

# Minutes

6 p.m., August 19, 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, Bill Sumner, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Mary Etta Taylor

### Board members absent-

None

### District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Education 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) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

### Guests:

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### 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. Ms. Gamble 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-

BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, GBN, DFN, BBE, CEI

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, 2014-15 certified, non-certified and administrative employment recommendations, one contractual services matter, one contractual property matter and the superintendent's evaluation.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

## Open Session

### Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance-

BCB

At 7:05 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 reported results of executive session.

- In open session, a MOTION was 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 education teacher
  - **Kershaw Elementary**– Donna Harrison, instructional assistant
  - **Lancaster High**– Jade Jump, Spanish teacher
- 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 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

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was 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

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 2014-15 school year

- **Buford High**– Martin Orr, interim assistant principal

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to reappoint Rick Chandler as school board attorney.

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

**Trustees Awards-  
KHA**

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to

- **2014 S.C. Music Educators Assoc. Sight Reading – First Place**
- **2014 S.C. Music Educators Assoc. Performance – First Place**  
Women’s Ensemble, Andrew Jackson High
- **2014 International Junior Civitan Honor Club**
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan**  
**Special Friends Category – First Place**  
**Social Causes Category – First Place**  
Buford High Junior Civitan chapter
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan Adviser of the Year**  
Jennifer Mills, Buford High

- **2014-15 S.C. Junior Civitan Area II Lieutenant Governor**  
Brooke Self, Buford High
- **2014-15 S.C. Junior Civitan Public Relations Coordinator**  
Carlie Hill, Buford High
- **2014 International & S.C. Junior Civitan Club of the Year**
- **2014 International & S.C. Junior Civitan Community Project of the Year**
- **2014 International Junior Civitan Foundation Award Honor Club of Distinction**
- **2014 International Junior Civitan Honor Club**
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan Environmental Project of the Year, Campus Project of the Year, Give-a-Can – First Place, CIRC – First Place, Most Service Hours**  
Lancaster High Junior Civitan Chapter
- **2014 S.C. Civinettes Fun Fest – First Place**  
Lancaster High Junior Civinettes
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan of the Year**  
Tyler Ferguson, Lancaster High
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan Club President of the Year**
- **2014 S.C. Junior Civitan Most Service Hours – Individual**  
Bryce Blanton, Lancaster High
- **2014-15 S.C. Junior Civitan Secretary**  
Seth Phillips, Lancaster High
- **2014-15 S.C. Junior Civitan Deputy Governor**  
Dilon Patel, Lancaster High
- **2014 Character Education Partnership Promising Practice Award**  
Indian Land Middle’s “Meet in the Middle: Focusing on Transitions”
- **2014 S.C. Olde English Consortium Academic Challenge Division II State Champions**  
Indian Land High Academic Challenge team
- **2014 HSTW Work Platinum High Achievement Award**  
Indian Land High
- **S.C. Governor’s School for the Arts & Humanities’ 2014 Discovery Summer Program**  
Trenedy Hayden, South Middle

Also, Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Sumner were presented pins and certificates for attaining Level 5 and Level 4, respectively, in the Boardmanship Institute, sponsored by SCSBA.

Dr. Moore referred the board to the appropriate agenda page and recognized Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Dutton reviewed their process and introduced the 2014-15 Celebrate Great Teaching recipients.

- Beginning Great Teaching Award recipient – Patrick Marshall, Buford High;
- Elementary School Award recipient – Michelle Griffin, Buford Elementary;
- Middle School and District Award recipient – Mary Beth Mize, Buford Middle; and
- High School Award recipient – Steve Knight, Andrew Jackson High

The board and Dr. Moore congratulated the recipients and nominees and thanked them for the great things they do for students.

**Recognition of 2014-2015  
Celebrate Great Teaching  
Award Recipients-  
GAD**

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### Recognition of school cafeteria staff- EE, KHA

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- BCBI

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

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.

### Approval of consent action items- BCBD

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

- Minutes of July 15 regular board meeting, July 31 called meeting, August 12 called meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
- YouthBuild monthly financial report (DC)
- A **MOTION** to approve the consent items without discussion was made and seconded.

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

### Regular financial report- DCH, DID

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and gave the report, stating that revenues and expenditures were in line. Mr. Walker had to leave early due to a family emergency.

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

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.

- FY 2013-14 external audit (DID)
- EIA \$250 teacher supplies reimbursement update (DIG)
- 2014 student scholarship totals (IA)
- *Welcome Back, Teachers* activities (AEA)
- Invitation to Chamber's State of Education breakfast (LB)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

### Assessment reports- IH

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who gave the reports.

### Facilities update- EB

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 were 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, dramatically improving instructional opportunities for students and teachers.

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**Opening of school update-**  
AEA

Dr. Moore reported he visited every school in the district during the first day of school.

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.

**Adjournment-**  
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair