

# Minutes

6 p.m., March 15, 2016, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

## In attendance

### Board members present-

Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner (Vice Chair), Margaret Gamble, Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Bill Sumner

### Board members absent-

James Brooks

### District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Butch Dutton (Secondary Instruction Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Steve McManus (Security Guard), Rodney Miller (Buford High Principal), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Bridget Plexico (Buford High Teacher), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

### Guests-

Ann Brown & Jordy Jordan (Microburst Learning)

### 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. 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 News 2, the Fort Mill Times, The Herald, the Kershaw News Era, The Lancaster News, WBTV, 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 and non-certified employment recommendations and two contractual services matters.

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 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** – Brett Blackmon, teacher; Rebecca Jones, instructional assistant; Fran Walters, administrative assistant/attendance clerk
  - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Deondra Johnson, teacher
  - **Buford Elementary** – Cynthia Ford, cafeteria operator
  - **Buford High** – Ellaree McKinney, cafeteria operator
  - **Clinton Elementary** – Brianna Carter, 29-hour classroom helper; Arlene Frohlich, cafeteria operator; Della Lyhne, teacher; Jennifer Parker, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Jennifer Costello, computer lab coordinator; Martha Fowler, cafeteria cashier
  - **Human Resources** – Margaret Small, administrative assistant
  - **Indian Land Elementary** – Kristen Byrd, language intervention specialist; Frances Hamilton, administrative assistant
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Yolanda Guadarrama, cafeteria operator
  - **Lancaster High** – Belinda Carter, cafeteria operator; Rhonda Evans, cafeteria manager; Karen Fischer, teacher; Janice Gardner, teacher; Samuel Mullis, teacher
  - **Maintenance Dept.** – Michael Deese, maintenance apprentice
  - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Gloria Stradford, cafeteria operator; Sarah Walden, cafeteria operator
  - **North Elementary** – Patricia Brown, instructional assistant; Annie Demby, instructional assistant; Sherry Ingram, instructional assistant; Anna Massey, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Allison Baker, child care instructor

The 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 2015-16 school year
  - **Clinton Elementary** – Melissa Guzzi, cafeteria operator; Allison Moore, nurse; Michelle Snipes, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land High** – Reena Hinson, cafeteria operator
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Eileen DelGigante, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Kershaw Elementary** – Lori Melton, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Lancaster High** – Shaquana Brown, bus driver
  - **North Elementary** – Elvira McIlwain, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Brianna Carter, childcare instructor; Riketa Williams, childcare instructor

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

**Legislative update-  
LB**

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to extend the contract with McGregor & Company, LLP for the next five years.  
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).  
The chair reported the board completed its executive session business.

Dr. Moore referred the board 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. Robotics State Winner**
  - **“Gracious Professionalism” Core Value Category**  
A.R. Rucker Middle Robotics Team
- **2016 S.C. Department of Education's Palmetto Gold Award**
  - Indian Land Middle
- **2016 S.C. Department of Education's Closing the Achievement Gap Award**
- **2016 S.C. Department of Education's Palmetto Silver Award**
  - Buford Middle
- **2016 S.C. Junior Scholars**
  - **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Charles Jacob Debruhl, Darius De' Ante Miller, Nolan Seth Plyler, Abby Laine Polson and Bryson Heath Ussery
  - **Buford Middle** – Nicholas Carnes, Cameron Deese, Benjamin Heil, Avery Milhorn, Maloree Powers
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Ashlyn Jefferson, Ava Jessup
  - **South Middle** – Ashlyn Brooke Addison, Alexis Nicole Martin, Anthony Dakota Meade

**Special recognition of Facilities  
Needs Committee members-  
FDB**

On behalf of the board, the chair recognized the Facilities Needs Committee members **District 1** – Melvin Stroble & J.R. Wilt • **District 2** – Tim Cureton & Lula Mungo • **District 3** – Annette Deese & Lisa Muennich • **District 4** – Larry Durham & Al Ferguson • **District 5** – Mandy Phillips & Rick Riggins • **District 6** – Jimmy Neal & Mary Gay Taylor • **District 7** – Jen Levitch Kiel & Rev. Yvette Pressley.

On behalf of the board, the chair thanked the members for their hard work and dedication to determine the needs of our students and teachers. He noted that the committee members walked over 10,000 steps over two days, touring each and every facility in the district to determine which needs could and should be covered by the upcoming bond referendum.

The chair commended the members for giving generously of their time and presented each with a plaque in appreciation of their service.

**Public forum-  
BCBI**

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

Karen Shane, an Indian Land parent of a Harrisburg fifth grader and a first grader, addressed the board, saying college

**Approval of consent action items-  
BCBD**

tuition had increased over 100% in the last 25 years and that it was the second largest purchase a family makes after a home mortgage. She stated she had met with parents to try and help them begin saving for college and would like to help parents across the district find ways to better save for college as they try to save for retirement.

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Feb. 16 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)
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- Recommendation to add *Geology 103* as a USCL dual enrollment course (IDAB)
- Recommendation to approve 2016-17 textbook adoptions (IFAA)

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  
summer school fees-  
DJE**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Dutton, who reviewed the plans for summer school and the proposed summer school fees.

Dr. Moore recommended approval of summer school fees.

A **MOTION** to approve the summer school fees was made and seconded.

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

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

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the opportunities for the board to make nominations or propose resolutions or constitutional changes.

Dr. Moore reported that the deadline to submit is June 26.

The chair asked that the item be included on next month's agenda so that board members could recommend changes if they wished to.

**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.

- Youth Art Month winners (IH)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 9 & 10 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- 2016 Summer schedule (GBR)
- *Arbor Day & Patriot's Pen* essay contest results (KHA)
- National Purchasing Month (DJE)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment and attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (M, BBBC)

**Softskills program overview & program summary-  
ID**

Mr. Miller reviewed the need for soft skills development in students and recognized Ms. Plexico, who reviewed how teachers have begun using Microburst Learning soft skills program in their classes. Mr. Jordan and Ms. Brown then gave an overview of how the Microburst program works and the reports it makes available to students and teachers.

**Receipt of FY 2016-17 school budget requests-  
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker who reported that the requests had been received, that the finance department was in the process of compiling the requests and that the requests would be available in the district office library for board members to review.

**Facilities update-  
FG**

Mr. Small reported that work was going well on the additions at Indian Land Middle. Grading is almost complete on the 16-classroom addition, footings are complete on the two-classroom addition to the wing on the Doby's Bridge Road side of the school and work is well underway on the two-classroom addition to the wing on the River Road side of the school. He said the electricians should be commended for the work they've done.

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair