

Summary

6 p.m., Oct. 21, 2014, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

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In attendance

- **Board** – Janice Dabney (Secretary), Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Tyrom Faulkner, 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 Instruction Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)
- **Guests** – Coalition for Healthy Youth members LaNisha Blair, Chief Harlene Carter, Sheriff Barry Faile, Donna Herchek, Reggie Lowery, Dr. Charlene McGriff, Paul McKenzie, Sharon Novinger, Jeff Phillips, Melody Reid and Adrienne Witherspoon
- **Citizens** – 113
- **Press** – Reece Murphy, *The Lancaster News*

Executive session results

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Open session

- **Legislative update** – Dr. Moore reported that the Nov. 4 election was a chance to support candidates who support public education, and he urged all employees to get out and vote for pro-education candidates.
- **Trustees Awards** – On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to
 - **2014 SCAPES Teacher of the Year Award** – Middle School Physical Education Level – Kathy Sullivan, Buford Middle
 - **2014 SCSBIT Workers' Compensation Performance Award** – Lancaster County School District
 - **2013-14 S.C. PASS Test Perfect Score**

English section

- » Sydney Burbach, Indian Land Middle
- » Kaley Crosby, Indian Land Middle
- » Parker Deese, Heath Springs Elementary
- » Joey Effren, Indian Land Elementary
- » Ryan Geese, Indian Land Elementary
- » Samantha Howie, Indian Land Middle
- » Trevor Lynch, Indian Land Elementary
- » Grace Yegge, Indian Land Elementary

Math section

- » Maddison Bosch, Indian Land Elementary
- » David Cook, Indian Land Elementary
- » Parker Deese, Heath Springs Elementary
- » Emma Grace Estridge, Kershaw Elementary
- » Richmond Fang, Indian Land Elementary
- » Nolan Hook, Indian Land Elementary
- » Jacob Letterman, Indian Land Elementary
- » Garrin Waiksnis, Indian Land Elementary

Science section

- » Christopher Hensel, Indian Land Middle

Social Studies section

- » Thomas Clingenpeel, Indian Land Middle

Writing section

- » Grayson Bockman, Indian Land Middle
- » Thomas Clingenpeel, Indian Land Middle
- » Kaley Crosby, Indian Land Middle
- » Aidan Urquhart, Indian Land Elementary

- **Public forum** – Anthony Pelham addressed the board, accusing the district of half-truths about its hiring practices and reprimanded the board for not meeting with his group of concerned citizens to explain the process and criteria for filling the position. He demanded the district respond to a list of questions he had on the hiring process.
- **Consent action items** – **MOTION** made & seconded to approve consent items as emailed with no discussion. **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
 1. Approval of minutes of **September 16 regular meeting**
 2. **Early Head Start** monthly financial report
 3. **Head Start** monthly financial report
 4. **YouthBuild** monthly financial report
- **Discussion action items**
 1. Recommendation to approve the **Regular monthly financial report** – Mr. Walker reported revenues and expenditures were in line.
MOTION made & seconded to approve the report. **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
 2. Delegates to **SCSBA Delegate Assembly** – The board named Ms. Dabney, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Parker and Mr. Sumner as delegates.
- **Consent information items** (Accepted as emailed with no discussion)
 1. Early Head Start **Governance overview**
 2. FY 2013-14 **external audit update**
 3. Update on sale of **8% General Obligation Bonds**
 4. **Red Ribbon Week** report
 5. National School **Bus Safety Week**
 6. South Carolina School Boards Association **information**
- **Discussion information items**
 1. Coalition for Healthy Youth – Co-chair Donna Herchek and Dr. McKenzie reviewed the coalition's work and the decreases in drunk driving and underage drinking resulting from that work. Ms. Herchek especially praised law enforcement for its work to enforce laws against underage drinking and drunk driving.
 2. Grants update – Dr. McKenzie stated that on average, the district brings in \$3-4 million in grants each year, but this year, the district brought in more than \$12 million in grants. He then reviewed each of the grants received (Click on blue link)
 3. **Student Learning Objectives** overview – Mr. Dutton and Dr. Blackwell reviewed the district's work on the objectives and the timeline for completing the project.
 4. Assessment reports – Ms. Quinn reviewed the reports.
 - **SAT**
 - **Advanced Placement**
 - **End of Course**
 3. **Facilities update** – Mr. Small reported that the district is waiting on OSF to approve plans for the restrooms at the Andrew Jackson High baseball field and the Lancaster High track. Plans are being designed for HVAC/electrical renovations at Lancaster High Career Center next summer.

- **Adjourned** – 8:46 p.m.

