

Minutes

(Meeting postponed from 2/17/15 due to bad weather)

6 p.m., February 24, 2015, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

James Brooks (Mr. Brooks had to leave the meeting after executive session because of another commitment), Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Bill Sumner

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), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

None

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, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda

Executive session

Executive session- BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, GBN, DFN

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

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.

Results of executive session-
BCBK

The chair noted the board held an executive session at 6 p.m.

- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the resignations of
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Deborah Rivers, teacher
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Donna Middleton, teacher
 - **Buford Elementary** – Jeffrey Hinson, teacher; Shirley Jones, teacher
 - **Buford High** – Charles Dassaro, bus driver
 - **Buford Middle** – Wanda Ewing, teacher; Kathy Sullivan, teacher
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Eve Brooks, teacher
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Catherine Todd, teacher; Kay Watson, media specialist
 - **Heath Springs Elementary** – Janice Bradley, teacher
 - **Indian Land Elementary** – Patricia Bridges, teacher; Kimberly Malone, teacher
 - **Indian Land High** – Paula Adams, teacher; Jennifer Knight, teacher; Gary Moore, teacher
 - **Lancaster High** – Robert Baker Jr., teacher; Holly Emanuel, teacher; Jackie Hicks, guidance counselor; Mary Rouse, bus driver
 - **North Elementary** – Sandra Cauthen, teacher
 - **South Middle** – Elizabeth Baker, teacher; Krystine Blocker, teacher; Jenny McPhaul, teacher

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0 Mr. Brooks had to leave the meeting after executive session because of another commitment).
- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Curtis Frye Jr., business teacher
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Burma Wooten, science teacher

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's non-certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Robert Wilson, food services
 - **Buford Elementary** – Tammy Catoe, food services
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Giovanna Piazza, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Indian Land High** – Tracy St. Hilaire, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Tina Davis, food services; Robin Gaudio, food services
 - **Lancaster High** – Patricia Leonhardt, nurse-PMD; Kristen Rollings, administrative assistant to principal

The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

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

Legislative update-
LB

Dr. Moore referred board members to the update and reported on legislative activities.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Melissa Horton addressed the board, stating she wanted to sincerely thank the district for supporting CATE programs, especially the hair industry. She told the board she had opened a hair/barber school and hoped to work with the district. She stated that some students in the district want to take cosmetology but cannot because of space limitations and that her research indicates that districts can contract with other schools to make more spaces available to students who want cosmetology. She hopes to enter into a MOA to allow students to attend her school.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 20 regular meeting and Jan. 23 & 24 planning meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)
- Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)

A **MOTION** to approve the items was made and seconded. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve
regular monthly financial report-
DCH**

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

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve
school budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the 2014-15 school budget revisions and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions. A **MOTION** to approve the school budget revisions was made and seconded.

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

**Recommendation to approve
district-wide budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the district-wide budget revisions for 2014-15 and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions. A **MOTION** to approve the district-wide budget revisions was made and seconded.

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

**2015-16 school year calendar
development process &
recommendation to approve
the 2015-16 school year calendar-
AEA**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the process for developing the calendar, reviewed the two options teachers and staff considered, reviewed the survey results and comments and answered board members' questions.

Dr. Moore then recommended the board approve Option 1, the option favored by the majority of the employees who responded to the calendar survey.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Option 1 as the 2015-16 school year calendar.

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

**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.

- 2015 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- Science Fair winners (ID)
- Martin Luther King Jr. “*I Have a Dream*” Essay Contest winners (ID)
- Black History Month activities (ID)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching* Program (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 11 & 12 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Budget update-
DCC**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who gave an update on the budget discussions in the legislature.

**Facilities update-
FG**

Use of school facilities – Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who explained the process used now when non-school groups request to use facilities. He stated that he was compiling a report on past usage of district facilities and a proposal for a usage agreement with the county recreation department.

Long-range facility plans – Dr. Moore reported that school requests for capital needs were being gathered as part of the 2015-16 budget process and that from these needs, a county-wide capital needs plan will be created. The information will be presented to the board once compilation is complete for a discussion on how to raise the funds necessary to fill the needs.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair