one week. He reported that students, staff and parents seemed very pleased with the facility.

Mr. Small also reported that the HVAC and light renovations at Andrew Jackson Middle was complete and had really improved the building's appearance and efficiency.

He also reported that the renovations to the Andrew Jackson High biology and chemistry labs were complete, making a dramatic improvement in instructional opportunities for students and teachers.
 - **Opening of school update** – Dr. Moore reported he visited every school in the district. He reported that the Harrisburg opening went very smoothly. District office staff members were assigned to every school for the morning and reported smooth openings across the district. Dr. Moore commended school and district staff members for all they did to make the great opening possible.
- **Adjourned** – 8:29 p.m.