

Minutes

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

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

James Brooks, Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Bill Sumner

Board members absent-

Janice Dabney (Secretary)

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)

Guest-

Lisa Muennich, Facilities Needs Committee Chair

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

Executive Session

Executive session-

BCBK, GBK, JD, DJE, CEI

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, retirements, terminations, 2015-16 certified and non-certified employment recommendations, three personnel matters, a contractual services matter, one property matter, receipt of legal advice and the superintendent's evaluation.

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 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

- **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Beverly Owens, PMD nurse; John Perry, instructional assistant
- **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Christina Stevens, cafeteria operator

- **Clinton Elementary** – Deborah Allen, cafeteria operator
- **Erwin Elementary** – Meredith Broome, 4K teacher
- **Indian Land High** – Barry Simmons, bus driver
- **Indian Land Middle** – Sharon Wright, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Lancaster High** – Raylee Baker, miscellaneous temp/bus driver; Shaquana Brown, bus driver, Jenny Cunningham, bus aide; Chiquita George, bus driver; John Rhodes, band director

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

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent’s certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

- **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Matthew Wyatt, music education
- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Angela Foster, elementary, Emerald Haigler, elementary
- **Harrisburg Elementary** – Steven Vaughman, special education

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

• In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the superintendent’s non-certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

- **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Lori Kee, administrative assistant
- **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Mary Harris, food services
- **Buford High** – Dianne Ragsdale, food services
- **District Office/Human Resources** – Tamara Harper, 29-hour administrative support
- **Erwin Elementary** – Brandi Parker, food services
- **Indian Land Elementary** – Stephanie Conroy, food services
- **Indian Land Middle** – Barbaro Zappolo, food services
- **Lancaster High** – Cheryl Wiggins, bus driver
- **South Middle** – Christopher Robinson, instructional assistant

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

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

**Legislative update-
LB**

There was nothing to report this month.

**Trustees Award-
KHA**

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

- **2015 S.C. AAA State Girls Basketball Coach**
 - Ronnie Robinson, South Middle

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

- **Indian Land resident Wanda Rosa** addressed the board, reporting that Safety/Transportation Director Bryan Vaughn met with the Indian Land Action Council to talk about what he does. She stated the group was very impressed with the job he’s doing and that he gave good information on why things are happening with bus routes and on rumors about bus overcrowding. She stated the communication was fantastic. She then read an open letter to the board that had been published in the newspaper and presented a petition she had posted at the Indian Land Fall Festival with 102 signatures requesting a town hall meeting with the board. She stated that she is very excited about the school bond referendum. She asked that if the board could not hold a town hall meeting, could it consider moving a board meeting to one of the Indian Land schools. She also stated that hearing that 6,800 children would move into the

Indian Land attendance area over the next five to 10 years scared her and that she wondered why county council could have allowed these developments. She said she had met several people who were considering moving to the area but were hesitant because of the rumors that their children may be bused to Lancaster schools. She said action council members want to help however they can.

– **Pam Mulvaney**, an Indian Land parent, who said Ms. Rosa had summed up her request for a town hall meeting to let the people know if Indian Land children will have chairs and books and to find out the plans to handle growth if the bond doesn't pass.

- **Indian Land parent Dee Studebaker** addressed the board about the letter she received in response to her addressing the board during its September meeting. She said the letter looked more like it addressed the past than what will be done in the future. She asked that the next letter address plans for a town hall meeting. She said she was really excited the board had a plan for a school bond referendum, but didn't understand why the board appointed a committee to decide what the school board should do.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

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

- Minutes of Sept. 15 regular meeting; Sept. 22 called meeting; Sept. 29 called meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
- Head Start monthly financial report (DC)

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

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

**Recommendation to approve
regular monthly financial reports-
DCH, DID**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reported revenues and expenditures were in line. He also asked the board to note that in the consent information,

– a memo reported that the external audit was on schedule.

– a memo with details on the money the school district receives from new building permits based on agreements county council negotiated with developers. Dr. Moore pointed out that the \$500 fee per home would generate only \$88,500 for new school construction.

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

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

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

**Delegates to SCSBA
Delegate Assembly-
LD, DF**

The chair called for board members to serve as delegates to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Parker and Mr. Sumner were nominated to serve as delegates and alternates.

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

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.

- Lancaster County Development Agreement Payments (LB)
- FY 2014-15 external audit update (DID)
- Update on sale of 8% GO bonds (DFD)
- Red Ribbon Week report (IDBB)
- National School Bus Safety Week (ED, JGG)

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Assessment reports-

- SAT 2015
- ACT
- Advanced Placement
- ACT WorkKeys
- GBI, IDAF

Facilities update-

EB

Adjournment-

BCBF

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment and attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn, who gave the reports on the SAT 2015, ACT, Advanced Placement and ACT WorkKeys results.

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Muennich, FNC chair, who gave an update.

- Facilities Needs Committee update – Ms. Muennich reviewed the meeting summary and the committee’s approved timeline.
- Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who
 - commended the Facilities Needs Committee for its work so far and
 - reported that bids for the Indian Land Middle renovations were being advertised.

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Chair