

Summary

6 p.m., Dec. 13, 2016, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

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In attendance

- **Board** – Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner (Vice Chair), Margaret Gamble, Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair), Bill Sumner
- **Absent** – None
- **District office** – 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), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Chuck Payne (Security Guard), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)
- **Guests** – Mary Ann Hudson, Voter Registration & Election Director; John McGill, York Tech Arts & Sciences Associate Dean, and James Thomas, York Tech Information Technology Associate Dean
- **Citizens** – 23
- **Press** – Hannah Strong, *The Lancaster News*

Executive session results

The chair noted the board held an executive session at 6 p.m.

- In open session, **MOTION** made & seconded to accept the resignations/retirements/terminations of
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Donna Williams, cafeteria manager
 - **Buford Middle** – Scottie Carnes, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Anna Foltz, preK teacher; Sydney Phillips, fifth-grade teacher; Rosemary Young, music teacher
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Elizabeth Whitaker, fifth-grade teacher
 - **Indian Land High** – Jacklin Cauthen, cafeteria operator
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Elizabeth Thornton, fifth-grade teacher
 - **Lancaster High** – Sabrina Boyd, bus driver; Fred Hicklin, attendance clerk; Mary Reid, cafeteria operator; Lynn Taylor-Garrison, bus driver
 - **North Elementary** – Anna Baker, 29-hour classroom helper; Monita Green, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Research & Development** – Haley Booher, administrative assistant; William Young, grant coordinator
 - **South Middle** – Pamela Beckham, 29-hour classroom helper; Janice Evans, special education teacher**PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made & seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendation for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Christy Steen, science
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Iva Lawson, elementary
 - **Lancaster High** – Amy Castle, English; Erin Walker, special education
 - **South Middle** – Lauren Beckham, special education**PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made & seconded to accept the superintendent's non-certified employment recommendation for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for
 - **Buford Middle** – Scottie Carnes, 29-hour classroom helper; Christopher Snead, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Luanne Mungo, school nurse
 - **North Elementary** – Monita Green, instructional assistant; Tracy Threatt, cafeteria operator**PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
- In open session, **MOTION** made & seconded to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year for
 - **District Office** – Thompson Davis, network engineer
 - **Lancaster High** – Jason Young, interim assistant principal**PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

The chair noted the board completed its executive session.

Open session

- **Legislative update** – Dr. Moore reported the Education Oversight Committee was continuing work on developing a school report card and that giving schools letter grades continued to be a part of that discussion.

Mr. Parker stated a major topic at the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Meeting was the school start date.
- **Trustees awards** – On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to
 - **Article published in November/December 2016 AMLE Magazine** – Liz James, South Middle
 - **Article published in 2016 SCASA Palmetto Administrator Magazine** – Bridget Plexico, Lancaster High

- **2015-16 NSCAA High School Team Academic Award** – Indian Land High Boys Varsity Soccer Team
- **2016 NSCAA Small High School Coach of the Year** – Adam Cole, Indian Land High

- **Public forum** – Salon owner Melissa Horton told the board she is a certified teacher in the hair industry and travels all over the state and the United States doing continuing education. She's noticed interest in the school district in the hair industry trade is growing. She stated Lancaster High has limited seating for students in district, and she said she's asked guidance counselors for input on requests for courses in the hair industry. She's found that students don't apply because they don't have transportation. She said she would like to see more programs offered to fill the void and see work on the issue of students not being placed, with more programs to fill that void. She said Mr. Dutton has been very open to the request. She also has a concern with special needs students who don't graduate with a diploma, only a certificate. She said they can't get certified in a trade without a high school diploma and the students want to participate, but can't for requirements. She said more programs need to be added as a bridge to help students. USFA and Future Business Leaders of America are a couple of programs that help students with these trade programs. She said their people would like to see the CATE department grow.

- **Consent action items** – **MOTION** made & seconded to approve consent items as emailed with no discussion. **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
 1. Minutes of **November 15 regular meeting**
 2. FY 2015-16 **external audit & memo**
 3. **Early Head Start monthly financial report**
 4. **Head Start monthly financial report**
- **Discussion action items**
 1. Recommendation to approve regular monthly **financial report** – Mr. Walker reported expenditures & revenues were in line with budget. **MOTION** made & seconded. **PASSED** unanimously (6-0)
 2. Recommendation to move forward with **process to fill board vacancy** – **memo** and **laws** – Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Hudson and Mr. Chandler, who explained the process and the laws governing the process. **MOTION** made & seconded. **PASSED** unanimously (6-0)
 3. Recommendation to approve **York Tech program** – Dr. Moore recognized Mr. McGill and Mr. Thomas, who reviewed how the course offerings would work. **MOTION** made & seconded. **PASSED** unanimously (6-0)
- **Consent information items** (Accepted as emailed with no discussion)
 1. FY 2016-17 **45-day average daily membership**
 2. **District Spelling Bee date** – Feb. 7, Lancaster Municipal Justice Center
 3. **End-of-semester schedule**
 4. **Celebrate Great Teaching Program**
 5. **Celebration of Excellence** – May 8 & 9
 6. Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **federal progress summary**
 7. Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **enrollment and attendance**
 8. SC School Boards Association **information**
- **Discussion information items**
 1. Chromebook **update** – Ms. Quinn reported Chromebooks had been distributed at Andrew Jackson Middle, Buford Middle, Indian Land Middle and Lancaster High (Click update to see details)
 2. Cafeteria **renovations update** – Ms. McCrorey reported that the Andrew Jackson High and the Buford High cafeterias and serving lines would be updated this spring. (Click update to see details)
 3. **Facilities update** – Dr. Moore reported that the final inspection for the new Indian Land Middle wing and the four additional classes was next week, and if the inspection goes as expected, the classes will be in use next semester.
- **Adjourned** – 7:56 p.m.