

Minutes

6 p.m., July 15, 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

Board members absent-

Mary Etta Taylor

District personnel-

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

Guest-

Theo DuBose (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.)

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. Sumner 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, WRHI and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session-

BBE, BCBK, EB, GBC/D, GBO, GBN

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations/retirements, the superintendent's administrative, certified and classified employment recommendations, two contractual services matters and one 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 7:02 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 had held an executive session at 6:15 p.m.

- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the resignations/retirements of
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Ashley Berryhill, teacher; Peggy Tyre, teacher

- **Andrew Jackson High** – Shemicka Jones, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Genese Bracy, teacher
- **Buford Elementary** – Sydnie Shaw, guidance counselor
- **Buford Middle** – Nannette Carnes, teacher; Cathy Hucks, teacher
- **Clinton Elementary** – Brandy Speake, teacher
- **Indian Land High** – Brooke Reed, teacher
- **Indian Land Middle** – Heather Mendelsohn, teacher; Debra Miller, assistant principal
- **Kershaw Elementary** – Rebekah Branham, teacher
- **Lancaster High** – Ruth Lail, bus driver routing coordinator; Madalina Tudora, teacher
- **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Michelle McCullough, childcare instructor

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year:
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Shawna Winters, physical education
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – LeighAnn Edmondson, special education/learning disabilities
 - **Buford High** – Keta Stogner, business/marketing/computer technology
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Jason Byrne, physical education
 - **Heath Springs Elementary** – William Vogel III, music education-instrumental
 - **Indian Land Elementary** – Ammie Crocker, early childhood; Lindsey Scheppegrell, elementary
 - **Indian Land High** – Amanda Beckham, science
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Shawni Beasley, language arts; Melanie Price, language arts/social studies; Wendi Ramadan, elementary
 - **Indian Land Middle/Harrisburg Elementary** – Kailee Rose, special education/learning disabilities
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Meredith Herchek, elementary; Rebecca Guzewicz, music
 - **North Elementary** – Danielle Chubb, early childhood

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year:
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Valisha Singleton, assistant principal
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Angela Steele, assistant principal

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's classified employment recommendations for the 2014-15 school year:
 - **District Office** – Cara Cox, procurement specialist; Jennifer Prete, computer tech II
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Lynn Rosacco, administrative assistant

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, motion made & seconded to extend the contract with Tommy Burr's Landscaping for the 2014-15 school year, with the option to renew for 2015-16.

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The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, motion made & seconded to exempt KR Systems from the bid process and contract with the firm to provide security systems and services to our district.
The motion passed unanimously (6-0).
The chair reported the board had completed its executive session business.

**Legislative update-
LB**

There was nothing to report this month.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Sun City resident Joe McShea addressed the board, stating that he moved here four years ago and has found it to be a fantastic place, with people who are so friendly and great community leaders. He stated that he wished his son had told him about the county sooner. He then stated he is concerned about the approval of an ordinance by county council allowing cluster developments throughout the county and the lack of provisions to insure that the county and the school district could provide the infrastructure to support these developments – in particular, roads and schools. He gave as an example, the proposed TreeTops Reserve Development, that would have 875 homes. He stated that he is a former school teacher and supports new schools and thinks the new schools we've built are great, but he knows the proposed \$500 fee to the school district for each new home would not come close to paying for a new school. He says he heard an official say at the county council meeting last night that the county had asked for input from the district on the fee 30 days ago, but had received none. He is not asking for developers to pay total cost of schools, but he doesn't think it's right for infrastructure costs for these new developments to push taxes so high that people who have lived here all their lives are forced out of their homes because they can't afford the taxes. He urged the board – if it hasn't already – to communicate with the county and let the county know the impact these developments would have on the district.

**Approval of consent action items-
BC**

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

- Minutes of June 24 public hearing, June 24 called meeting and June 24 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
- YouthBuild monthly financial report (DC)

**Recommendation to approve
resolution to sell 8% general
obligation bonds for debt service
and capital improvement projects-
DFD**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Mr. Walker, who explained the purpose for the resolution and introduced Mr. DuBose, who reviewed the 8% general obligation bonds.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the resolution.
A MOTION to approve sale of the bonds was made and seconded.
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve
monthly financial report-
DC**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who stated that there is no written monthly financial report as the department reconciles end-of-year

**Consent information items-
BCBD**

**Chamber of Commerce Youth
Leadership program-
LB**

reports and the audit is completed; however Mr. Walker reported that all expenditures and revenues were in order. He also reviewed investments.

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

A MOTION to approve the report was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items. The reports were emailed to board members before the meeting.

- Emergency procurements, sole source procurements, trade-ins update, money spent with minority vendors (DJE)
- Discovery School lottery update (ID)
- Registration dates (AEA)
- Opening of school – Aug. 15 for sixth and ninth graders and Aug. 18 for other students (AEA)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Dr. Moore introduced Mr. Faile. who briefed the board on the new *Youth Leadership* program. He reported the program came about as a result of the chamber's goal in its strategic plan to promote leadership development. The chamber identified four strategies for meeting that goal:

- Continue *Leadership Lancaster* for new leaders
- Begin a *Candidates Academy* for people interested in running for office
- Begin a *Youth Leadership* program for high school students
- Begin a *Leader In Me* program for elementary students

To help fund these programs, the chamber has begun a *Chamber Champion* program, that allows chamber members to sponsor chamber initiatives.

The *Youth Leadership* program's goals are

- raise awareness of our county's government, businesses, history and resources;
- help students build relationships with students in other schools;
- build pride in our county; and
- encourage students to live and work here.

A chamber committee has been working to create the program. As part of that work, a group – including Dr. Moore and Dr. Blackwell – visited the Iredell-Statesville youth leadership program and was impressed with the positive attitudes the program generated about the area in participants.

The committee has

- drafted selection criteria that would target the top 30% of each high school's juniors as well as student leaders who may not be in the top 30%;
- drafted the letter inviting students to apply;
- drafted a program to include five to six days that begins in October and includes engaging activities;
- decided to limit the first group to no more than 30 students.

Dr. Moore suggested the students be asked to attend a board meeting in the spring after the program is finished to share their views on the program with the board. Mr. Faile agreed and said the board would be invited to the program graduation so board members could get an idea of the success of the program.

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Head Start grant update- IDDH

Dr. Moore recognized Dr. Blackwell, who gave the board the information below.

- The \$1.1 million grant will provide 151 slots for pre-k and 140 for 4k, which would bring the number of children we serve to 291.
- The implementation committee met this week and decided the program would have eight classes taught by certified teachers with assistants who have at least two-year college degrees.
- The curriculum will be aligned with our kindergarten curriculum and will include activities to expose students to technology such as tablets and smart boards.
- Funding for transporting students to and from the program is included in the grant, as well as training for teachers and training for the school board.

Facilities update- FG

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who reported that the final state inspection is this Friday and that he feels very good about how ready the facility is for the inspection.

Mock inspections have been held all week to prepare for Friday, and although he knows the inspector will find things that need to be corrected, he is sure we have time to fix them so that school can start on time.

He also reported that the HVAC and lighting project at Andrew Jackson Middle is on schedule for completion before school begins.

Adjournment- BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair