

# Minutes

8:30 a.m., April 29, 2022 Planning Meeting

## Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Planning 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-**

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), Ashley Bradley (Buford Middle Assistant Principal), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director), Nicki Letterman (Public Information Assistant), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Communications Director), and Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer).

**Guests-**

0

**Press-**

Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)

**Citizens-**

0

### Open session

**Call to order and invocation-**  
BABA

At 8:30 a.m., the chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Dabney 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, WBTW, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

**Athletics Study-**

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Quinn who presented an activity for the board to identify safety concerns and priorities regarding the needs identified by the Athletic Study. The board spent time identifying the immediate needs of both the interior and exterior athletic facilities in the district. There was a focus on discussing the lighting and ADA compliance upgrades at every facility.

**Capital Improvement/Five Year Plan -**

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Vaughn who spoke to the board about the Indian Land attendance areas and the options to help manage growing student populations. Mr. Vaughn presented the idea of reassigning schools of neighborhoods in the Indian Land area that are under construction and do not currently have any residents living in them yet. This would help prevent overcrowding and would utilize the current facilities to their fullest potential. The acquisition of land for new Indian

Land area schools was also discussed. Mr. Vaughn informed the board of the limitations when looking to purchase land in the Indian Land area which include space, location, pricing, and resident clusters. Ms. Quinn reviewed the data from the enrollment study and gave the board updated information for current enrollment numbers. Ms. Quinn went over projections for enrollment for the Indian Land schools. Ms. Quinn and Mr. Vaughn, presented short term and long term options for the board to consider regarding solutions for student growth in the Indian Land area in the coming years. Ms. Quinn, Ms. White, and Dr. Phipps discussed cost and funding options with the board for the athletic facility updates across the district, land purchases for new Indian land schools, upgrades to current Indian Land schools to accommodate growth, and other maintenance and upgrades needed across all of Lancaster County's schools.

**Communication Plan -**

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Craig who presented the communication plan created for the district. Ms. Craig went over the goals and objectives for communication across the district. She explained to the board the structure for disseminating information out to students, staff, teachers, parents, and the community. Ms. Craig also informed the board on the outlets the district utilizes to communicate within the district and the community.

**Adjournment-  
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Buck, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice C. Dabney, Chair