

Minutes

6 p.m., October 20, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

TJ Armbrust (LearnTV), Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), Rachel Bradley (Assistant to Superintendent), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Paul McKenzie, Jr. (LearnTV), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Blake Stacks (IT Director), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

(Thompson Turner Construction) Rodney Thompson Jack Robinson, Paige Carlton, Hal Turner

Press-

Mac Banks (*The Lancaster News*)

Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA

At 6:00 pm., 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 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, certified and non-certified employment recommendations.

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

Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -
BCB

At 7:07 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 Ms. Dabney and seconded by Mr. Buck to approve the agenda as emailed.

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

Executive session action-
BCBK

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6:00 p.m.

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to accept resignations/retirements/terminations.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

20 members of the public came forward. John T. Jones came to speak about the integration of more African American history into the year long curriculum.

Heather Brasington, Steve Sherrill, Courtney Green, Daniel Morales Green, Sarah Dailey, Tina Helms, , Melissa Tanner, Jaime Bailey, Chelsea-Rae Sane, Jeff Thornton, Tracy Sims, Jessica Kennington, Randy Newman, Heather Karhan, Kristina Holst, Brooke Collins, James Logan, JP Balfour, and Tiffany Williams came to speak about students struggling with the current hybrid schedule and the timeline for returning to five days in school learning.

Approval of consent action items-
BCBD

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **September 15** called meeting (BCBH)
- **Early Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- **Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)

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. Stroble.

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.

- FY 19-20 external **audit update**
- 2020-21 15 day Average Daily Membership **report**
- **Update** on sale of 8% General Obligation Bonds entire program
- **Procurement Contract report**
- **Red Ribbon Week** report
- **National School Bus Safety Week** report
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly director's report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **September 30** Policy Council Minutes
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly federal progress summary** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly enrollment and attendance** (IDDH)
- SSECC Chromebook purchase proposal **Memo** and **PowerPoint**
- SC School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBBC)

Facilities Update -

EBI

Dr. Phipps recognized Rodney Thompson, Jack Robinson, Paige Carlton, and Hal Turner of Thompson Turner Construction who gave a **presentation** of the improvements and projects that have been completed in schools around the district.

COVID-19 updated plans -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who gave a presentation on the district COVID-19 cases and presented the two options for returning students to four face to face instruction days.

A MOTION to meet on Friday, October 30, 2020 to discuss the two options for returning to 4 days a week face-to-face instruction was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Stroble.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Adjournment-

BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair