

Minutes

6 p.m., September 16, 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 and Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Education Director), LaVilla Brevard (Project Coordinator), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Education 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:

None

Press-

Reece Murphy (*The Lancaster News*)

Citizens-

78 people attended

Open Session

Call to order and invocation- BABA

At 6 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. McCorkle 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, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session- BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, CGD, GBN, FGB, DC, CEI

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, certified employment recommendations, an administrative employment recommendation and non-certified employment recommendations, one personnel matter, one legal matter, one contractual services matter, one contractual property matter, receipt of legal advice and superintendent's evaluation.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded.

Open Session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance- BCB

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

At 7 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle**– April Deese, school nurse; Sherry Haskell, special education teacher
 - **Buford Elementary**– Emily Avery, cafeteria cashier; Lavern Patterson, cafeteria operator
 - **Erwin Elementary**– Sharon Baker, instructional assistant
 - **Harrisburg Elementary**– Toscha Carroll, part-time cafeteria operator; Marleen Haleem, cafeteria cashier
 - **Indian Land Elementary**– Pamela Frick, media specialist
 - **Indian Land High**– Curley Moore, bus driver; Alexander Stincer, bus driver
 - **South Middle**– Erica Brown, special education teacher
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center**– Annie Jenkins, child care instructor

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
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary**– Rebecca Vincent, early childhood
 - **Harrisburg Elementary**– Hollyanne Shiplett, early childhood
 - **Indian Land Elementary**– Markelle Urtz, media specialist
 - **Indian Land High**– Amanda Mancilla-Kimbrough, Spanish
 - **South Middle**– Debra McCauley, special education
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center**– Melissa Bumgardner, Nikki Carter, Katelynn Faris, Robin Kirk, Jennifer Parker, all are early childhood

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

- **District Office**– Angela Vaughan, instructional specialist

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

- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary**– Rosa Lopez, instructional assistant
- **Buford Elementary**– Dorothy Catoe, food services
- **Buford High**– Zachary Newton, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Clinton Elementary**– Traci Lobeck, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Harrisburg Elementary**– Susan Boyd, PMD classroom nurse; Martha Fowler, food services; Heather Hofmeister, instructional assistant
- **Indian Land Elementary**– Susanne Mallekoote, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Indian Land High**– Michelle Banks, school nurse; Heather Breedlove, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Kershaw Elementary**– Helen Chester, instructional assistant
- **Lancaster High**– Mablean McWhirter, bus driver; Angela Stacks, PMD classroom nurse
- **LearnTV**– Torrey Clyburn, Technician I
- **South Middle**– Marilu Perez, parent coordinator
- **Student Services**– Catherine Harris, administrative assistant

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

**Legislative update-
LB**

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to grant an easement for a water line in Buford to Lancaster County Water & Sewer.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to grant an easement for a sewer line in Indian Land to Lancaster County Water & Sewer.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
The chair reported the board completed its executive session business.

Dr. Moore reported that, at the statewide superintendents' meeting, the group discussed the new teacher evaluation the state is developing. The group plans to request the state delay implementation given the uncertainty surrounding testing and other issues.

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

- On behalf of the board, the chair presented a Trustees Award to
- **2014 Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center Participants**– Blanche Bruce, A.R. Rucker Middle; Jessica Guidry and Christopher Davis, Indian Land Middle and Donna Graves, South Middle
 - **2013-14 S.C. Dept. of Education Palmetto Gold Award - General Performance**– Andrew Jackson High, Buford High, Indian Land Elementary, Indian Land High, Indian Land Middle and North Elementary
 - **2013-14 S.C. Dept. of Education Palmetto Gold Award - Closing the Achievement Gap**– Indian Land High
 - **2013-14 S.C. Dept. of Education Palmetto Silver Award - General Performance**– A.R. Rucker Middle, Brooklyn Springs Elementary and Discovery School
 - **2014 S.C. Class AA All-State Golf Team**
Logan Sowell, Andrew Jackson High

**Public forum-
BCBI**

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward.
Rev. Anthony Pelham addressed the board, accusing the district of injustice and discriminatory practices in the hiring of the secondary education director. He demanded the board meet with him and a group of concerned citizens to explain the process and criteria for filling the position.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

- The chair called for approval of the consent action items below.
- Minutes of August 19 board hearing (BCBH)
 - Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
 - Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
 - YouthBuild monthly financial report (DC)
- A **MOTION** to approve the items was made and seconded.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve
regular financial report-
DCH, DID**

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report.
Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the report.
A **MOTION** to approve the report was made and seconded.
The **MOTION** passed unanimously (7-0).

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**Delegates to the SCSBA
Delegate Assembly-
LD, DF**

The chair called for board members to serve as delegates to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly. The board did not name delegates and will decide at its October meeting.

**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 update (DID)
- FY 2013-14 School Athletic Activities Financial report (DK)
- 2014-15 15-day Average Daily Membership Report (JB)
- Summer programs (IDCA)
 - Enrollment in summer programs
 - EAA middle school summer programs
 - High school summer school
- Teacher Attendance Incentive Program update (GBRI, GBRIB)
- Five-year Gifted/Talented program update (IDDD)
- Communities-In-Schools year-end report (LB)
- National School Lunch Week Oct. 13-17 (EE)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Assessment report-
IH**

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

**Head Start update-
ID**

Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Brevard reported that the program has 151 students signed up as well as a waiting list of children who would like to attend. Dr. Brevard shared a timeline for implementing the program with the board and reported that staff training and work on the classrooms is underway.

**Facilities update-
EB**

Dr. Moore reported the Harrisburg dedication was a very positive event and was well attended. He also reported that work on Andrew Jackson High science labs and on Andrew Jackson Middle renovations were almost complete.

Adjournment-

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair