

# Minutes

6 p.m., February 20, 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), Megan Hanna (Heath Springs Elementary), Scott Johnson (Information Technology Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Mica Parker (Heath Springs Elementary Teacher), Chuck Payne (Security Guard), Jan Petersen (Procurement Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Stephen Puckett (VanWyck New Elementary School Principal), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), David Small (Facilities Director), Emilee Vaughn (Heath Springs Elementary), Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer) and Sheri Watson (Heath Springs Elementary Principal)

#### Guests-

Ken Booze (Greene, Finney & Horton, LLP); Jimmy Wilhide (Moseley Architects)

#### Press-

Mark Manicone (*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 services matters 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
  - **Andrew Jackson High** – Carla Faulkenberry, science teacher; Larry Cox, physical education teacher; Cierra Stinson, dance teacher
  - **Buford Middle** – Deborah Williams, sixth-grade ELA teacher
  - **Clinton Elementary** – Iman Spencer, fifth-grade teacher
  - **Discovery School** – Christopher Kelly, part-time music teacher
  - **District Office** – Annette Adkins, 29-hour accounting assistant
  - **Food Services** – Brittany Jordan, cafeteria operator
  - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Gary Belcher, kindergarten assistant
  - **Heath Springs Elementary** – Peggy Hammond, administrative assistant; Jodell Caber, health science teacher; Darryl Pierce, fifth-grade teacher; Morganne Vlaarding-erbroek, fourth-grade teacher
  - **Indian Land Elementary** – Ann Kilroy, administrative assistant; Eileen Heckman, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Carolyn Ingram, health science teacher; Brittany Bullard, special education teacher
  - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Rebecca Vincent, kindergarten teacher; Midenna Anderson, second-grade teacher
  - **Student Services** – Graceann Jones, lead nurse; Monica Vrooman, ESOL teacher
  - **Transportation** – Henry Brown Jr., bus driver; Danny Brown, bus driver; Teresa Brown, bus driver, Deborah Larkin-Torriger, bus driver

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 2017-18 school year
  - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Rebecca Michael, special education
  - **Buford High** – Deanna Helms, health science; Melissa Pate, health science
  - **Indian Land Elementary** – Jennifer Kiel, elementary

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 2018-19 school year
    - **Indian Land High** – Paul Richardson, driver training
    - **North Elementary** – Brenda Capps, elementary
- 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 2017-18 school year
  - **A.R. Rucker Middle** – Avis Robinson, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Adult Education** – Jacob Eubanks, instructional assistant 1
  - **Barr Street** – Stephanie Allen, 29-hour receptionist
  - **District Office** – Regina Ledford, 29-hour accounting department
  - **Facilities** – Benjamin Watkins, HVAC technician
  - **Food Services** – Ashley Gardner, cafeteria operator; Antonella Mintz, cafeteria operator
  - **Harrisburg Elementary** – Kasey Pangle, instructional assistant
  - **Heath Springs Elementary** – April Deese, 29-hour classroom helper; Ericka Ardrey, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land Elementary** – Jennifer Campbell, 29-hour classroom helper; Rebekah Turbeville, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **Indian Land Middle** – Lauren Iovino, 29-hour classroom helper
  - **McDonald Green Elementary** – Alisha Steen, 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 2018-19 school year
  - **District Office** – Lynn Funderburk, fiscal servicesThe motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made and seconded to accept the superintendent's recommendation to contract GCA Cleaning Services for the 2018-19 school year, with the option to renew for 2019-2020.

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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

**Legislative update-**  
**LB**

**Trustees Awards-**  
**KHA**

Dr. Phipps reported the district was monitoring bills related to education.

