

Minutes

6 p.m., February 16, 2016, 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), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Bill Sumner

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Ron Burns (Adult Education Transition Specialist), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resources Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Instruction Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Kim Linton (Adult Education Director), Steve McManus (Security Guard), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Dean Faile, Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce; James Richter, S.C. Manufacturers Alliance; Lisa Robbins, S.C. Department of Commerce; Shea Tighe, STEM Premier

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

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, one personnel matter, one contractual services 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

Results of executive session- BCBK

At 7 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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** – Heather Myers, teacher; Yvonne Oswald, teacher
 - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Ronald Wall, teacher
 - **Buford Elementary** – April Aldridge, teacher
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Darrell Brunson, teacher; Amanda Jewett, school nurse
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Erin Brock, teacher; Amy Reid, 29-hour classroom helperThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year
 - **Indian Land High** – Aida Perdomo, Spanish teacherThe 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 2015-16 school year
 - **Buford High** – Linda Doby, cafeteria operator
 - **Buford Middle** – Terry Oliver, cafeteria operator
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Joan Harrell, cafeteria operator
 - **Indian Land Elementary** – Kristine Hyde, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Lancaster High** – Lesia Allen, nurse; Michelle Ifill, cafeteria operatorThe motion passed unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to extend the contract with Chester Rental Services for one year with option to renew for one additional year.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to extend the contract with Hinson Electric Services for one year with option to renew for one additional year.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to extend the contract for enrollment benefits with Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company for one additional year with the option to renew for two more fiscal years.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0-1, Bobby Parker abstained).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to rate the superintendent outstanding.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
The chair read the board's letter to Dr. Moore, which commended him for his energy, his passion for excellence and his commitment to effective leadership.

**Legislative update-
LB**

Dr. Moore thanked the board, stating he was fortunate to have the opportunity to work in such a great place. He gave credit to the people he works with who make great things happen and commended the board for its leadership and support. He said it was a good time to work in the district and looked forward to the district accomplishing great things for children this year.

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

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

**Trustees Awards-
KHA**

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

- **2015 S.C. Education Oversight Committee’s Read Your Way to the Big Game Bulletin Board Decorating Contest** – Suzanne Baxley, Discovery School
- **2016 National Junior Beta Club’s Club of Distinction** – Kershaw Elementary Chapter
- **2016 National Junior Beta Club State Convention Black/White Photography Competition First-Place Winner** – Branden Knight, Kershaw Elementary
- **2016 S.C. Junior Scholars** – **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Ali Nicole Faile, Himanshu Paresch Patel, Jordan Nicole Whitaker; **Indian Land Middle** – Ian Chavez, Genevieve Cook, Blakely Hardin, Riley Hennigan, Amiri Jefferson, Ava Jessup, Zachary Kaim, Lauren Leibman, Emilie Pedder, Natasha Ramesh, Jacqueline Schellberg, Madison Williams

**Public forum-
BCBI**

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. No one addressed the board.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 19 regular 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 2015-16 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 2015-16 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 (6-0).

**2016-17 school year calendar development process & recommendation to approve the 2016-17 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, with one revision -- March 13 changed to possible make-up day to give the district more make-up days before the week-long spring break and decrease the chance that days during that week would have to be used as make-up days.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Option 1 as the 2016-17 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.

- Arts grants update (IB)
- 2016 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- 2016 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 9 & 10 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Budget update-
DCC**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who reported that state superintendent Molly Spearman's budget included a \$150 increase in the base student cost, and that the governor's budget included a \$80 increase in the base student cost. He stated that the House Ways and Means K-12 Subcommittee had begun discussions on the budget but had not made a recommendation on the base student cost yet. He said he will continue to monitor the budget as it moves through the legislature.

**S.C. Futuremakers/STEM Premier overview-
ID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Richter and Mr. Tighe, who demonstrated the program that allows high school students to build online profiles that businesses/colleges can use to identify potential workers/students. The program also allows students to forward their profiles to businesses/colleges. The district will pilot the program this spring.

**Adult Education update-
IDG**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Linton, who gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act Initiative.

**Facilities update-
FG**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Small, who reported that work on Indian Land Middle renovations and additions was a little behind because of the rainy weather, but that construction fencing and the office were in place.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair