

Minutes

1-6 p.m., Jan. 23, 2015, Bus Tour
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Jan. 24, 2015, LCNGA office

Lancaster County School District Board/Superintendent Planning Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

James Brooks, Janice C. Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don L. McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Bill Sumner

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Education Director), Lavilla Brevard (Head Start project coordinator), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Education Director), Bill Farrar (Lancaster High Career Center Assistant Principal), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), David Small (Facilities Director), Angela Vaughn (Literacy Specialist), Bryan Vaughn (Safety/Transportation Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Press-

None

Guests-

Bill Laughlin and Jimmy Wilhide, Mosely Architects

Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and welcome-

BABA

At 1:05 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order at the district office, and the board members boarded a bus for tours of Southside Early Childhood Center and Lancaster High Career Center.

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 Kershaw News Era, and The Lancaster News were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Tour of Southside Early Childhood Center-

ID

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 1 and recognized Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Brevard, who gave the board a tour of the center and an overview its programs.

Tour of Lancaster High Career Center-

IDAB

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 2 and recognized Mr. Farrar, who took the board on a tour of the center, with career center teachers giving the board overviews of their programs.

2016-17 school calendar

AEA

At 4:30 p.m., the board returned to the district office.

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the 2015-16



school year calendar options presented to Teacher Forum and reviewed Teacher Forum's request to have the Good Friday as teacher workday and Easter Monday as a spring holiday and to have spring break April 11-15.

The consensus of the board was that the majority of parents would not react negatively to having spring break a week in April instead of a week joining Easter.

Adjournment-
BCBF

After the calendar discussion, the board had dinner at Charley's. With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Open session

Call to order and welcome-
BABA

At 8:30 a.m., the chair called the meeting to order at the Lancaster County Natural Gas Authority meeting room and welcomed the public on behalf of the board.

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Strategic Plan review-
CA

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 3 and reviewed the schools represented in each board district and reviewed the Strategic Plan strategies and how the planning meeting agenda items connected to the strategies.

Facility planning-
FA

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 4 and

- reviewed the enrollments and projections for schools.
- recognized Mr. Laughlin and Mr. Wilhide, who presented the board options for locating 12 to 18 additional classrooms at Indian Land Middle.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed each option, noting that the last option reflected input from Principal Chris Thorpe that locating additional classrooms would support the instructional teaming concept.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve authorizing the architects to proceed with design work on the last option.

A **MOTION** to to approve the superintendent's recommendation that the architects proceed with design of the last option was made and seconded.

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

The board asked for a timeline for completing the classrooms, and Mr. McLaughlin stated that he would work on a timeline, but that the classroom additions would probably not be complete until Fall 2016 or January 2017.

- recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed funding options for the Indian Land Middle classroom additions and for future capital improvements in the district.
- recognized Mr. Small, who reviewed the five-year capital improvement plan.

2015-16 budget update-
DCC

- recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reported 17,500 new homes are permitted for the county's northern area, with 3,000 of those homes in Sun City, 3,000 in the Erwin attendance area and the remaining new homes in the Indian Land attendance area – which could potentially mean 6,800 new students.

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 5 and recognized Mr. Walker, who

- gave an update on the budget process and preliminary revenue and expenditure information.
- gave a report on salaries comparisons.

Dr. Moore gave an update on the needs of the Information Technology department.

Food services update-
EE

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 6 and recognized Ms. McCrorey, who gave the update.

Human resources update-
EC

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 7 and recognized Dr. Conner, who updated the board on Human Resources Department activities and teacher recruitment activities.

Dr. Moore and the board discussed the employee dress code, with the board emphasizing that it wanted teachers to dress professionally. Board members were okay with jean days as fund raisers for school-related causes, but wanted principals to make sure teachers did not wear inappropriate jeans, such as jeans with holes or jeans that were too tight or sloppy.

Safety/transportation update-
EB, JA, JGG

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Vaughn, who gave the report.

Dr. Moore asked board members if anyone objected to the district exploring budgeting next year the estimated \$100,000 cost to transport students to career centers for courses not offered at the students' home schools. No board member objected.

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reported on why the district needs to consider adjusting bus driver pay.

Dr. Moore asked Mr. Faulkner to share concerns he had heard, and Mr. Faulkner asked the district to be sure it was communicating with employees in a respectful manner.

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reported on activity bus use. Dr. Moore asked board members if anyone objected to the district moving forward with the purchase of two additional activity buses. No board member objected.

Instructional services update-
GBI

Dr. Moore referred board members to Tab 8 and recognized Dr. Blackwell and Ms. Vaughan, who showed a video on tablet use and reported on how the Nearpod program is being used by teachers for literacy activities and reviewed the duties of literacy coaches.

Dr. Moore reported the Discovery School report would be rescheduled, since the board member requesting Discovery School be placed on the agenda had to leave the meeting

before the item was reached.

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Dutton, who gave a report on the Advanced Placement program.

Dr. Moore reported on the district's efforts related to Strategy 9 Strategic Plan Strategy 9 / Minority Student Achievement.

Moving forward-

CA

Dr. Moore commended the district's teachers and staff for their hard work and effort, and he thanked the board for its support of the district.

Adjournment-

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Bobby Parker, Chair