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

- **2018 S.C. Junior Scholars** – **Indian Land Middle**
  - Magdalena Bania, Kiley Basik, Peter Cambell, Christian Castanheira, Gia Deguiceis, Carson Dodge, Richmond Fang, William Ferri, Spencer Gardner, Kayla Gibson, Asael Gonzalez, Danyal Khan, Diana Kiger, Dazae Lawrence, Trevor Lynch, Lauren Maynard, Jordyn Nahum, Taylor Petrosino, Aiden Redahan, Rachel Saeed, Amelia Slater, Carolina Terry, Tobyn Thibodeau, Aidan Urquhart and Garrin Waiksnis

**Public forum-  
BCBI**

- **2018 Wrestling State Champion in 90-lb. weight division**  
– Max Yegge, Indian Land Middle
- **2018 Wrestling State Championship**  
– Indian Land Middle wrestling team

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

Heath Springs Elementary students and faculty presented their proposed floor plans and models for upcoming renovations to the school's media center, offices and playground to the board, urging the board to consider the proposals as the designs for the renovations are developed.

Presenting the proposals were

- first-grade teacher Mica Parker and her students Caroline Ardrey, Sa'Fari Baskins, Audrey Blackmon, Bailey Blackmon, Kennedy Catoe, Maxton Christian, Raynee Christian, Brantley Denton, William Duncan, Wyatt Duncan, Sydney Fleming, Hudson Forrester, Tanner Holden, Madison Hornsby, Madison Kimbrell, Belk McDow, Bryson Price, Isabella Reynolds, Gianna Truesdale, Jackson Williams and Jantzen Williams;
- third-grade teacher Jennifer Fleming and her students Ferryn Bell, Lyra Carter, Drico Curry, Levi Hammond and Manuel Lopez;
- third-grade teacher Sherri Kimbrell and her students Neely Kate Deese, Angelique Duncan, Ashley McCowan, Pierce Robertson, Taliyah Southern, Zuri Wade, Chloe Watts, Austin Wright
- fifth-grade teacher Emilee Vaughn and her students Karleigh Beattie, Ally Beckham, Savannah Chapple, Alexis Etters, Rebecca Moore, Dallas Vick and Bryson Watts.

The students created the floor plans and models as part of project-based learning units.

The students and teachers were supported as they developed the projects by former fourth-grade teacher and current reading coach Kendall Blackmon and architect Jimmy Wilhide.

**Approval of consent action items-  
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of Jan. 16 regular meeting and Feb. 3 Board/superintendent planning meeting (BCBH)
- Attendance lines for new elementary school in panhandle (JBCB/C/D)
- 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. Phipps 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. Phipps 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

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

Dr. Phipps 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 2016-17 procurement audit-**  
DID

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Ms. Petersen, who recognized Mr. Booze. Mr. Booze 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).

**Recommendation to approve name, mascot and colors for new elementary school in the panhandle-**  
FDC

Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell and Mr. Puckett, who presented the naming committee's rationale and choosing for Van Wyck Elementary as the school's name, Braves as the school's mascot and blue, white and gold as the school's colors.

Dr. Phipps recommended the board approve the committee's choices.

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

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

**2018-19 school year calendar development process & recommendation to approve the 2018-19 school year calendar-**  
AEA

Dr. Phipps 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.

Dr. Phipps then recommended the board approve Option 1, the option favored by the majority of the employees who responded to the calendar survey.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve Option 1 as the 2018-19 school year calendar.

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

**Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy AC – School District Organizational Plan-**  
AC, BDE

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Knight, who reviewed the proposed revisions to help clarify the policy.

Dr. Phipps recommended the board approve the proposed revisions.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Policy AC.

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.

- Make-up days for Jan. 17-18 (AE)
- Spring 2018 testing dates (IH)
- 2018 Spelling Bee winners (ID)
- Black History Month activities (ID)
- *Celebrate Great Teaching* Program (GAD)
- *Celebration of Excellence* – May 7 & 8 (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress summary (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment/attendance (IDDH)
- SCSBA information (MGB, BBBC)

**Budget update-  
DCC**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Walker, who gave an update on the state budget. He reported that work on proposed needed expenditures almost complete, but still waiting on revenues, which won't be known until the state budget is complete.

**Facilities update-  
FG**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Small, who gave an update on the new elementary school, reporting that rain has affected work at the site but the project is still on schedule.

He also reported staff is working with the architects on designing the remaining bond projects.

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

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Robert W. Parker, Chair