

Minutes

10 a.m., April 16, 2021 Planning Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Planning 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-

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), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), David Small (Facilities Director), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Hank Olsen (The Budd Group), Charles Kim (The Budd Group), Ronnie Boykin (The Budd Group), and Dan Dodd (FitFields)

Press-

Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)

Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA

At 10:05 a.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Mr. Faulkner 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.

Cleaning Contract- FE

Dr. Phipps introduced Mr. Boykin, who presented a powerpoint presentation on what The Budd Group does for the school district in regards to cleaning and sanitation. Mr. Boykin discussed the challenges that arose when the COVID-19 pandemic began and how The Budd Group were able to meet the sanitation and safety needs of the district.

Athletic Study- LB

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Dodd who gave an informational presentation on how FitFields conducts an athletic study. Mr. Dodd went through the steps of doing an athletic study on the school district's facilities and sports fields. He discussed the cost of the study and details about what type of recommendations FitFields might make regarding upgrades and repairs and how much that could cost the district.

Dobson Property -

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Hammond who spoke about the Dobson property owned by the district and that there was new interest from a potential buyer.

Parks and Recreation-

Dr. Phipps wanted to update the board on a possible agreement between the school district and Lancaster County Parks and Recreation regarding the usage of each other's facilities for events and athletics. The board discussed the district's regular usage of the Parks and Recreation facilities and if that was significant enough to warrant a formal agreement. Mr. Chandler advised the board that after looking over the first draft of the agreement that the County sent over, that the board use only one form or agreement for anyone interested in renting the district's facilities. The school district has a form for facility rentals and the board discussed the possibility of using that form and updating the information if needed. Dr. Phipps and the board discussed the concerns of principals, the biggest issues being safety & security concerns as well as the question of legal responsibility in the event a person is injured or property is damaged.

Budget Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. White who presented a rough draft of the 2021-22 school year budget. Ms. White went over the budget details for the general fund. She also briefly discussed the CARES Act funding the district received during the 2020-21 school year, the restrictions on utilizing those funds and what the district has planned for them.

Virtual School 2021-22 Update-

Dr. Phipps recognized Dr. Blackwell and Mr. Dutton who presented to the board an update of the plans for next school year's virtual option. Dr. Blackwell and Mr. Dutton informed the board of the number of students signed up for elementary, middle, and high and spoke about the application deadline.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Secretary

Tyrom Faulkner, Chair