

Minutes

6 p.m., January 19, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-

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

Board members absent-

None

District personnel-

Rick Chandler (Attorney), Alex Dabney (Athletic Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Jimmy Wilhide (Moseley Architect)

Press-

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Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 6:15 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 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.

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

Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -

BCB

At 7:19 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. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Stroble 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 6:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck 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. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck to move forward with approving Thompson & Turner to pave the Indian Land High complex.

An **AMENDMENT** to the **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Parker to have Thompson & Turner go through the regular procurement process. ,

The board then voted on the amended motion.

The amended motion passed. (6-1).

Ms. Gamble voted against.

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.

Two citizens came forward to speak. Ms. Green spoke about her concerns regarding the district still being on a hybrid schedule and her desire to see all grade levels go back to five day in-person instruction. Kysha Frazier also came forward to speak about her concerns regarding some school policies and her suggestions on updating those policies to include racially derogatory language and behavior as explicitly prohibited by the school district. She also wanted an update on the diversity task force that was being formed.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **December 8** 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. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck

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 Ms. White, who reported expenditures and revenues were in line with the budget.

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

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 2020 **Athletic Financial Activity Report** and **memo**
- July-December 2020 **Procurement Reports**
- Discovery School Annual Report - annual **report**, instructional **staff**, financial **audit**, board **members**, statement of **assurances**, **approved budget**
- 2021 School Board **Recognition Month**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly director's report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly federal progress summary** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start **monthly enrollment and attendance** (IDDH)
- SC School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBBC)

**Facilities Update -
IHA**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Small who introduced Mr. Jimmy Wilhide, our Moseley Architect, who gave a **presentation** on the status of the new Indian Land High School with up to date pictures.

COVID-19 Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who gave an update on the county and district COVID-19 numbers. There was discussion of the COVID-19 vaccine and where the state is regarding giving out vaccinations to teachers and staff in our district. Ms. Quinn explained to the board that Leigh Lever, the district nurse, is working with MUSC and our school nurses to stay up to date on the status of the COVID-19 vaccine and the timeline for each phase.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Secretary

Tyrom Faulkner, Chair