

Minutes

6 p.m., October 21, 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 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), Paul McKenzie (Research & Development Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer) and Adrienna Witherspoon (Research & Development Project Manager)

Guests-

Coalition for Healthy Youth members LaNisha Blair, Chief Harlean Howard, Sheriff Barry Faile, Donna Herchek, Reggie Lowery, Charlene McGriff, Sharon Novinger, Jeff Phillips and Melody Reid

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. Parker 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, WBTW, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session-

BCBK, GBK, JD, DJE, CEI

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, retirements, terminations, 2014-15 certified, administrative and non-certified employment recommendations, two personnel matters, a contractual property matter, receipt of legal advice 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 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 noted that the board held an executive session at 6 p.m.

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the resignations/retirements/terminations of
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Julius Faile, ISS instructional assistant
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Samantha Johnson, cafeteria operator; Bridget Martin, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Phyllis Massey, cafeteria operator
 - **Buford Elementary** – Sandra Griffin, cafeteria operator
 - **Buford High** – Maurice Carter, bus driver (deceased)
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Anne Marie Shannon, cafeteria operator
 - **Lancaster High** – Lori Gandy, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Lisa Benson, cafeteria operator
 - **South Middle** – Jody Elliott, cafeteria operator
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Christine Bureau, childcare instructor

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Ruthanne Effren, early childhood
 - **Lancaster High** – Flor De Marie Duque, Spanish
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Caroline Faulkenberry, early childhood

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's administrative employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Connie Horton, assistant principal
 - **South Middle** – Joyce Crimminger, principal

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent's non-certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.
 - **Barr Street Learning Center** – David Pugh Jr., 29-hour ELA teacher
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Deidre Stradford, food services
 - **Buford Elementary** – Heather Martin, food services; Nicole Rowell, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Buford High** – Darlene Phillips, bus driver; Jennifer Terry, food services; Teresa Thomas, bus driver
 - **District Office** – Theresa Finlay, 29-hour tutor
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Julie Cook, food services
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Sharon Greene, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Lancaster High** – Lisa Beard, 29-hour classroom helper; Gilbert Dawkins, bus driver; Christopher Waits, bus driver
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Sarah Harris, food services
 - **South Middle** – Carolyn Douglas, food services
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Allison Baker, childcare instructor; Ashley Broach, instructional assistant; Hallie Christensen, instructional assistant; Jacqueline Funderburk, childcare instructor; Sophia Harris, instructional assistant; Robin Johnson-Whitten, food services; Marquita Killian, instructional assistant; Patricia McCain, instructional as-

stant; Ceanna Plyler, instructional assistant; Lela Reeves, instructional assistant; Tara Williams, instructional assistant
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

The chair announced that the board had completed its annual evaluation of Dr. Moore and read the board's letter to Dr. Moore. The letter commended him for his energy, his passion for excellence and his commitment to effective leadership.

Dr. Moore thanked the board and expressed his appreciation to his staff and to the board for its support and its consistent efforts to put children first in every decision it makes.

**Legislative update-
LB**

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-
KHA**

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 Burback, 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
- **2013-14 S.C. PASS Test Perfect Score - 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
- **2013-14 S.C. PASS Test Perfect Score - Science section**
 - Christopher Hensel, Indian Land Middle
- **2013-14 S.C. PASS Test Perfect Score - Social Studies section**
 - Thomas Clingenpeel, Indian Land Middle
- **2013-14 S.C. PASS Test Perfect Score - Writing section**
 - Grayson Bockman, Indian Land Middle
 - Thomas Clingenpeel, Indian Land Middle
 - Kaley Crosby, Indian Land Middle
 - Aidan Urquhart, Indian Land Elementary

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

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.

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Approval of consent action items- BCBD

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

- Minutes of Sept. 16 regular meeting (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).

Resolution to approve regular monthly financial reports- DCH, DID

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the reports.

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

A **MOTION** to approve the reports was made and seconded.

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

Delegates to SCSBA Delegate Assembly- LD, DF

The chair called for board members to serve as delegates to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, Ms. Dabney, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Parker and Mr. Sumner were nominated to serve as delegates.

A **MOTION** to approve the delegates was made and seconded.

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.

- Early Head Start governance overview (IDDH)
- FY 2013-14 external audit update (DID)
- Update on sale of 8% GO bonds (DFD)
- Red Ribbon Week report (IDBB)
- National School Bus Safety Week (ED, JGG)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Coalition for Healthy Youth- LA

Coalition for Healthy Youth co-chair Donna Herchek and Dr. McKenzie introduced the coalition members present and 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.

Grants update- DA

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.

Student Learning Objectives overview- IDAF

Mr. Dutton and Dr. Blackwell reviewed the district's work on the objectives and the timeline for completing the project.

Assessment reports- – SAT 2014 – Advanced Placement – End of Course GBI, IDAF

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who gave the reports on the SAT 2014 results, the Advanced Placement results and the End of Course results.

Facilities update- EB

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who gave the update.

Mr. Small reported that the district is waiting on OSF to approve plans for the restrooms at the Andrew Jackson High baseball field

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and the Lancaster High track. Plans are being designed for HVAC/ electrical renovations at Lancaster High Career Center next summer.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair