

# Minutes

6 p.m., May 19, 2015, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

## In Attendance

### Board members present-

James Brooks, 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 Education Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), David Platts (Arts Instructional Specialist), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Transportation Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

### Guests-

None

### Press-

Chris Sardelli, *The Lancaster News*

### Citizens-

89 people attended

## Open Session

### Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 6 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Faulkner 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, JDE, DJE, DO, ABCC

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, retirements, superintendent's non-certified and certified employment recommendations, two personnel matters, one contractual services matter and three contractual property matters.

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. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### 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/retirements of  
**A.R. Rucker Middle** – Brooke Faris, special education teacher

- **Adult Education** – Lezah McDuffie, P/T teacher
- **Andrew Jackson High** – Laura Rodriguez, English teacher
- **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Katie Bowers, ELA teacher; Kristi Hunter, math teacher
- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Mary Strom, speech teacher
- **Buford Elementary** – Tammy Catoe, cafeteria operator; Anita Robinson, seventh-grade teacher; Reva Stinson, instructional assistant
- **Clinton Elementary** – Elizabeth Nelson, special education teacher
- **Food Services** – Paulette Crockett, field manager
- **Harrisburg Elementary** – Lacey Layne, guidance counselor
- **Indian Land High** – Steven Peeler, social studies teacher
- **Information Technology** – Blake Stacks, computer tech III
- **Lancaster High** – James Fox, bus driver (deceased); April Patterson, bus driver; Christina Sims, math teacher; Richard Smith, bus driver
- **North Elementary** – Sherry Ingram, instructional assistant
- **South Middle** – Patricia Hinson, cafeteria operator

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 2015-16 school year:

- **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Abby Faulkenberry, special education
- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Carrie McManus, early childhood
- **Buford High** – Sandra Wemes, health science
- **Buford Middle** – Deborah Williams, math
- **Clinton Elementary** – Joyce Witherspoon, elementary
- **Harrisburg Elementary** – Bailey Faile, early childhood; Susan Howie, early childhood; Denise Partlow, elementary
- **Heath Springs Elementary** – Margaret Edgerton, media specialist; Gertrude Mason, guidance
- **Indian Land High** – Paula Adams, math
- **Indian Land Middle** – Eric Zajkowski, social studies
- **Lancaster High** – Mary Lou Elliott, media specialist; Janice Gardner, math; Richard Gay, English; Venise Grier, special education
- **McDonald Green Elementary** – Midenna Anderson, early childhood
- **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Lisa Faile, early childhood
- **Student Services** – Beverly Wilson, deafness & hearing impaired

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s recommendation to extend a contract with Camden Fire Extinguisher Sales & Services LLC for kitchen hood and fire extinguisher cleaning/inspections for 2015-16 school year with the option to renew for the 2016-17 school year.

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

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

Legislative update-  
LB

Dr. Moore referred board members to the agenda pages noting that the legislature had taken action on a bill to waive days missed because of the threat of bad weather.

**Trustees Awards-**

KHA

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to

- **2015 North-South A--Star Soccer Classic**  
Shea Rodgers, Indian Land High  
Jordan Szustwal, Indian Land High
- **2015 S.C. Music Educators Association State Winner - Sight Reading**  
Andrew Jackson High Women's Ensemble
- **2014-15 Duke TIP State Qualifiers**  
Avery Milhorn, Buford Middle; Sara Mungo, Andrew Jackson Middle; Maloree Powers, Buford Middle and Natasha Ramesh, Indian Land Middle

**Purchase Awards-**

KHA

On behalf of the board, the chair presented a Purchase Award and \$75 to Buford High junior Daphne Noegel for her painting and to Indian Land High senior Shea Rodgers for his 3-D sculpture.

Their artwork is on display in the district office.

**Public forum-**

BCBI

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

Lancaster High parent Joseph Wright addressed the board concerning the procedures used to discipline his son and the way Mr. Wright was treated by administrators.

**Approval of consent action items-**

BCBD

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

- Minutes of April 21 regular meeting & May 5 called meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start financial report (DJ)
- Head Start financial report (DJ)
- Continuation of the Early Head Start refunding grant application for 2015-16 (IDDH)

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

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

**Regular monthly financial report-**

DCH

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report stating revenues were coming in as scheduled and that expenditures were in line with the budget.

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

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

**Recommendation to approve snow make-up day waiver allowed by legislation-**

AEA

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the requirements in the recently passed inclement weather make-up day legislation.

Dr. Moore then recommended the board approve waiving the make-up day for inclement weather, as allowed by the new law.

A **MOTION** to waive the make-up day was made and seconded.

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

**Recommendation to approve proposed 2015-16 student fees-**

DFG

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the proposed fees, noting that the proposed fees included an increase in the price of an elementary school lunch from \$1.60 to \$1.65 and an increase in the price of a high school lunch from \$2.00 to \$2.10.

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. McCrorey, who explained that the district is required to make a concerted effort to bring its meal prices in line with the free and reduced rate and that these increases were part of the district's effort.

Dr. Moore then recommended the board approve the fees.

A MOTION to approve the 2015-16 student fees was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve SCSBA officer/board nominations, resolutions & constitutional changes-**

MGB

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the forms and deadlines for nominations, resolutions and constitutional changes.

No action was taken and the item will be placed on the June 23 board agenda.

**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 2014 Discovery School audit report (DID)
- FY2014 Lancaster Educational Assistance Program audit report (DID)
- Bond Anticipation Note update (DID)
- End-of-semester schedule (AEA)
- 2015 Graduation/baccalaureate information (IHF)
- Head Start monthly financial summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start and Head Start monthly enrollment & attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Presentation of proposed FY 2015-16 general fund and debt service budgets-**

DCC

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed draft budgets, noting that the draft will be fine-tuned to decrease the amount of equity used as the legislature finalizes its budget and as the district gets better estimates on expenditures.

**2015-2016 Capital Improvement Plan-**

FG

Dr. Moore referred board members to the appropriate handout and reviewed it.

**Safety improvements update-**

EBC

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reported that

- comprehensive safety improvements to entry ways were almost complete and should be finished this summer
- upgrades to camera systems and DVRs were in process, with additional high-definition cameras planned for high schools
- more than 2,000 students have successfully completed *Alive At 25* in the three years since it began, a program that – along with law enforcement efforts – has had a huge impact on student traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities.

**Teacher evaluation update-**

GBI

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Quinn, who reviewed the new teacher evaluation model.

**Adjournment-**

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair