

# Minutes

6 p.m., January 16, 2018, 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 and Bill Sumner

### Board members absent-

None

### District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Butch Dutton (Secondary Instruction Director), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Tom McDuffie (Gifted/Talented Director), Chuck Payne (Security Guard), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Transportation Director) and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

### 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. 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 2, the Fort Mill Times, The Herald, the Kershaw News Era, The Lancaster News, WBTV, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

## Executive session

### Executive session-

BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, GBN, DFN, FGB

The chair announced the purpose for executive session was to receive resignations/retirements/terminations, 2017-18 certified employment recommendations, 2017-18 non-certified employment recommendations, 2017-18 administrative employment recommendations, one contractual services 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

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

### Executive session action-

BCBK

The chair noted that 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**– Joyce Courts-Massey, ELA teacher
  - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary**– Amanda Antonacci, media specialist; Anne Howey, guidance counselor; Sheila Mayfield, first-grade teacher; Christal Mosley, fifth-grade teacher; Sheila Perry, kindergarten assistant
  - **Buford High**– Alan Bishop, band director; Cynthia Carnes, math teacher; Derek Taylor, biology teacher; Cynthia Turner, English teacher
  - **Clinton Elementary**– Courtney Bishop, fourth-grade teacher; Blake Mayhew, fourth-grade teacher; Euphemia Southall, media specialist
  - **District Office**– Jan Collins, technology specialist; Lisa Johnson, lead speech; Robert Wasserman, fiscal services administrator
  - **Food Services**– Linda Doyle-Baker, cafeteria operator
  - **Harrisburg Elementary**– Angie Evatt, leadership teacher; Susan Howie, reading coach
  - **Heath Springs Elementary**– Miranda Mathis, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land Elementary**– Patricia Blacknall, assistant principal; Elizabeth Blum, principal; Lori Griffin, reading recovery
  - **Indian Land High** – Ralph Furr, driver’s education teacher; Samuel Wood, ROTC teacher
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Chiffon Soffel, business teacher
  - **Kershaw Elementary**– Paula Truesdale, reading coach
  - **Lancaster High** – Richard Brown, physical education teacher; Kelly Cauthen, instructional assistant; Deborah Threatt, special education teacher; Janet Williamson, cosmetology teacher
  - **Maintenance**– Bryan Hinson, maintenance mechanic II
  - **McDonald Green Elementary**– Carla Poitier, third-grade teacher
  - **North Elementary**– Anelle Marsico, fourth-grade teacher; Colleen Meier, third-grade teacher; Joy Pendarvis, speech teacher
  - **Student Services**– Beverly Wilson, special education teacherThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s certified recommendation to employ for the 2017-18 school year
  - **Clinton Elementary**– Iman Spencer, elementary
  - **North Elementary**– Naomi Harris, elementaryThe motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s non-certified recommendation to employ for the 2017-18 school year
  - **A.R. Rucker Middle**– Kalihia Ricks, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Brooklyn Springs Elementary**– Erica Garris, 29-hour classroom helper; Janie Neal, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Food Services**– Shelia Dunbar, cafeteria operator; Dawn Edmiston, cafeteria operator; Margaret McGriff, cafeteria

- operator; Katherine Mullins, cafeteria operator
  - **Indian Land High**– Lillian Warren, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land Middle**– Suzanne Baldassarri, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Lancaster High**– William Graham, ISS assistant
- The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to approve Compass Municipal Advisors as an exempted vendor for the district’s financial services related to bond issues.  
The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to approve Theo Dubose of Haynesworth, Sinkler & Boyd as an exempted vendor for the district’s bond counsel services.  
The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a MOTION was made and seconded to accept the superintendent’s administrative recommendations to employ
  - **Buford High**– Michael Belk, principal (2018-19)
  - **Harrisburg Elementary**– Teryn Dalton, principal (to begin Jan. 22, 2018)
  - **Indian Land Elementary**– Keisha Witherspoon, principal (2018-19)The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).  
The chair reported the board had completed its executive session business.

**Legislative update-  
LB**

The chair stated efforts were continuing to get the legislature to give school districts the freedom to set their school start dates.

**Trustees Award-  
KHA**

On behalf of the board, the chair presented a Trustees Award to

- **S.C. Association of Governmental Purchasing Officer’s  
2017 Manager of the Year**  
Jan Petersen, Procurement Director

**Special recognitions-  
ID**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Platts, who reported that the district now has 91 National Board Certified teachers.

Mr. Platts, Dr. Phipps and the board congratulated 10 National Board Re-Certified teachers – Dabney Brice, North Elementary; Karen Dinger, Buford Middle; Lisa Hallman, Buford Middle; Leigh Hardin, Indian Land Elementary; Margaret Hudson, North Elementary; Susan Lucas, McDonald Green Elementary; Sherri McLemore, Kershaw Elementary; Shannon Thorne, McDonald Green Elementary; Ann Tillman, Buford Elementary and Tracie Veal, McDonald Green Elementary.

Dr. Phipps said January is *School Board Recognition Month* and recognized the board for its focus on putting children first. and the support it gives the district teachers and staff.

The district presented board members with polo shirts embroidered with the LCSD logo in appreciation of their dedication and support for our children and schools.

**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 Dec. 12 regular meeting (BCBH)
- Early Head Start monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- Head Start monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)

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

**Regular monthly financial report-**

DCH

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the report.

After discussion, Dr. Phipps recommended the board approve the report.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the report.

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

**Proposed name, mascot & colors for new school in panhandle-**

JBCB, C/D

Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell, who outlined the process the superintendent would use to develop a recommendation to present to the board during its Feb. 20 meeting on the name, mascot and colors for the new elementary school.

After discussion, the chair asked the board for a motion to designate Mr. McCorkle as the board's representative on the Naming Committee.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to name Mr. McCorkle as the board's representative.

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

**Receipt of 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.

- July-December 2017 Athletic Financial Activity Report (LEB/LEC)
- Gold Card for senior citizens (KAA)
- 2018-19 school year calendar development process (AEA)
- Sole source, emergency procurement and trade-in procurement reports (DJE)
- Discovery School Annual Report (ID)
- Advanced Placement Scholars (ID)
- District Spelling Bee – Feb. 1 (IH)
- MLK *I Have a Dream* essay contest winners (ID)
- District science fair (IDF)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching Program* (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 7 & 8 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment and attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Draft attendance lines for new elementary school in panhandle-**

JBCB/C/D

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Vaughn, who reviewed the proposed attendance lines for elementary schools in Indian Land and the process for gathering input from parents on the proposed changes.

**Gifted and Talented Program restructuring update-  
IDDD**

The input received will be used to tweak the proposed lines, if appropriate, and the superintendent will make a recommendation to the board during the Feb. 20 regular meeting.  
Changes in the attendance lines will be needed in Fall 2018 when the new elementary school in Indian Land opens.

Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell and Mr. McDuffie, who reviewed the changes that will be made in the program.

**Mid-year financial reports-  
DA**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Walker, who reviewed the mid-year financial reports – general fund equity, special revenue fund, Education Improvement Act fund, debt service fund, capital projects funds, food service fund and pupil activity fund.

**Facilities update-  
LB**

Dr. Phipps gave the board an update on the maintenance and new construction projects in the district.

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair