

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

Ken Buck, Janice Dabney (Secretary), Tyrom Faulkner (Vice Chair), Margaret Gamble, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Melvin Stroble

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

TJ Armbrust (LearnTV), Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Rachel Bradley (Assistant to Superintendent), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Bill Murphy (Security Guard), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Quenton Thomas (LearnTV), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

None

Press-

None

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. Parker 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, WBTW, 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, 2020-21 administrative and certified employment recommendations, and contractual matters.

The MOTION to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -

BCB

At 7:08 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board.

Approval of meeting agenda-

BCBD

The chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Stroble to approve the agenda as emailed.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**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 by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept resignations/retirements/terminations.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendations for the 2020-21.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Stroble to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2020-21 school year.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept the superintendent's recommendation to exempt the following nine companies from the bid process for services:

- wastewater treatment plant testing for the wastewater treatment plant at Buford High - **JG Environmental**;

- elevator maintenance and repair for elevators at Clinton and Lancaster High - **Thyssenkrupp Elevator Service**;

- worker's compensation & property & casualty insurance: **South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust**;

- non-instructional student activity insurance: **Bates Brokers Inc.** (Maksin Group/American International Group (AIG) is the underwriter with an AM Best rating of A++ and a financial class of XV. The Maksin Group also administers our catastrophic coverage provided for all student activities;

- criminal background check services: **Chapman Corporation**

- transcript request services: **Advance Imaging Systems.**

- financial services related to bond issues: **Compass Municipal Advisors.**

- Bond Counsel: **Theodore DuBose of Haynsworth, Sinkler, and Boyd**

- Emergency Communication Services: **Remind Communication System**

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Stroble to accept the superintendent's recommendation to extend the contract one additional year for Custodial Cleaning Services with **Budd Group** beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

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

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Seven Lancaster County School District Seniors, Kayla Buerger, Vanessa Steen, Nicole Krause, Abby Laine Polson,

**Board and Superintendent
Comments-**

BCBD

Rhett Bowers, Matthew McCall & Caleb Griffin, came forward to speak on the graduation ceremonies and guidelines during COVID-19.

Dr. Phipps spoke to the board and meeting attendees about the guidelines and details of the graduation ceremonies that are planned at all four high schools in the district. Dr. Phipps also spoke to the board and attendees about how the Celebration of Excellence will be handled this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Approval of consent action items-

BCBD

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **April 23** 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 by Mr. Buck and seconded by Ms. Dabney

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

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

DCH

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White, who reported expenditures and revenues were in line with the budget.

A MOTION to approve the report was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve the
proposed 2020-2021 student
fees -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White, who reported on the proposed student fees for the 2020-2021 school year.

A MOTION to approve the report was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve the sec-
ond reading to change board policy
GCA - Compensation Guides - and
memo**

GCA

Dr. Phipps recommended the board to approve the second reading to change board policy GCA - *Compensation Guides* and Memo.

A MOTION to approve the report was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Faulkner

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve the sec-
ond reading to change board policy
GCN - Discipline, Administrative
leave and dismissal of classified staff
- and memo**

GCN

Dr. Phipps recommended the board to approve the second reading to change board policy GCN - *Discipline, Administrative leave and dismissal of classified staff* and Memo.

A MOTION to approve the report was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Faulkner

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**Recommendation to approve the sec-
ond reading to change board policy
GBP - Reemployment - memo**

GBP

Dr. Phipps recommended the board to approve the first reading to change board policy GBP - *Reemployment* and Memo

A MOTION to approve the report was made by Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Stroble

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

**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.

- **FY 2019 Discovery School audit report** (IH)
- **Bond Anticipation Note Update** (GBQ, GCO, IH)
- **2020 Summer Schedule** (KHA)
- **National Nurses Week May 6th-12th**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly director's report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **April 29** Policy Council Minutes
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly federal progress summary** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly enrollment and attendance** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start **Grant for FY 2020-2021**
- Early Head Start/Head Start One Time COVID-19 supplemental funding **Memo** and **Grant Application**
- SC School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBBC)

**FY 2020-2021 district-wide budget
DCC-R**

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. White who gave a presentation on the FY 2020-2021 budget.

**Facilities Update -
IHA**

Dr. Phipps recognized David Small who presented to the board a facilities update.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair