

Minutes

6:00 p.m., November 15, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting

In attendance

Board members present-	Eddie Boykin, Casey Cato, Courtney Green, Tyrom Faulkner (Secretary), Margaret Gamble, Brad Small (Chair), and Melvin Stroble (Vice-Chair)
Board members absent-	None
District personnel-	TJ Armbrust (LearnTV), Michael Belk (BHS Principal), Linda Blackwell (Elementary Director), LaMonica Blair (Research & Development), Rachel Bradley (Superintendent's Assistant), Rick Chandler (Attorney), Michelle Craig (Communications Specialist), Teryn Dalton (HES Principal), John Duke (Facilities), Butch Dutton (Secondary Director) Mary Faile (Finance Director), Trevor Hammond (Procurement Director), Cory Hyslop (EES Principal), Mellanie Jinnette (Interim Chief Financial Officer), Brad Johnson (ILIS Principal), Lindsey Marino (Student Services Director), Angela McCrorey (Food Service Director), Jill Nelson (BES Principal), Kelli Overcash (KES Principal), Jonathan Phipps (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (COO), Jason Ramey (VWE Principal), Ray Sapp (Security Guard), Quinton Thomas (LearnTV), Bryan Vaughn (Safety & Communications Director), Kendra Watts (Fiscal Services), Keisha Witherspoon (CES Principal)
Guests-	Alex Sherard (White & Story, LLC)
Press-	Mac Banks (The Lancaster News)
Citizens-	55

Open session

Call to order and invocation- BABA	At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Chandler called the meeting to order and 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. The chair called for approval of the agenda as emailed.
Election of 2023 Chair - BBAA, BBABA	Mr. Chandler explained the process for election of officers. Mr. Chandler called for nominations for chair. Mr. Stroble nominated Mr. Small for chair. Ms. Green nominated Mr. Stroble for chair. Mr. Stroble respectfully declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Boykin. The motion passed unanimously (7-0). Mr. Chandler announced the nominees would have a few moments to make comments toward his/her fellow board members. Mr. Small addressed his fellow board members

**Election of 2023 Vice Chair -
BBAA, BBABA**

and stated that he was very thankful for the nomination. Mr. Small also noted that there were a lot of things to do but he felt the board could accomplish a lot in the next year.

A vote to elect Mr. Small passed unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Chandler called for nominations for vice chair.

Mr. Faulkner nominated Mr. Stroble for vice chair. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations.

A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Small and seconded by Mr. Boykin.

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Chandler announced the nominees would have a few moments to make comments toward his/her fellow board members. Mr. Stroble thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the children of the community and hoped to work with the rest of the board to make Lancaster County School District a place that everyone desires to be a part of.

A vote to elect Mr. Stroble passed unanimously (7-0).

**Election of 2023 Secretary -
BBAA, BBABA**

Mr. Chandler called for nominations for secretary.

Ms. Cato nominated Mr. Faulkner for secretary.

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Chandler called for a motion to close nominations.

A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded Mr. Small.

The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Chandler announced the nominees would have a few moments to make comments toward his/her fellow board members. Mr. Faulkner commented that he was grateful and humbled for the nomination and that the children of this district are in his heart and he wishes to help them.

A vote to elect Mr. Faulkner passed unanimously. (7-0)

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 certified employment recommendations, contractual service matters, discussion related to employment matter involving employee's goals and Receipt of legal advice related to a potential claim.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (7-0).

Open session

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance -
BCB

At 7:00 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. Faulkner.

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

Executive session action-
BCBK

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The chair reported that the board had not completed its executive session business and would need to continue executive session after the regular open session.

Public forum-
BCBI

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

Twenty-one members of the public came forward.

Ms. Tindal Yarborough came forward and spoke about her concerns for students and that the district and community need to come together. Ms. Tonya Ross came forward and spoke about her concerns regarding the school district. Ms. Angela Davis came forward and spoke about the need for a bond to help fund new schools and repairs across the district. Mr. John T. Jones came forward and spoke about his concerns for students and that the district and community need to come together. Reverend AnThony Pelham came forward and spoke about his concerns for students and his support of Promise Neighborhood. Reverend Cletus Jones, Ms. Amanda Mickle, Reverend Wayne Murray, Mr. James Barber, Mr. Ben Dunlap, Mr. Columbus Parker, Jr., Ms. Andrea McCoy, Ms. Erica Witherspoon, Ms. Mercedes Wade, Ms. Kaytlyn Adams, Reverend George Mingo, Ms. Alliyah Crawford, Ms. O'Shaka Witherspoon, Ms. Sharika Talford, Ms. Susan Stroud, Ms. Melissa Stevens came forward and voiced their concerns and support of Hope on the Hill.

Approval of consent action items-
BCBD

The chair called for approval of consent action items below.

- Minutes of **October 25** regular meeting
- Early Head Start monthly financial **report**
- Head Start monthly financial **report**

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

Regular monthly **financial report**, **ESSER funds**, Fiscal Watch, audit **update**, special revenue funds -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and recognized Ms. Faile and Ms. Jinnette. Ms. Faile went over the monthly general fund financial report and gave an ESSER funding update. Ms. Jinnette provided the board with an update on the Fiscal Watch status. Ms. Jinnette informed the board that the current auditor has indicated that the finding from the previous year will not be part of the FY 2022 audit since the issue was corrected in April. Ms. Jinnette also informed the board about the FY 2022 audit status. She explained that

since the district is using a new audit firm and there has been staff turnover, the audit firm might not be able to complete and submit the FY 2022 audit by the December 1st deadline. Ms. Jinnette spoke to the Director of Auditing Services at the State Department and was informed that if the audit is submitted within the first couple of weeks of December there will not be a letter sent to the district. She also informed the board that the Finance Department has been working diligently with the audit firm to provide them with all the necessary documents needed to successfully complete the audit. Mr. Stroble requested that the board be informed if the auditors could not make the December 1st deadline and that an executive summary be submitted to the board prior to being submitted to the State Department. Ms. Jinnette stated that she would inform the board and work to provide the audit summary before the official submission to SDE. Ms. Jinnette updated the board on the question presented last month about Title IV funding amounts. Ms. Jinnette stated that the differences seen between the amounts over the last few years is due to the State Dept. allowing more carryover money to be kept and spent during COVID-19. Mr. Stroble requested clarification on what line item in the budget showed the \$2.5 million allocation related to the Promise Neighborhood MOA. Mr. Stroble also requested clarification on what account the \$120,000 per year credit for Americorps. is located in. Ms. Jinnette stated that she would get the answers to these inquiries to the board. Ms. Jinnette then discussed with the board the possibility of giving all LCSD employees a bonus and the cost to the district to do that. Mr. Stroble asked to have the breakdown of the amounts sent to the board. Ms. Jinnette stated that she could provide that for them. Ms. Jinnette recognized Ms. Faile for obtaining the SCASBO Certified School Business Official Award and being the top exam scorer in the certification class.

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

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 AA - *School District Legal Status*.

A **MOTION** to approve the second reading Board Policy AA - *School District Legal Status* and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Boykin.

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 AG - *Tobacco-Free Schools*.

A **MOTION** to amend the second reading Board Policy AG - *Tobacco-Free Schools* to include the term "research based" as

Recommendation to approve second reading of revisions to Board Policy AA - School District Legal Status and Memo

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Recommendation to approve second reading of revisions to Board Policy AG - Tobacco-Free Schools and Memo -

<p>Recommendation to approve second reading of revisions to Board Policy BAC - Board Member Resignation and Memo -</p>	<p>a replacement for "proven and effective science-based" in the 5th bullet under The Board Commits to the Following: and as a replacement for "proven and effective" under the Education and Assistance section, and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Cato. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0). A <u>MOTION</u> to approve as amended the second reading Board Policy AG - <i>Tobacco-Free Schools</i> and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Boykin. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0).</p>
<p>Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy Section K - General Public Relations and Memo -</p>	<p>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 BAC - <i>Board Member Resignation</i>. A <u>MOTION</u> to approve the second reading Board Policy BAC- <i>Board Member Resignation</i> and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Boykin. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0).</p>
<p>Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy Section L - Interorganizational Relations and Memo -</p>	<p>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 K - <i>General Public Relations</i>. A <u>MOTION</u> to approve the first reading Board Policy Section K - <i>General Public Relations</i> and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Gamble. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0). Mr. Faulkner was absent.</p>
<p>Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy Section M - Relations With Other Education Agencies and Memo -</p>	<p>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 L - <i>Interorganizational Relations</i>. A <u>MOTION</u> to approve the first reading Board Policy Section L - <i>Interorganizational Relations</i> and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Cato. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (6-0). Mr. Faulkner was absent.</p>
<p>Recommendation to approve first reading of revisions to Board Policy Section M - Relations With Other Education Agencies and Memo -</p>	<p>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 M - <i>Relations With Other Education Agencies</i>. A <u>MOTION</u> to approve the first reading Board Policy Section M - <i>Relations With Other Education Agencies</i> and Memo was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Cato. The motion <u>PASSED</u> unanimously (7-0).</p>
<p>Affirmation of board policies for 2023 -</p>	<p>Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and explained that the board needs to affirm its existing policies for 2023. Affirming the board policies does not prevent the board from revising, deleting, or creating policies</p>

Statement of 2023 regular meeting dates and times -

during the year.

A **MOTION** to affirm the board policies for 2023 was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Green.

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

Delegates to SCSBA Delegate Assembly -

Dr. Phipps referred board members to appropriate agenda pages and explained the new board meeting dates for 2023. He pointed out the June, November, and December meetings do not follow the third Tuesday rule and instead are on the second Tuesday of the month.

A **MOTION** to approve the board meeting dates for 2023 was made by Mr. Boykin and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

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

Hope on the Hill & use of LCSD Barr Street facilities -

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. Mr. Stroble, Ms. Green, and Mr. Faulkner

A **MOTION** to approve Mr. Stroble, Ms. Green, and Mr. Faulkner as delegates to attend the SCSBA Delegate Assembly was made by Mr. Boykin and seconded by Ms. Cato.

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

Lancaster County growth -

A **MOTION** to table the topic of Hope on the Hill & use of LCSD Facilities was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

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

Dr. Phipps introduced Ms. Quinn who informed the board that Mr. Miller from Numerix can attend the December board meeting and present an updated enrollment study that includes 2022-2023 enrollment numbers. Mr. Vaughn gave an update on the meeting he held at Harrisburg Elementary regarding growth. Mr. Vaughn stated that there were approximately 100 parents in attendance and the topics of discussion were capacity of schools, funding and costs of new schools, and other ideas that might help with growth in Indian Land. Mr. Vaughn informed the board that he will have two more meetings in Indian Land, one at Indian Land Elementary and a final one at Van Wyck Elementary. Mr. Stroble requested copies of the school district's responses to County Council's requests for comments on approving new residential developments. Dr. Phipps explained that the district has not received these requests for comment and did not gain access to be able to respond. until recently and have not seen any new requests to respond to as of November 15. Mr. Small requested that Dr. Phipps reach out to Dennis Marstall, the County Administrator, to get some clarification on when the requests go out and how the process works so that the school district can be involved. Dr. Phipps agreed to follow up with Mr. Marstall.

A **MOTION** to have Mr. Stroble introduce landowners, who may have land for sale in Indian Land for new schools, to Dr. Phipps or his designees was made by Mr. Stroble and

**Receipt of consent information items-
BCBD**

seconded by Mr. Faulkner.
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.

- Parent/teacher **conferences**
- 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**

Facilities Update -

Dr. Phipps introduced Mr. Duke and Mr. Small who gave a district-wide facilities update. Mr. Duke updated the board on the HVAC replacement projects at North Elementary and Buford Elementary that are underway. He stated that the classroom units have been delivered and the installation process will begin at North Elementary over Thanksgiving break. Mr. Small informed the board that the project at McDonald Green Elementary has OSF approval and will begin when funding is available. Ms. Green asked Mr. Small about the possibility of renovating a storage building at Buford High School to become a new weight room for the school. Mr. Small informed the board that there has been some discussion of this possibility and Facilities is currently figuring out if this conversion would be feasible if the project was approved.

**Executive Session -
BCBK**

The Chair called for a motion to go back into executive session. The MOTION to enter executive session was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Boykin.

The motion PASSED unanimously (6-1).
Ms. Gamble voted against.

**Executive session action-
BCBK**

The chair called for a motion to come out of executive session. The MOTION to come out of executive session was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The motion PASSED unanimously (4-0).
Ms. Green, Mr. Boykin, and Ms. Cato were absent.

The chair noted that the board held an executive session at 9:45 p.m.

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

The motion PASSED unanimously (4-0).

Mr. Boykin, Ms. Cato, and Ms. Green were absent.

- In open session, a motion was made by Mr. Stroble 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. Boykin was absent.

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

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

- In open session, a MOTION was made by Mr. Stroble and seconded by Ms. Cato to appoint White & Story, LLC to represent Lancaster County School District regarding State retirement and benefits.

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

Adjournment-
BCBF

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyrom Faulkner, Secretary

Approved: _____

Brad Small, Chair