

Minutes

6 p.m., February 21, 2017, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

A swearing-in ceremony for Melvin Stroble was held at 5:15 p.m. during reception before the meeting.

In attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

None

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), Chuck Payne (Security Guard), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Larry Finney (Greene, Finney & Horton, LLP); Jimmy Littlefield and Gerald Moore (Student-Centered Consulting Group, LLC); Jimmy Wilhide (Moseley Architects)

Press-

Hannah Strong (*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. Ms. Dabney 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, 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 employment recommendations, non-certified employment recommendations, an administrative employment recommendation, three contractual property matter and receipt of legal advice.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

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
 - **Adult Education** – Wanda Ewing, part-time math teacher
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Jan Marshall, computer lab instructional assistant; Lora Todd, cafeteria operator
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Alamn Ehren, fifth-grade teacher; Jessica Miller, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Indian Land High** – Jared Funderburk, social studies teacher; Stanley Moczulski, auto mechanics teacher; Robyn Ogrodnick, bus driver
 - **Indian Land Middle** – Alexa Padgett, seventh-grade social studies teacher; Melissa Preslar, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Catherine Coble, special education teacher; Annette Melton, principal; Eleanor Young, first-grade teacher
 - **Lancaster High** – Kevin Hudson, bus driver; Samantha Rushing, cafeteria operator
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Tansy Ham, cafeteria operator; Charlene Mingo, cafeteria operator

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Kristy McCright, guidance
 - **Kershaw Elementary** – Eleanor Young, early childhood
 - **Lancaster High** – Henry Sowell, vocational-carpentry

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s non-certified employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Tammy Cobb, 29-hour classroom helper; Christina Sims, cafeteria operator
 - **District Office** – Margaret Bradley, administrative assistant

- **Erwin Elementary** – Margie Belk, instructional assistant
- **Heath Springs Elementary** – Kayla Steele, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Indian Land High** – Cheyenne Short, cafeteria operator
- **Indian Land Middle** – Melissa Preslar, instructional assistant; Trenette Tucker, 29-hour classroom helper
- **Kershaw Elementary** – Joyce Watkins, cafeteria operator
- **Lancaster High** – Rhonda Baker, cafeteria operator; Leicester Perdue, cafeteria operator
- **McDonald Green Elementary** – Gearldine Benson, cafeteria operator; Robyn Brooks, cafeteria operator; Serra Bryant, 29-hour classroom helper;

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's non-certified administrative employment recommendations for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year

- **District Office** – Trevor Hammond, procurement specialist

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2017-18 school year

- **Clinton Elementary** – Debra Berisford, early childhood; Chanel Lynn, early childhood

- **Erwin Elementary** – Sotonya Featherstone, elementary

- **Indian Land Elementary** – Grace Neill, early childhood

- **Kershaw Elementary** – Laura Taylor, elementary

- **North Elementary** – Anna Hayashi, early childhood

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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

Legislative update-

LB

Dr. Moore reviewed the eclipse calendar bill the legislature is considering and reported the proposed state budget is beginning to make its way through the legislature.

Trustees Awards-

KHA

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

- **2017 National Junior Beta Club State Convention Black/White Photography Competition First-Place Winner** – Brady Williams, Kershaw Elementary

- **2017 S.C. Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest State Winner** – Savannah Robinson, A.R. Rucker Middle

- **2017 Schools to Watch Redesignation** – South Middle

- **2017 S.C. Junior Scholars** – **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Emily Geraghty, Louis Prete, Elizabeth Rousseau, Taylor Teague, Reco Truesdale, Virginia Walker; **Andrew Jackson Middle** – Amana Mae Ardrey, Earl Jasper Gerona, Georgia Ann Moore, Luke Sherwood Phillips, Leah Carol Roberts, Valerie Nichole Sims; **Buford Middle** – Chandler Bowers, Sierrah Catoe, Victoria Fay, Mallorie Gleaton, Marisa King, Thomas Tillman, Grayson Vick; **South Middle** – Adora Ly, Sa'Karia Mobley, Stephany M. Perez-Sanchez, Mason Tucker, Hope Wood

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. 17 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 (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve regular monthly financial report-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reported that expenditures and revenues were in line with the budget.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve school budget revisions-
DCH**

Mr. Walker referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and reviewed the revision requests.

Dr. Moore recommended the board approve the revisions.

A **MOTION** to approve the school budget revisions was made and seconded.

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

**Recommendation to approve district-wide budget revisions-
DCH**

Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the revision requests.

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 (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve FY 2015-16 procurement audit-
DID**

Dr. Moore recognized Ms. Petersen, who recognized Mr. Finney. Mr. Finney reported the district received a clean audit and complimented the procurement staff and the district for its procurement practices.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the audit as presented.

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.

- Arts grants update (IB)
- Spring testing dates (IH)
- 2017 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- 2017 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)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment and attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Facilities update-
FG**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Wilhide, who gave an update on the new elementary school for Indian Land students and on the Andrew Jackson, Buford and Lancaster multipurpose buildings.

**Budget update-
DCC**

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who gave an update on the state budget, reported that a \$150 increase in the base student

**2017-18 school year calendar
development process-**
AEA

costs was being considered as well as a 2% step increase and increase in pension expenditures.

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Knight who explained that a bill is in the legislature to allow schools to begin Aug. 17 this year because of the Aug. 21 eclipse. Once the bill is resolved, the calendar process will resume.

Superintendent search process-
CED

Dr. Moore introduced Dr. Littlefield, who reviewed the superintendent search timeline.

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair