

# Minutes

5:30 p.m., March 16, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting

## Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

### In attendance

<b>Board members present-</b>	Ken Buck, Janice Dabney (Vice Chair), Tyrom Faulkner (Chair), Margaret Gamble, Bobby Parker (Secretary), Brad Small, and Melvin Stroble
<b>Board members absent-</b>	None
<b>District personnel-</b>	TJ Armbrust (LearnTV), Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), Tim Bowers (Facilities), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Alex Dabney (Athletic Director), John Duke (Facilities), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Mary Faile (Finance Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Service Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Quinton Thomas (LearnTV) and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)
<b>Guests-</b>	Drew Sawicki, Bruce Hudson (Cleveland Construction), Ashley Story (Attorney)
<b>Press-</b>	Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)
<b>Citizens-</b>	0

### Open session

<b>Call to order and invocation-</b> BABA	At 5:30 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Faulkner gave the <u>INVOCATION</u> .
<b>Notice to media-</b> 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.

### Executive session

<b>Executive session-</b> 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 2021-22 certified employment recommendations. The <u>MOTION</u> to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0).
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### Open session

<b>Welcome &amp; Pledge of Allegiance -</b> BCB	At 7:07 p.m., the chair welcomed the public on behalf of the board.
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**Approval of meeting agenda-**  
BCBD

The chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed. In open session, a MOTION was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Stroble to amend the agenda and move section E: Executive Session Action item to the final presentation in Section J. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Public forum-**  
BCBI

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. No member of the public came forward.

**Approval of consent action items-**  
BCBD

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **February 16** regular meeting (BCBH)
- **Early Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- **Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- **Virtual Plans** for 2021-2022

A MOTION to approve the items was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Stroble. 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 Ms. Dabney. The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve Budget Revisions for 2020-2021**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White who presented budget revisions for FY 2020-2021. 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.

- 2021 summer **schedule**
- National Purchasing Month - **March**
- Early Head Start/Head Start director's monthly **report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start Feb. 24 Policy Council **Minutes**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal **progress summary** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **enrollment & attendance** (IDDH)
- Head Start Continuation Grant **Application** and **Memo** (IDDH)
- South Carolina School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBC)

**COVID-19 Update -**

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who gave an update on the county and district COVID-19 numbers. Dr. Phipps updated the board on the plan to have students go back to five days a week in-person instruction on April 12th.

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck that Lancaster County School District will return to five days of in person instruction on April 12th with the exception of students who are virtual. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**Instruction Update-**

Dr. Phipps updated the board on the virtual plans for the 2021-2022 school year. He discussed the new guidelines and rules that would be in place for virtual learning. Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell and Mr. Dutton who spoke about the survey results they received back from parents regarding continuing uniforms in the schools. Dr. Phipps let the board know that the survey results helped to make the decision to not require uniforms for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Dutton updated the board on USCL utilizing a building on the old Indian Land High campus for a USCL-Indian Land satellite campus.

**Prom Update-**

Dr. Phipps gave an update to the board that the decision was made to not have proms at any high school this year. Dr. Phipps explained that safety was an issue and schools would be unable to safely social distance during the prom since the group of attendees would be too large.

**Graduation Update-**

Dr. Phipps gave an update on graduation for the 2020-2021 school year. All students will be receiving six tickets for their graduation ceremony. Families will sit together in the stands and graduating seniors will sit together on the football field. Dr. Phipps stated that he hoped the new Indian Land High stadium would be done in time so that Indian Land High seniors would be able to graduate on the new campus.

**Athletic Update-**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Dabney who gave an update on athletics regarding concessions and attendance at games. Mr. Dabney stated that athletics in the district were still following the guidelines set forth by the High School League. Mr. Dabney explained that the High School League still recommends that attendance at games be held to 50% capacity or 250 people, whichever number is lower. In the district, each athlete gets four tickets for home games and two tickets for away games. Mr. Dabney stated that the goal of the safety measures still being in place is to allow the athletes to be able to hopefully complete a full season of their sport. Dr. Phipps spoke about concessions at the games. The High School League guidelines still recommend that all concessions be pre-packaged which includes all food and drinks. This is a safety measure still being followed at athletic events in the district since the recommendation has not changed.

**Facilities Update -**

IHA

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Small who introduced Dave Sawicki who gave an update on the status of the new Indian Land High School. Mr. Sawicki let the board know that the final OSF overhead inspection is set for March 29th. Mr. Sawicki stated that everything was on track to be completed and inspected in time for the Indian Land Seniors to be able to graduate in the new Indian Land High athletic stadium.

**Executive session action-**

BCBK

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 5:35 p.m.

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept the superintendent’s certified employment recommendations for the 2021-22 school year.

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Ms. Dabney to accept the superintendent’s recommendation to extend the following contract for services for the 2021-2022 school year:

– Auto Notification Systems:

**Blackboard Connect**

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

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

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Adjournment-**

BCBF

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert W. Parker, Secretary

Tyrom Faulkner, Chair