

Minutes

6:05 p.m., June 14, 2022, 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, Brad Small (Vice Chair), and Melvin Stroble

Board members absent-

Bobby Parker

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), Ashley Bradley (Buford Middle Principal), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Public Information Specialist), Alex Dabney (Data Specialist), John Duke (Facilities), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director) Mary Faile (Finance Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Vernon Hunter (ILHS Coach), Nicki Letterman (Public Information Assistant), Paul Mckenzie, Jr. (LearnTV), Shuntay Miller (AJ High Principal), Marni Peavy (BSE Math Coach), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Chief Operations Officer), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Quinton Thomas (LearnTV), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Communications Director), Kendra Watts (Fiscal Services), Jennifer White (Chief Financial Officer)

Guests-

Alex Sherard (White & Story, LLC), Theo DuBose (Haynsworth, Sinkler, & Boyd P.A.)

Press-

Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)

Citizens-

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Open session

Call to order and invocation-

BABA

At 7:00 p.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, WBTB, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -

BCB

At 7:08 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 MOTION was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck to amend the agenda to continue executive session after the Discussion Information section of the meeting.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

In open session, a MOTION was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

Trustee Awards -

On behalf of the board, the chair presented Trustees Awards to

- **2021-22 S.C. Junior Scholars**

 - **Buford Middle School**

 - Carrie Ellinger

 - Ethan Emory

 - Ileigh Gamble

 - Caleb Mellichamp

 - Elijah Watts

- **2022 2-A State Champions in Baseball**

 - **Andrew Jackson High Varsity Baseball Team:**

 - Coach Mike Lucas

 - Landon Peavy

 - Lucas Deese

 - Kyle Percival

 - Joaquin Espinoza

 - Ashton Phillips

 - Brady Faulkenberry

 - Roman Plyler

 - Skyler Hegler

 - Lawson Polson

 - Banks Helms

 - Fuller Sims

 - Brady Jackson

 - John Mark Sowell

 - Cade Jackson

 - Brady Williams

 - Jackson Madden

 - Hammond Wrenn

 - Zachary Mothershed

 - Kolby Whitley

 - Collin Patterson

 - Jimmy Jackson

 - Tommy Wrape

- **2022 SCBCA Player of the Year**

 - **Kyle Percival, AJHS**

- **2022 SCBCA Coach of the Year**

 - **Mike Lucas, AJHS**

- **2022 Class 4-A State Wrestling Champion (in the 145lb weight division)**

 - **Dylan Layton, ILHS**

- **2022 Class 4-A State Wrestling Champion (in the 220lb weight division)**

 - **David Floyd, ILHS**

Public forum-

BCBI

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. No members of the public came forward.

Approval of consent action items-

BCBD

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **May 5** called meeting and **May 17** regular meeting

- **Early Head Start** monthly financial report

Recommendation to approve regular monthly financial report-DCH

- **Head Start** monthly financial report
 - Promise Neighborhood **memo**
 - Recommendation to approve *2022 Healthy Students/Healthy Adults: A wellness plan for our district* **memo** and **wellness plan**
- A **MOTION** to approve the items was made by Ms. Gamble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Parker was absent.

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. White, who reported expenditures and revenues were in line with the budget. Ms. White also gave an update on impact fees for the district.
A **MOTION** to approve the report was made by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Buck.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Parker 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. Mr. DuBose reviewed the purpose of the 8% general obligation bonds.
A **MOTION** to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Small.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Parker was absent.

Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy IHC - Class Rankings and Memo -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details of Board Policy IHC - *Class Rankings* and the revisions for the policy.
A **MOTION** to approve the first reading of Board Policy IHC - *Class Rankings* and Memo was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Stroble.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Parker was absent.

Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy Regulation IHA-R - Assessment/Grading Systems and Memo -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details of Board Policy Regulation IHA-R - *Assessment/Grading Systems* and the revisions to the regulation.
A **MOTION** to approve the revisions of Board Policy Regulation IHA-R - *Assessment/Grading Systems* and Memo was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck.
The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).
Mr. Parker was absent.
Mr. Stroble requested that it be clarified that since this was a policy regulation, the board only has to vote on the revisions one time. This was confirmed by the board and Mr. Chandler.

Recommendation to modify Board Policy **JBCA - Admission of Non-Resident Students -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and introduced Ms. Quinn who explained to the board that this policy was updated in March of 2022. Mr. Stroble addressed the board and requested an update to the International exchange students section of the policy to have the board approve exchange students instead of the exchange program. Ms. Quinn stated that she would work with district lawyers to review the wording of the policy, update the section for international exchange students, and bring it back to the board for first reading approval.

A **MOTION** to table the vote was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

Neighborhood districting **memo -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and introduced Mr. Vaughn who spoke to the board about temporarily reassigning schools of specific upcoming neighborhood developments in the Indian Land area to help prevent and/or slow down the overcrowding of the elementary schools in that area. The reassignment would only happen to subdivisions that have not yet sold or built houses. Mr. Vaughn asked the board for permission to grant Dr. Phipps, or his designee, authority to research and temporarily reassign these developments

A **MOTION** to table the vote was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The motion **PASSED** unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker 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.

- Early Head Start/Head Start Director's monthly **report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start May Policy Council **minutes**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal **progress summary**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly **enrollment & attendance**

Food Services Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. McCrorey who gave the board an update of Food Services across the district. Ms. McCrorey informed the board that Food Services and Cafeteria staff worked very hard this past year, serving 1,381,546 lunches in the district. Supply chain issues resulted in substitutes for many normal products throughout the year. Food Services staff made sure to carefully read and inspect all substitute to ensure that students with food allergies were not affected. Ms. McCrorey informed the board that the federal waiver for all students to have free lunch will most likely not be renewed. This means student accounts will revert to pre-covid status and will return to paid, reduced, or free. Food Services has begun the process of informing the community and preparing to give out and process free and reduced lunch applications.

Safety Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Mr. Vaughn who gave an update on school safety initiatives in the district. Mr. Vaughn informed the board of the progress of the Clear Bag Policy campaign, the issuance of hand held metal detectors for every school, and the ordering new walkie-talkies for improved school level safety communications. Mr. Vaughn also updated the board that the district is anticipating having resource officer at Clinton Elementary and North Elementary. The Safety and Transportation Department is currently searching for funding opportunities to add resource officers to all elementary schools in the district.

ESSER Funds Report -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Ms. White gave an update on the ESSER funds by school level. Specific instruction programs funded by the ESSER funds are overseen by the Elementary and Secondary Directors. Updates regarding these programs will be given at a future board meeting.

Fiscal Watch -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. White who gave an update on the Fiscal Watch. Ms. White informed the board that there are two steps left in the action plan, closing out the 2021-2022 fiscal year and completing and submitting the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit to the State Department of Education. The auditors will be on-site at the district office starting on August 29th to begin the audit. Ms. White explained that she is hopeful that the audit will be completed by October 1st and be ready to submit to SDE early.

Facility Insurance Claims Report -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Ms. White who explained to the board the usage of funds from the district's facility insurance claims over the past few years. Ms. White informed the board on where that money is located in the general fund financial report they receive every month.

Facilities Update -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate handout and recognized Mr. Small and Mr. Duke who gave a facilities update. Mr. Duke informed the board that maintenance is finishing up the HVAC replacement project at Indian Land Elementary and beginning to renovate the mobile units there as well. Mr. Duke explained that maintenance is also working at Indian Land High on the HVAC and electrical system and completing the punch list items. He also informed the board that there are five paving projects throughout the district as well as other projects at a few elementary schools.

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, 2022-2023 working retirees employment recommendations 2022-2023 administrative employment recommendations, 2022-2023 certified employment recommendations, student transfers, superintendent evaluation.

Open session -

The MOTION to enter executive session was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Stroble.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

At 11:04 p.m., the chair announced that the board needed a motion to go out of executive session.

The MOTION to go out of executive session was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

**Executive session action-
BCBK**

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 9:15 p.m.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

- In open session, a MOTION was made by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Ms. Gamble to accept the superintendent's working retirees employment recommendations for the 2022-23 school year.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

- 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 2022-23 school year.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker 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 2022-23 school year.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

- In open session, a MOTION was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Small to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve student transfers.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Parker was absent.

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

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Ken Buck, Secretary

Janice C. Dabney, Chair