

Minutes

5:30 p.m., December 14, 2021, Regular Monthly Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-	Ken Buck (Secretary), Janice Dabney (Chair), Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble, Bobby Parker, Brad Small (Vice Chair), and Melvin Stroble
Board members absent-	None
District personnel-	Jonathan Stephens (LearnTV), Tim Bowers (Facilities), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Nicki Letterman (Public Information Assistant), Angela McCrorey (Food Service Director), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Lydia Qunn (Chief Operations Officer).
Guests-	0
Press-	0
Citizens-	10

Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA	At 5:30 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, WBTV, 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 7:04 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. Parker and seconded by Mr. Buck to to. approve the agenda as emailed. The motion <u>PASSED</u> 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. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Small to accept resignations/retirements/terminations.

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

- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Ms. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner 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. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Small 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. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Lancaster County, South Carolina and Lancaster County School District for the purposes of collection school facilities impact fees.

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

COVID-19 Update-

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who gave an update on the latest COVID-19 cases in the district and county. Ms. Quinn discussed the difference between the district's COVID-19 dashboard and other neighboring districts. Ms. Quinn stated that the difference is most likely because our district's COVID-19 close contacts include students and staff that are quarantined due to a community positive COVID-19 case and not just the numbers of those out due to a positive case within the school district. Ms. Quinn also showed the board some comparative data regarding staff absences, travel, return to work forms, and substitutes for 2020-21 and 2021-22. Ms. Quinn and Dr. Phipps updated the board on the status of the COVID-19 testing sites for staff and students. The sites will be running beginning after the holiday break.

**Public forum-
BCBI**

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

Six members of the public came forward.

Mr. Orville Kappen spoke about concerns regarding curriculum and the availability of educational references in libraries. Mr. Solomon Goldiamond spoke about his concerns with the COVID-19 safety guidelines and gave a prayer. Ms. Demetra Cornwell came forward to speak about her concerns regarding the policies on teacher and student use of vapes or other drugs. Mr. Steve Giagiakos spoke about the COVID-19 guidelines that the district has in place. Ms. Courtney Green spoke about teacher concerns, board response letters, and public forum time limits. Mr. Revery Johnson spoke about the completion of the fields and auditorium at Indian Land High School and board meeting venues.

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **November 16** 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. Parker and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

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. Quinn, 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. Faulkner

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Recommendation to approve second reading of revision to **Board Policy Section G-Personnel and Memo**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and introduced Ms. Quinn who explained the revisions to Board Policy Section G. Ms. Quinn asked if the board had any questions or revisions to the policies and it was noted by Mr. Stroble that Board Policy GAE had some issues with continuity and clarity.

A MOTION to approve the second reading of revisions to Board Policy Section G to include the change to GAA and to capitalize the word Board when referring directly to the Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees and with the exception of Board Policy GAE was made by Ms. Gamble 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.

- 2020-2021 Audit **update**
- FY 2021-22 45-day average daily **membership**
- End-of-first-semester **schedule**
- Trustee Awards **Memo**
- Early Head Start/Head Start director's monthly **report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start November Policy Council **Minutes**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress **summary**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly enrollment and **attendance**
- South Carolina School Boards Association **information**

(MGB, BBC)

**Facilities Update -
IHA**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Mr. Small and Mr. Bowers. Mr. Small updated the board on the athletic study that was conducted and let the board know that Fit Fields will be presenting the study at the January planning meeting. He also let the board know that Facilities would be meeting with school athletic directors as well. Mr. Bowers updated the board that the Indian

**SCSBA Delegate Assembly
report-**

Land High ball fields are 90% completed and will be ready for Spring sports. Mr. Bowers also spoke about final items to be completed on Indian Land High's auditorium.

Mr. Stroble updated the board on the South Carolina Delegate Assembly and Legislative Advocacy Conference that was held in Charleston, SC on December 3rd-5th. Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Stroble attended the conference and assembly as representative delegates for the Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees. Mr. Stroble informed the board of the new SCSBA officers, the legislative resolutions, and the amendments that were passed at the assembly.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Ken Buck, Secretary

Janice C. Dabney, Chair