

Minutes

6 p.m., July 21, 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), 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), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning and Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Press-

Chris Sardelli (*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, WBTV, WRHI and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Executive Session

Executive session- BBE, BCBK, CGD, GBC/D, GCC/D, GBK, DJE

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations/retirements, the superintendent's administrative, certified and non-certified employment recommendations, one personnel matter, two 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 7:00 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 had held an executive session at 6:15 p.m.

- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the resignations of
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Cindi Wallace, teacher
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Joseph Huger, bus driver
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Virginia Sorrow, assistant principal

- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Ashley Babb, teacher; Christopher Hughes, assistant principal
- **Buford Middle** – Frances Parker, instructional assistant
- **Erwin Elementary** – Brandi Plyler, teacher
- **Lancaster High** – Shelley O’Neill, teacher
- **McDonald Green Elementary** – Gena Richardson, nurse
- **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Ceanna Plyler, instructional assistant

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** – Catherine Lowery, English; LaQuandra Lymus, business education; Catherine Truelove, elementary
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Jason Crawford, language arts; Alexander Stormer, mathematics
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Elisa Hedgpath, elementary; Linda Roberts, media specialist
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Angela Cavendar, early childhood; Della Lyhne, elementary; Tawney Palmieri, early childhood; Deborah Parker, elementary; Veronica Shannon, special education; Sarah Thomford, early childhood; Jordan Truesdale, early childhood; Nina VanCooney, special education; Felicia Widua, early childhood
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Susan Owens, elementary
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Beverly Dees, early childhood
 - **Indian Land Elementary** – Mallory Sloan, early childhood
 - **Indian Land High** – Lorrie Williams, special education
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Melissa Buchanan, mathematics; Sarah Faulkenberry, mathematics; Ellen Watson, language arts
 - **Lancaster High** – Travis Nichols, machine tool technology
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Kimber Coley, guidance
 - **Student Services** – Joy Pendarvis, speech

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s administrative employment recommendations for the 2015-16 school year:
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Shirnetha Stinson, principal
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s non-certified employment recommendations for the 2015-16 school year:
 - **Buford Elementary** – Alicia Deas, computer lab manager
 - **Research & Development** – William Young, grant coordinator

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

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

There was nothing to report this month.

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

Faith, Hope & Victory pastor AnThony Pelham addressed the board, stating he and McDonald Green parents in his church were outraged and perplexed that a principal from a school with a failing grade was transferred to McDonald Green.

Legislative update-
LB

Public forum-
BCBI

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Approval of consent action items- BC

- The chair called for approval of the consent action items below.
- Minutes of June 23 public hearing, June 23 called meeting and June 23 regular meeting (BCBH)
 - Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
 - Head Start monthly financial report (DC)

Recommendation to approve monthly financial report- DC

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who stated no written monthly financial report will be available until the department reconciles end-of-year reports and until the audit is completed; however, Mr. Walker reported that all expenditures and revenues were in order. He also reviewed investments.

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

A **MOTION** to approve the report 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.

- Emergency procurements, sole source procurements, trade-ins update, money spent with minority vendors (DJE)
- Discovery School lottery update (ID)
- Registration dates (AEA)
- Opening of school – Aug. 14 for sixth and ninth graders and Aug. 17 for other students (AEA)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly enrollment & attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Facilities update- FG

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who gave an update on Lancaster High Career Center renovations, stating that the renovations were on schedule.

Adjournment- BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair