

Minutes

5:30 p.m., May 18, 2021, Regular Monthly 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-	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), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Mary Faile (Finance Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Chaquell Johnson (Security), Marie Johnson (Secondary Literacy Specialist), 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), Angela Vaughan (HR), Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer), Stephanie Wilkerson (Security guard)
Guests-	
Press-	Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)
Citizens-	2

Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA	At 5:30 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Faulkner gave the <u>INVOCATION</u> .
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, WBTB, 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, 2021-22 administrative and 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

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance - BCB	At 7:01 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. Buck and seconded by Mr. Parker 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 5:35 p.m.

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

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

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

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Ms. Dabney 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 Mr. Buck to approve for the district to move forward with the sale of Dobson Elementary School property for \$120,000.

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

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

COVID-19 Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who gave an update on the county and district COVID-19 numbers. Ms. Quinn discussed the continued requirement of masks for bus riders as well as the current guidelines from SCDHEC and the CDC regarding the plexiglass safety measures. Dr. Phipps informed the board that the district has not released plans for mask or plexiglass requirements because the SCDHEC and the CDC have yet to provide any guidance yet on the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Two members of the public came forward.

Ms. Pamela Jones came to inform the board about her Summer camp called Camp Lifeline, which was created to help students whose academics were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Orville Kappen came forward to discuss his concerns regarding the district's political science and history curriculums.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **April 16** planning meeting & **April 20** regular meeting (BCBH)

- Approval of corrections to minutes of **September 15** regular meeting and **Memo**

- **Early Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- **Head Start** monthly financial report (DC, IDDH)
- Recommendation to approve second reading of **Board Policy JCDAE** – Student Sex/gender discrimination and harassment and **Memo**
- Recommendation to approve second reading of **Board Policy GAMB**– Employee Sex/gender discrimination and harassment and **Memo**
- Recommendation to approve second reading of **Board Policy JCDAF**– Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Title IX) and **Memo**
- Recommendation to approve second reading of **Board Policy GAMBA**– Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Title IX) and **Memo**
- Early Head Start Continuation Grant **Application** and **Memo**

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 Ms. Dabney

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

Recommendation to approve proposed 2021-2022 student fees and hourly rates

DFG

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White and Ms. Quinn, who informed the board that the student fees for the 2021-2022 school year are going to remain unchanged from the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Quinn informed the board about the changes to the hourly rates for temporary positions.

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 MTSS district plan

Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell who gave a **presentation** on the district's Multi-Tiered System of Support plan. Dr. Blackwell explained that the MTSS instructional plan for the district provides teachers and schools with a structured framework and guidance on how to meet each child's academic, behavioral, and emotional needs so that they are college and career ready.

A **MOTION** to approve the MTSS plan 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 2020 Discovery School **audit report**
- Bond Anticipation Note **update**
- National Nurses Day **memo**
- Early Head Start/Head Start director’s monthly **report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start April 28 Policy Council **Minutes**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress **summary** (IDDH)
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **enrollment & attendance** (IDDH)
- South Carolina School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBC)

Academic Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Dabney and Ms. Johnson who gave and update on academics. Mr. Dabney gave a **presentation** on MAP test scores and how schools are using the MAP test data from the State Department to learn more about student achievement gaps. Ms. Johnson gave a presentation to the board about the workshop model approach to learning at the high school level.

Presentation of propped FY 2021-2022 general fund & debt service Budget -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. White who gave a presentation of the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget. Ms. White discussed the details of the budget and stated that the State Department would not pass their budget until June.

Facilities Update -
IHA

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Small and Mr. Bowers who gave a facilities update to the board. Mr. Bowers updated the board on the latest dates for the inspections for the new Indian land High School. Mr. Bowers stated that the new school will be ready for the 2021-2022 school year.

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Secretary

Tyrom Faulkner, Chair