

Minutes

6 p.m., March 21, 2017, 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), Melvin Stroble, 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), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Walt Collins, USCL Dean; Susan DeVenny, J. Marion Sims Foundation president & CEO; Don Gardner, Gregory Health & Wellness Center director; Anne Small, USCL swim program director

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. Gamble 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, one personnel matter, two contractual services matters, two contractual property matters, receipt of legal advice and superintendent search.

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

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** – Alice Hamilton, special education teacher; Elizabeth Threatt, eighth-grade social studies teacher; Paula Williams, cafeteria operator
 - **Andrew Jackson High** – Brenton Walters, physical education teacher
 - **Buford Elementary** – Stephanie Shull, fourth-grade teacher
 - **Buford High** – Pamela Inman, administrative assistant; Whitney Mackay, special education teacher; Lewis Rainey, instructional assistant
 - **District Office** – Mary Robertson, payroll coordinator
 - **Erwin Elementary** – Erin Martin, fifth-grade teacher
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Elizabeth Goodin, special education teacher
 - **Heath Springs Elementary** – Teri Currie, third-grade teacher
 - **Indian Land Elementary** – Stacey Hale, instructional assistant
 - **Lancaster High** – Nicole Crawford, cafeteria operator; Leicester Perdue, cafeteria operator
 - **Maintenance Dept.** – Donnie Cauthen, master maintenance technical; James Dawkins, maintenance mechanic II; Kenneth Harris, maintenance supervisor
 - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Robyn Brooks, cafeteria operator; Jodi Calandro, art teacher; Lynette Garris, 29-hour classroom helper; Lou Ann Myers, cafeteria cashier
 - **South Middle** – Pamela Threatt, administrative assistant
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Jennifer Parker, Head Start teacher
 - **Student Services** – Debora Deese, Medicaid clerkThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2016-17 school year
 - **Southside Early Childhood Center** – Celeste Graham, early childhoodThe 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 2016-17 school year
 - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Shanley Huffman, cafeteria manager
 - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary** – Joshua Camerire, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Mindy Ramig, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **Indian Land Middle** – David Mackay, 29-hour classroom helper
 - **North Elementary** – Earile Gainey, cafeteria operatorThe 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
 - **Buford Elementary** – Erin Kimbrell, guidance
 - **Clinton Elementary** – Nancy Noel, music; Tameka Thompson, elementary
 - **Indian Land Elementary/Harrisburg Elementary** – Lori Hurst, music
 - **Indian Land High** – Kevin Torres, Spanish
 - **South Middle** – Daniel Covin, English
 - **Student Services** – Melanie Beck, psychology
 - **TBD** – Kelli Farmer, social studiesThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to award the construction contract to Southern Builders of York County for \$7,774,200 for the multipurpose building to be built at Buford High.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to award the construction contract to Leitner Construction Company for \$14,633,054 for the multipurpose building and administrative office to be built at Lancaster High.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to transfer property of approximately seven acres to Lancaster County to be used for recreational purposes only with the provision that if the county no longer uses the property for recreational purposes, it will be transferred back to the school district.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
The chair reported the board completed its executive session business.

Legislative update-
LB

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
- **2017 Spring STAR Seminar Participant**
Nicole Halbeisen, Indian Land High
 - **2017 National Beta Club State Convention Digital Art Division 1 Champion**
Andrew Day, Harrisburg Elementary
 - **2017 National Beta Club State Convention Pastels Division 1 Champion**
Robin Hetterly, Harrisburg Elementary
 - **2017 National Beta Club State Convention Painting Division 1 Champion**
Lucy Holben, Harrisburg Elementary
 - **2017 National Beta Club State Convention Social Studies Division 1 Champion**
Samuel Bowers, Harrisburg Elementary
 - **2017 National Beta Club State Convention Spotlight Your Club Division 1 Champions**
Ariana Bachini, Samuel Bowers, Anika Morse – Harrisburg Elementary

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 School of Character Harrisburg Elementary• 2017 S.C. Junior Scholars<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Andrew Jackson Middle–Georgia Moore, Leah Roberts– Indian Land Middle – Alec Andrejko, James Bender, Zachary Blackwelder, Madison Bosch, Conor Burns, Shannon Devlin, Noelle Edmonds, Adam Forbis, Nolan Hook, Alexis Huggins, Sarah Kelly, Hunter Koenig, Jordan Maple, Laural Mason, Michael May, Della Neese, Mya Petty, Matthew Shaheen, Lauren Sizemore, Hope Voshell and Audrey Williams |
| <p>Special recognition of JMS Foundation Learn to Swim program- ID, IDB</p> | <p>On behalf of the board, the chair recognized Mr. Gardner, Dr. Collins, Ms. DeVenny and Ms. Small, who showed a video about the program and reported on the continuing positive impact the program is having on the water safety skills of the fourth graders who have been part of the program.</p> |
| <p>Public forum- BCBI</p> | <p>The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward.</p> <p>Doug Barfield from the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Department reviewed the potential negative impact the proposed Compassionate Care Act in the S.C. Legislature could have on our schools because of the marijuana use it makes legal for students and employees.</p> <p>On behalf of the Sheriff, he asked the board to pass a resolution against the act.</p> |
| <p>Approval of consent action items- BCBD</p> | <p>The chair called for approval of consent action items below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of Feb. 21 regular meeting (BCBH)• Early Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)• Head Start monthly financial report (IDDH)• Recommendation to approve 2017-18 textbook adoptions (IFAA)• Recommendation to approve the continuation of the Head Start Refunding grant application for 2017-18 (IDDH) <p>A MOTION to approve the items was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).</p> |
| <p>Recommendation to approve regular monthly financial report- DCH</p> | <p>Dr. Moore referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report.</p> <p>A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).</p> |
| <p>2017-18 school year calendar development process & recommendation to approve the 2017-18 school year calendar- AEA</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>Dr. Moore then recommended the board approve Option 1, the option favored by the majority of the employees who responded to the calendar survey.</p> |

**Recommendation to approve summer school fees-
DJE**

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Option 1 as the 2017-18 school year calendar.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

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

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 (7-0).

**Consent information items-
BCBD**

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.

The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items.
The reports were emailed to board members before the meeting.

- Sale of Referendum General Obligation Bonds (DFD)
- Youth Art Month winners (IH)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 8 & 9 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- 2017 Summer schedule (GBR)
- 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)

**Receipt of FY 2017-18 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 would begin on the Buford High multipurpose center, the new elementary school for Indian Land and the Andrew Jackson multipurpose center as soon as contracts were finalized.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair