

Minutes

5:00 p.m., September 20, 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, Bobby Parker, Brad Small (Vice Chair), and Melvin Stroble
Board members absent-	None
District personnel-	Michael Belk (BHS Principal), Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), Tim Bowers (Facilities), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Elizabeth Bryant (Elementary Math Specialist), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Communications Specialist), Alex Dabney (Data Specialist), Teryn Dalton (HES Principal), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director) Mary Faile (Finance Director), Sarah Deason (ILE Principal), Ashley Foster (Secondary Math Specialist), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Cory Hyslop (EES Principal), Lisa Knox (Science and Arts Specialist), Angela McCrorey (Food Services Director), Kelli Overcash (KES Principal), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (COO Specialist), Jason Ramey (VWE Principal), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Traci Shigley (MTSS Specialist), David Small (Facilities Director), Blake Stacks (IT Director), Quinton Thomas (LearnTV), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Communications Director), Kendra Watts (Fiscal Services), Staci White (Elementary Literacy Specialist), Keisha Witherspoon (CES Principal)
Guests-	Alex Sherard (White & Story, LLC),
Press-	Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)
Citizens-	10

Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA	At 7:03 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, WBTW, WRHM and WSOC were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting. The chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed.

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, contractual service matters and receipt of legal advice. The <u>MOTION</u> to enter executive session was made by Mr. Buck and seconded by Mr. Stroble. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0).
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Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -
BCB

At 7:03 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. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Parker. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

Executive session action-
BCBK

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 5:02 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 (7-0).
- 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 2022-23 school year. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept the superintendent's administrative employment recommendations for the 2022-23 school year. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Buck to accept the superintendent's certified employment recommendations for the 2022-23 school year. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).
- In open session, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve student transfers. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

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

Trustee Awards -

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

- **Top Ranking Gold Star Chapter in SC**
Buford High School FFA
Advisor: Gayle Posipanko
- **2022 SC Turf Contest Champion**
Bailey Gilmore, BHS graduate

Public forum-
BCBI

The chair outlined the procedures for addressing the board and invited any member of the audience to come forward. Two members of the public came forward. Ms. Demetra Cornwell spoke about parent concerns regarding the Linewize monitoring system. Ms. Desiree Accetturo spoke about parent concerns regarding the Linewize monitor-

**Approval of consent action items-
BCBD**

ing system. Mr. Steve Giagiakos spoke about his concerns regarding the Linewize monitoring system and technology in schools. Ms. Tonya Ross spoke about her concerns regarding free lunch for students, the Promise Neighborhood program, and funding for the district. Ms. Lakesha Montgomery came forward and spoke about her concerns for her child and issues with truancy.

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **August 16** regular meeting and **August 24** called meeting
- **Early Head Start** monthly financial report
- **Head Start** monthly financial report

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. Faile who went over the monthly general fund financial report. Ms. Faile reported that expenditures and revenues were in line with the budget. The board also briefly discussed the Promise Neighborhood program and how the district helps with the payroll process.

A MOTION to approve the monthly financial report was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Delegates to SCSBA Delegate
Assembly -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and informed the board that they needed to select delegates for the SCSBA Delegate Assembly in December. The board discussed choosing these delegates during the October regular board meeting.

**Recommendation to approve
second reading of revisions to
Board Policy Section A -
School District Organization and
Memo -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details and revisions of Board Policy Section A - *School District Organization*.

A MOTION to table the second reading of Board Policy Section A- *School District Organization* with and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

**Recommendation to approve sec-
ond reading of revisions to Board
Policy Section B -School Board
Operations and Memo -**

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details and revisions of Board Policy Section B - *School Board Operations*.

A MOTION to table the second reading of Board Policy Section B- *School Board Operations* and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Recommendation to approve second reading of revisions to **Board Policy Section C - General School Administration and Memo -**

Recommendation to approve second reading of revisions to Board Policy Section BC - *Board Meetings*, **Version 1** or **Version 2**, and **Memo -**

Receipt of consent information items-
BCBD

State Test Results Update -

Linewize Update -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details and revisions of Board Policy Section C - *General School Administration*.

