

Minutes

6 p.m., January 20, 2015, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Bill Sumner, Mary Etta Taylor

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair)

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Instruction Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), David Platts (Arts Instructional Specialist), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

USC Lancaster Public Administration class

Press-

Reece Murphy (The Lancaster News)

Citizens-

51 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, GBN, DFN, FGB

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations/retirements/terminations, 2014-15 certified employment recommendations, 2014-15 non-certified employment recommendations, one personnel matter, one contractual matter, one contractual services matter, two contractual property matters and receipt of legal advice.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -

BCB

At 7:05 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 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 Middle**–Carolyn Blackwell, cafeteria operator
 - **Barr Street Learning Center**– Kathryn Prete, 29-hour guidance
 - **Buford Elementary** – Heather Martin, cafeteria cashier
 - **Buford High**–Pamela Jones, consumer arts teacher; John Mahaffey, auto mechanics teacher
 - **Clinton Elementary**– Van Netta Boone, instructional assistant; Brenda Jackson, art teacher
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Heather Hofmeister, instructional assistant
 - **Indian Land High** – Johnny Spivey III, bus driver
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Laura Bebo, sixth-grade science teacher; Kimberly Cauthen, cafeteria operator
 - **Lancaster High**–Haley Booher, administrative assistant; Markevias Cathcart, LearnTV tech II; Heather Padilla, math teacher; Angela Stacks, nurse
 - **North Elementary**–Megan Bradley, kindergarten teacher; Sandra Cauthen, first-grade teacher; Melanie Helm, fifth-grade teacher

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s non-certified recommendation to employ for the 2014-15 school year
 - **Andrew Jackson High**–Brenda Ellis, bus driver; Delmar Patterson, instructional assistant
 - **Buford High**–Rebecca Williams, bus driver
 - **Lancaster High** –Shaquana Brown, bus driver
 - **Research & Development**–Torrie Taylor, Project Prevent Grant coordinator

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to loan the Indian Land Band Booster Club \$15,000 to help pay for new uniforms and purchase a new ATV/utility vehicle for use on campus and at competitions.

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to exempt Compass Municipal Advisors from the competitive bid process for financial services related to bond issues.

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Theo Dubose of Haynesworth, Sinkler & Boyd as an exempted vendor for the district’s bond counsel services.

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

The chair reported that the board had completed its executive session business.

Dr. Moore told the board that the district would keep the board updated on education-related bills.

Legislative update-
LB

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

- On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to
- **2014 S.C. Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest winner**
 - Ashton Oenbrink, Harrisburg Elementary
 - **67th Annual North-South All-Star Game**
 - Jay Hood, Lancaster High
 - Shea Rodgers, Indian Land High
 - Kolby Whitley, Andrew Jackson High
 - **67th Annual North-South All-Star Game Coach**
 - David Moore, Andrew Jackson High
 - **2014-15 S.C. Class AA All-State Cross Country Team**
 - Austin St. John, Indian Land High
 - Kaitlyn Rodman, Indian Land High
 - **2014-15 S.C. North-South All-Star Volleyball Team**
 - Taylor McCowan, Andrew Jackson High
 - **2014-15 S.C. North-South All-Star Volleyball Coach**
 - Betsi O’Shields, Lancaster High
 - John Verdugo, Andrew Jackson High

**Special recognition
ID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Platts, who reported that the district now has 107 National Board Certified teachers. Eighty-four other teachers who no longer work in our district received certification while working here.

Mr. Platts, Dr. Moore and the board congratulated the three new National Board Certified teachers – Lacey Layne, Harrisburg Elementary; Amy Nipe, Erwin Elementary and Sandra Ovalles of Lancaster High. The four teachers re-certified were Victoria Aycock, Buford High; Jenny Canty, Lancaster High; and Heather Myers and Michelle White, both of A.R. Rucker Middle.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Rev. Lorenzo Small addressed the board, stating he wanted to sincerely thank the board on behalf of the Delegation for Minority Affairs for the recent meaningful and productive meeting with Mr. Parker, Mr. Faulkner and Dr. Moore. He stated the meeting was a sincere and focused discussion on improving minority achievement and parent involvement, as well as hiring practices. He stated he was looking forward to the opportunities the meeting will afford the community at large, the school board and its administrators and teachers to fully participate in achieving strategic plan’s Strategy 9 for minority student achievement.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

- The chair called for approval of consent action items below.
- Minutes of Dec. 9 regular meeting (BCBH)
 - Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
 - Head Start monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
 - YouthBuild monthly financial report (DC)
- A MOTION to approve the items was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Regular monthly financial report-
DCH**

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

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

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

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

**Receipt of 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.

- July-December 2014 Athletic Financial Activity Report (LEB/LEC)
- 2015-16 school year calendar development process (AEA)
- Board/superintendent planning meeting – Jan. 23-24 (BCAF)
- Sole source, emergency procurement and trade-in procurement reports (DJE)
- Advanced Placement Scholars (ID)
- District Spelling Bee – Jan. 26 (IH)
- District science fair competition (IDF)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching Program* (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 11 & 12 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Mid-year financial reports-
DA**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the mid-year financial reports – general fund equity, special revenue fund, Education Improvement Act fund, debt service fund, capital projects funds, food service fund and pupil activity fund.

**Assessment update-
IDAF**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn, who gave an overview of state testing and reviewed the assessment calendar.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

Dr. Moore introduced the USC Lancaster Public Administration class. With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair