

Minutes

5:30 p.m., August 17, 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), Margaret Gamble, Bobby Parker (Secretary), Brad Small, and Melvin Stroble
Board members absent-	Tyrom Faulkner (Chair)
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), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Service Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Quinton Thomas (LearnTV), Angela Vaughan (HR), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)
Guests-	Theodore DuBose, (Haynsworth Sinkler & Boyd, P.A.)
Press-	0
Citizens-	13

Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA	At 5:35 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Dabney 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 certified and working retirees employment recommendations, and two contractual matters. The <u>MOTION</u> to enter executive session was made and seconded. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0).
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Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance - BCB	At 7:02 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. In open session, a <u>MOTION</u> was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Small to approve the agenda as emailed. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0). Mr. Faulkner was absent.

**Executive session action-
BCBK**

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6:05 p.m.

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

- 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 (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

- 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 contracts for services for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Procurement Audit Services

Greene Finney, LLP

- Fencing

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The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

The chair reported that the board had not completed its executive session business and would reconvene following the regular meeting.

COVID-19 Update-

Dr. Phipps introduced Ms. Quinn who gave an update on the county and district COVID-19 numbers. Ms. Quinn shared the letter that was sent out to parents explaining preventative health and safety measures students can do to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. She then let the board know that contact tracing was still taking place. Ms. Quinn's office handles employee COVID-19 cases and the school nurses and our district nurse, Leigh Lever, handle the student COVID-19 cases.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Nine members of the public came forward.

Ms. Courtney Green spoke about the COVID-19 guidelines, virtual learning options, and internet access. Ms. Christie Pedder spoke about the traffic and weather issues at the new Indian Land High School. Mr. Mike Neese spoke about the traffic and weather issues at the New Indian Land High School and how the community can help improve them. Mr. Steve Giagiakos spoke about his concerns with the COVID-19 quarantine guidelines and the importance of in-person learn-

ing. Mr. Steve Willis spoke about Dr. Paul McKenzie and his help in the community with the opioid crisis through his grant work. Ms. Kim Allison spoke about the need for more safety precautions to protect students and staff against the spread of COVID-19. Ms. Katharine Mazza spoke about her concern with schools going virtual, quarantine guidelines, and the importance of in-person learning for students. Mr. Revery Johnson spoke about the traffic and construction issues at the new Indian Land High School. Ms. Amanda Contesso spoke about her concerns regarding COVID-19, quarantine guidelines, and wearing masks in schools.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **June 8** public hearing, **June 8** called meeting, **June 8** regular meeting, **July 8** called meeting, and **July 20** called board 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. Parker and seconded by Mr. Stroble
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

**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. Parker and seconded by Mr. Stroble
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

**Recommendation to approve
proposed changes to FY 22
miscellaneous hourly salary
schedule-**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White who went over the changes to the miscellaneous hourly salary schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.
A MOTION to approve the report was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Stroble
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

**Recommendation to approve
resolution to sell 8% general
obligation bonds for debt services
and capital improvement
projects and Memo-**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White who introduced Mr. DuBose from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.. Mr. DuBose reviewed the purpose of the 8% general obligation bonds. Ms. White then explained the 2021-2022 capital improvements requested in relation to the bond issue.
A MOTION to approve the report was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck
The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Faulkner was absent.

**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 2020-21 external audit **update**
- EIA \$275 teacher supplies reimbursement **update**
- Early Head Start/Head Start **June & July** monthly director's reports
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **June & July** Policy Council minutes
- Early Head Start/Head Start **May & June** monthly federal progress summaries
- Early Head Start/Head Start **June & July** monthly enrollment & attendance
- South Carolina School Boards Association **information** (MGB, BBC)

Facilities Update -
IHA

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Small and Mr. Duke who gave a facilities update to the board. Mr. Small discussed the remaining parts of the new Indian Land High School that needed to be finished and inspected. These parts include the football field house and the tennis courts.

Executive session-
BCBK, GBC/D, GBO, GBN, DFN, FGB

The **MOTION** to enter executive session at 9:10 p.m. was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Parker. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0). Mr. Faulkner was absent.

Open session-

The **MOTION** to enter open session at 9:48 p.m. was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Stroble. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0). Mr. Faulkner was absent.

Executive session Action-

The chair reported that the board had completed its executive session business. No executive session action was taken.

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Secretary

Tyrom Faulkner, Chair