A **MOTION** to table the second reading of Board Policy Section A- *General School Administration* and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Quinn who explained to the board the details and revisions of Board Policy BC - *Board Meetings*. A **MOTION** to table the second reading of Board Policy BC- *Board Meetings* and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Buck. The motion **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

The board agreed to receive without discussion the reports below as consent information items. The reports were emailed to board members before the meeting.

- **2022-23 testing calendar**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly Director's monthly **report**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly Policy Council **minutes**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly federal progress **summary**
- Early Head Start/Head Start monthly enrollment & **attendance**
- South Carolina School Boards Association **information**

Dr. Phipps introduced Mr. Dabney who gave a presentation of the newly released 2022 SCREADY testing data from Grades 3-8. Mr. Dabney reminded the board about the programs that are in place to help with student improvement and recovery in ELA and Math as well as the programs teachers utilize to better understand student needs. Mr. Dabney went over each grade level's results compared to surrounding counties and the state average. Mr. Dabney and Dr. Blackwell explained how the district will use this data to continue to assess and address student needs and areas of improvement.

Dr. Phipps introduced Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Stacks who updated the board on the Linewize program monitoring and filtering software the district purchased. Mr. Vaughn explained that there are federal rules that the district must follow regarding filtering and monitoring children online. CIPA requires school districts to block certain types of images and sites that are considered obscene or harmful to minors. COPPA requires the programs and companies that filter and block the harmful content. COPPA states that these places, websites, programs are not allowed to retain the information for their own use. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Stacks informed the board that a filtering

system has been in place for students on all district devices. Linewize is a new vendor to the district for this type of filtering program software. Mr. Vaughn stated that the monitoring software was only on district devices for approximately three weeks before it was paused due to parent concerns. The district will work to answer questions and provide more information on how the monitoring system works on school district devices and then will determine if the program will be reinstated. The district has also worked with Linewize to make sure there is a way for a parent to opt out of the monitoring system after school hours if the program is restarted.

FY 2021-22 external audit update -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and recognized Ms. Faile who updated the board on the 2021-2022 audit. Ms. Faile stated that the audit firm were on site at the district office on August 29 and began their audit. The auditors will continue their process into October. The district does not anticipate any problems with the audit firm meeting the December 1st deadline for the audit to be submitted to the State Department of Education. Ms. Faile explained that the completed audit report is scheduled to be presented at the January board meeting.

Teacher Attendance Incentive Program update -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to the appropriate agenda page and recognized Ms. Faile who updated the board on the incentive program for teachers who do not use their sick or personal leave. Ms. Faile and Ms. Quinn explained how the program works and how much teachers get through it. The board discussed updating the program and increasing the incentives.

Fiscal Watch Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Faile who updated the board on the district's Fiscal Watch timeline. Ms. Faile explained that the 2021-2022 audit is currently under way and when the audit firm completes it they will submit it to the State Department. Ms. Faile stated that the State Department reached out and requested documentation on the district's corrective plan. These documents were sent to the State Department on September 14th and receipt was confirmed.

ESSER Funds Update -

Dr. Phipps recognized Ms. Faile who updated the board on the ESSER funds and expenditures for the district through the end of August. Ms. Faile explained that all of the first round of ESSER funds have been expended. 94% of the second round of ESSER funds have been spent and there is 53% left of the third and final round of ESSER funds that the district was given.

Facilities Update -

Dr. Phipps introduced Mr. Small and Mr. Bowers who gave a district-wide facilities update. Mr. Small updated the board on replacing lights across the district for athletic facilities. Mr. Small presented the pricing for the project and a rough time-line of completion. Mr. Bowers updated the board on the renovations to the Indian Land Elementary portables. Facili-

Adjournment-
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ties also worked on the new Fire alarm system at Brooklyn Springs and completed the paving projects across the district.

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Ken Buck, Secretary

Janice C. Dabney, Chair