

Minutes

5 p.m., October 29, 2020, Called Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Called Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

Margaret Gamble

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), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

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Press-

Mac Banks (*The Lancaster News*)

Citizens-

6

Open session

Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 5:01 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, WBTV, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -

BCB

At 5:01 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board.

Public forum-

BCBI

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. 6 members of the public came forward. Mark Griffith spoke about teacher and staff safety concerns regarding returning to more face-to-face days of instruction. Tracy St. Hilaire, Jason Weiss, and Brittany Pollina came to speak about their concerns in regards to the safety of students and staff and the added stress when moving to more face-to-face instruction days. Joe Cusano spoke about his concerns regarding synchronous learning and returning to more face-to-face days for students. TJ Armbrust came forward to speak about teacher and staff safety and how concerns about recovery time for sick employees might affect instruction.

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 again Dr. Phipps then discussed the ordering and timeline for arrival and installation of the plexiglass shields as a part of Option B plan.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck to select November 16th as the date to return kindergarten through fifth grade students to four days of in person learning according to the Option B plan released at the October 20th regular board meeting.

An AMENDMENT to the MOTION was made by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Ms. Dabney that provided installation of the plexiglass could be completed in the two week time frame in all elementary schools, kindergarten to fifth grade students would return to in person learning for four days a week.

The amendment PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Ms. Gamble was absent

The board then voted on the amended motion.

The amended motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Ms. Gamble was absent

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Robert W. Parker, Chair