

Minutes

6 p.m., November 17, 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 (Vice-Chair), Margaret Gamble, 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), Kathy Durbin (Student Services Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Education Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Mike Pettus (Security Guard), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Lesley Kelly (McGregor & Company)

Press-

Chris Sardelli (*The Lancaster News*)

Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Chandler called the meeting to order. Mr. Sumner 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.

Election of 2016 Chair-

BBAA, BBABA

Mr. Chandler explained the process for election of officers.
Mr. Chandler called for nominations for chair.
Mr. McCorkle nominated Mr. Parker for chair.
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations.
A MOTION to close nominations was made and seconded.
The motion PASSED (7-0).
A VOTE to elect Mr. Parker was 6-0-1 (Ms. Gamble abstained).

Election of 2016 Vice Chair-

BBAA, BBABA

Mr. Chandler called for nominations for vice chair.
Mr. Parker nominated Ms. Gamble for vice chair. She stated that she appreciated the nomination but declined the opportunity to serve. Mr. Parker then nominated Mr. Faulkner.
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations.
A MOTION to close nominations was made and seconded.
The motion PASSED 7-0.
A VOTE to elect Mr. Faulkner was 6-0-1 (Ms. Gamble abstained).

**Election of 2016 Secretary-
BBAA, BBABA**

Mr. Chandler called for nominations for secretary.
Mr. McCorkle nominated Ms. Dabney for secretary.
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations.
A **MOTION** to close nominations was made and seconded.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
A **VOTE** to elect Ms. Dabney was unanimous (7-0).

Executive session

**Executive session-
BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, JD, DFN, BBE, CEI**

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations, retirements, terminations, certified and non-certified employment recommendations, a student matter, one contractual property matter, receipt of legal advice and 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 6:10 p.m.

- In open session, **MOTION** made, seconded to accept resignations/ retirements of
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Lisa Payne, cafeteria cashier
 - **Barr Street Learning Center** – David Pugh, 29-hour ELA teacher
 - **Buford High** – Dianne Ragsdale, cafeteria operator
 - **Discovery School** – Audrey Allman, miscellaneous temporary
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Courtney Brooks, third-grade teacher
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Katherine Hansen, cafeteria operator
 - **Heath Springs Elementary** – Christine Kellin, second-grade teacher
 - **Indian Land High** – Jennifer Alejandro, cafeteria operator; Lana Walden, bus driver
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Cheryl Blevins, instructional assistant; Sheri Bradley, administrative assistant; attendance clerk; Denise Jowers, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Maintenance Department** – Karl Todd, maintenance journeyman
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Brandy Bradley, kindergarten teacher
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Hallie Christensen, instructional assistant; Lisa Crenshaw, child care instructorThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made, seconded to approve superintendent's certified employment recommendation for
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Lynwood Webb, school psychologistThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made, seconded to approve superintendent's non-certified employment recommendation for
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Kelly Ewing, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Alison Truesdale, 29-hour classroom helper

**Legislative update-
LB**

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

**Special recognition-
KHA**

**Public forum-
BCBI**

– **Lancaster High** – Cassandra Frazier, bus driver

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

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

Dr. Moore stated that the district was hopeful that at least some of the additional revenues the state had received would be designated for schools.

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

- **2014-15 S.C. Outstanding Performance Award**
 - Indian Land High Warrior Band
- **2014-15 S.C. Class AA All-State Band**
 - Christina Sadak, Indian Land High
- **2014-15 S.C. ACT Test Top Scale Score in Reading**
 - Samantha Zila, Indian Land High
- **2014-15 S.C. WorkKeys Test Platinum Roster Score**
 - Daniel Beamer, Indian Land High
 - Catherine Abbott, Lancaster High
 - Grace Scott, Lancaster High
- **2015 S.C. North-South All-Star Football Game Player**
 - Christian Catledge, Buford High
 - Lewis Johnson, Lancaster High
- **2015 S.C. North-South All-Star Football Game Assistant Coach**
 - Ricky Brown, Lancaster High
- **2015 S.C. Class AA All-State Golf**
 - Emily Cox, Andrew Jackson High
- **2015 S.C. Class AAA All-State Volleyball**
 - Keyotta Garris, Lancaster High
 - Hayden Thorne, Lancaster High
- **2015 S.C. All State Book in Class 2**
 - *Rambler*, Lancaster High

The board presented congratulatory letters to Lancaster High senior Darius Creighton and sophomores DeMarcus Harris and Sh’Jada Patterson, also known as Team Redhawks, for placing second out of 500 teams in the S.C. Economics Stock Market Game last school year.

The students were invited to the 26th annual S.C. Economics Awards Luncheon in Columbia, where they received trophies for their efforts. The team advisor is Alessandra Gileta. The board commended Ms. Gileta and the team for this outstanding accomplishment and for representing Lancaster High and our district in such a positive way.

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

– **Indian Land parent Pam Mulvaney** addressed the board, asking the board to hold a town hall meeting in Indian Land to brief the community on the proposed referendum and on plans if the referendum fails.

– **McDonald Green grandparent Shakemia Bufford & parent Priscilla Bufford** signed up to address the board but said they decided not to speak because their comments addressed personnel. They stated they would share their concerns with the superintendent.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

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

- Minutes of Oct. 20 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Recommendation to approve Course Guide (IDAB)
- Recommendation to approve Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC)
- Recommendation to approve Head Start monthly financial report (DC)

A MOTION to approve the consent items without discussion was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Affirmation of
board policies for 2016-
BDE**

The chair referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and noted that the board needed to affirm policies for the next year.

A MOTION to affirm policies was made and seconded.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Statement of 2016
regular meeting dates
and times-
BCAA, BCAB**

Dr. Moore stated the board meetings would be on the third Tuesday, except for the December and June meetings. He also noted the board would set its winter board-superintendent planning meeting later.

A MOTION to set the board meeting dates and times 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.

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

A MOTION to approve the reports 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.

- FY 2015-16 45-day average daily membership (JB/JBA/D)
- Parent/teacher conference results (IHAD)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment and attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Receipt of 2014-15 external audit-
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who introduced Ms. Kelly.

Ms. Kelly reviewed the audit and stated the district received a clean, unqualified opinion. She thanked the accounting staff for its cooperation and commended the district for its financial program.

The report will be presented for board approval during the December 8 regular board meeting.

**Receipt of 2014-15 procurement audit-
DID, DJE**

Then, Ms. Kelly reviewed the procurement audit and stated it complied in all materials respects. Ms. Kelly thanked the procurement staff for its help. The report will be presented for board approval during the December 8 regular board meeting.

**Facilities Needs Committee update-
FE, FEAE**

Dr. Moore reported that the committee had developed a preliminary list of needs, and the architects were building estimates for each item.

The committee will meet again Monday, Nov. 30 to prioritize and finalize the list to present to the board in December.

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Facilities update-
EB

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who reported that bids for Indian Land Middle renovations would be opened Nov. 19.

He stated he was hopeful the district would receive good prices on the work because 10 contractors had requested plans.

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair