

# LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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## **Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m., March 20, 2014 Board Room, District Education Center**

### **Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** William H. Bingham, Jr., Chairman; Phillip A. Carter, Vice-Chairman; Linda Alford-Wooten, Secretary; ElizaBeth D. Branham; Cynthia M. Kessler; Russell F. Shull.

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Venus Holland, Superintendent; Jim Hinton, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Student Services; Dr. Marcella Heyward-Evans, Chief Instructional Officer; Bill Mabry, Chief Financial Officer.

**Notification to Media:** The prescribed notice of this meeting was given to the media by the Board of Trustees on March 14, 2014, to media outlets, District facilities, and other interested parties via facsimile and electronic mail transmission. Meeting notices and Agendas are also posted on the District's website – [www.lex2.org](http://www.lex2.org) / Board of Trustees / Board Meetings / Agenda. Copies of the Agenda and transaction reports are attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**I. Call to Order:** Mr. Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., March 20, 2014, in the Board Room of the District Education Center.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Carter introduced Caroline Heustess, a junior from Airport High School, who gave the Invocation, and Autumn Mims, a senior from Airport High School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. Consent Agenda:**

#### **A. Approval of Agenda**

**B. Approval of Minutes from the February 27 and March 6, 2014, Board Meetings:** The Consent Agenda, and the Minutes from February 27 and March 6, 2014, Board Meetings were approved by the Board of Trustees by unanimous consent. Copies are attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**IV. Public Participation Period:** Mr. Hinton introduced Mr. Bryant Shaffer, President of the Brookland-Cayce High School Athletic Council, who addressed the Board regarding an agenda item related to the scoreboard at the new stadium at Brookland-Cayce High School.

### **V. Report on Honors and Accomplishments of Students and Staff:**

**A. Recognition of De'Onta Patterson from Brookland-Cayce High School as State Wrestling Champion in Weight Class, Second Year in a Row:** Mr. Hinton recognized De'Onta Patterson, a student from Brookland-Cayce High School, as the State Champion in the Wrestling 113 lb. Class for the second year in a row. He congratulated De'Onta for the excellent record and presented him with a certificate. Mr. Hinton also recognized his coach, Craig Watts.

**B. Energy Savings School-of-the-Month Award:** Mr. Hinton announced that Busbee Creative Arts Academy was the energy saving school-of-the-month. He presented a plaque to Ashley Seats, teacher from Busbee.

- Mr. Hinton presented March Honors and Accomplishments of Students and Staff of the District. A copy is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

#### **VI. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Consideration of Capital Projects Improvement Fund (CPIF) Budget for 2014/15:** After review, motion by Mrs. Branham to accept second reading of the CPIF Budget; second by Ms. Wooten. Discussion was held on items on the budget, specifically, athletics. Mr. Carter asked for more information/details on projects and when they will be done. After questions and answers, the motion carried with Mr. Bingham, Mr. Carter, Ms. Wooten, Mrs. Branham and Mr. Shull voting "yes," and Ms. Kessler voting "no."

**B. Consideration of Facilities Task Force Recommendations and Scope of Bond Referendum:** Dr. Holland stated that there is a motion and second on the floor which was tabled until more information was obtained. She introduced Mr. Mike Gallagher, Vice-President of Southwest Securities who reviewed a Building Program Funding Report. Mr. Carter requested a sheet to answer questions when community members asked how much a referendum would increase their taxes per year. Mr. Gallagher will prepare a complete spreadsheet. After discussion, motion by Mrs. Branham to postpone the vote until the additional information is obtained; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

#### **VII. New Business:**

**A. Consideration of Calendar Related to Snow Make-Up:** Dr. Holland stated that on March 12, 2014, Governor Haley signed into law H.4576 (Snow Days), a joint resolution allows local school Boards to waive up to five days missed due to inclement weather. The District must exhaust all statutorily required make-up days remaining on the calendar before it may exempt any of the five days allowed under the joint resolution. Since the Board already approved measure that wills make-up three of the four missed days during recent inclement weather, she recommended that the Board consider forgiving one day. Motion by Ms. Wooten to approve the Administration's recommendation to forgive one day missed due to inclement weather; second by Mr. Shull; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

**B. Consideration of Acceptance of Donation for Cindy's Place at Springdale Elementary:** Dr. Holland said she received a letter from Mr. Shane Thackston, Principal of Springdale Elementary, which requested that the Board accept a shelter to be donated and installed from the Cindy Wilkerson Foundation, which has obtained a 501C3 status, in the outdoor area, "Cindy's Place." It is the first of two shelters outlined in their Healthy Fitness Zone plan. Motion by Mrs. Branham to approve the donation, and she thanked Cindy Wilkerson Foundation members that were present; second by Ms. Kessler; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

**C. Consideration of Requests for Out-of-State or Overnight Student Travel:** Mr. Hinton presented the following requests for Out-of-State or Overnight Student Travel and recommended approval:

1. Airport High School HOSA Students **RATIFY**  
SC HOSA Leadership Conference, March 12-14, 2014, Charleston, SC
2. Airport High School Band Students **RATIFY**  
SC All-State Honor Band, March 14-16, 2014, Furman University, Greenville, SC

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3. Brookland-Cayce High School DECA Students  
DECA International Career Development Conference, May 3 – 7, 2014, Atlanta, GA

Motion by Mrs. Branham to approve the out-of-state or overnight student travel requests; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

**D. Consideration of Approval to Proceed with Process to Lease Tower Space at District Education Center:** Mr. Hinton said at the January 16, 2014, meeting, the Board approved for the Administration to respond to Fastcom Consulting that we were interested in their proposal to lease space on the tower behind District Education Center and, if selected, we would have to obtain



approval from Lexington County Council as required by Section 59-19-250. He stated we were recently notified that we had been selected by Fastcom and he would like permission to proceed on requesting approval from County Council. Motion by Mrs. Branham to approve the Administration to proceed with requesting permission from County Council; second by Ms. Wooten. After discussion and suggestions on possible uses for the rental money received from Fastcom @ \$700 / month with a 5% increase every five years, the Board suggested waiting until after approval from Lexington County Council to make further recommendations for the use of the rental proceeds. The motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the request and approval from Fastcom, and a copy of Section 59-19-250 are attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**E. Consideration of Brookland-Cayce High School Design Team Scoreboard**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Hinton introduced Kevin Heise from the Brookland-Cayce Design Team, who presented information on a request that was brought to the Design Team recently about the sound system for the scoreboard for the new stadium. After review, the Design Team would like to request approval from the Board for an upgrade to the scoreboard sound system as reflected in the design proposed by Daktronics. After discussion, motion by Mrs. Branham to approve the sound system upgrade for the scoreboard for Brookland-Cayce High School with the same sound system specifications applied as an upgrade to Airport High School's scoreboard; second by Ms. Wooten. After discussion, motion by Ms. Kessler to table the vote until after discussion in Executive Session; second by Mr. Carter. Mr. Bingham stated that the item was not on the Agenda under Executive Session and could not be added. Ms. Kessler said she felt that we were spending too much money on athletics when we had so many facility needs. After further discussion and information presented by Mr. Heise and Mr. Gregg Morton, Principal of Brookland-Cayce High School, on fundraising and sponsor possibilities for a video display on the scoreboard, Mr. Mabry was asked to be sure that, if approved, there would not be a commitment by the District for a video display on the scoreboard(s) with sponsor panels. After further discussion, the motion to approve the upgrade on the scoreboard sound system for both high schools passed with Mr. Bingham, Ms. Wooten, Mrs. Branham and Mr. Shull voting "yes," and Mr. Carter and Ms. Kessler voting "no." Ms. Kessler stated that she voted "no" because she felt we should contribute to other economics needs of the District.

**VIII. Administrative Divisional Reports:**

**A. Superintendent:**

1. Referendum Do's and Don'ts: Dr. Holland presented information from the SC School Boards Association and the SC Ethics Commission on Referendum Do's and Don'ts. A copy is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

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**B. Instruction:**

1. Projected Enrollment/Staffing for 2014/15: Mr. Hinton and Dr. Heyward-Evans presented information on projected enrollment and staffing for 2014/15. Copy is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**C. Finance:**

1. Monthly Financial Reports: Mr. Mabry reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports, Revenues and Expenditures. Without objection, the Board of Trustees accepted the reports as presented by unanimous consent. A copy of the reports are attached and made a part of these Minutes.  
2. House Version of Budget 2014/15: Mr. Mabry presented information on the House Version of the 2014/15 budget. A copy is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**D. Administration and Student Services:**

1. Monthly Facilities Update: Mr. King presented a monthly facilities update. The Board accepted the report as information.  
2. Monthly Energy Report: Mr. King presented the monthly energy reports. A copy is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

**E. Human Resources:**



No Report

**IX. Executive Session:** Motion by Mr. Carter for the Board of Trustees to enter Closed Session for consideration of personnel reappointments and resignations for 2014/15, consideration of personnel appointments and resignations, and consideration of a student disciplinary appeal; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

**X. Open Session/Action on Executive Session Items:** Following Executive Session, motion by Mr. Carter that the meeting of the Board of Trustees be reconvened in Open Session and the appropriate Affidavit executed; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees. Since the family was waiting for the decision on the student disciplinary appeal, the Board announced their decision in open session prior to completing discussion on the other matters:

- Motion by Mr. Bingham to lift the expulsion of the Airport High School student subject to his enrollment in Adult Education, under probation, to continue the math class, and receive a withdraw / passing from the foreign language class. Student will be barred from attending any other school functions or being on any school grounds other than the Adult Education campus. Upon successful completion of the Adult Ed program, student may petition the Superintendent to participate in graduation exercises at Carolina Coliseum only, provided the student has no other disciplinary actions, and adheres to the terms of his probation; second by Ms. Kessler; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

**XI. Continuation of Executive Session:** Motion by Mr. Carter for the Board of Trustees to re-enter Closed Session for consideration of personnel reappointments and resignations for 2014/15, and consideration of personnel appointments and resignations; second by Mrs. Branham; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

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**Open Session/Action on Executive Session Items:** Following Executive Session, motion by Mr. Carter that the meeting of the Board of Trustees be reconvened in Open Session and the appropriate Affidavit executed; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees. The following action was taken by the Board of Trustees as a result of discussions in Executive Session:

- Motion by Ms. Wooten to accept the Administration's recommendation for reappointments and resignations for 2014/15; second by Ms. Kessler; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees
- Motion by Mr. Shull to accept the Administration's recommendation of personnel appointments and resignations; second by Ms. Kessler; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees

## **XII. Announcements:**

- A. Focus Group Meetings Related to Superintendent Search  
9:00 a.m., Principals; 10:30 a.m., District Office Staff;  
12:00 Noon, Superintendent's Parent Cabinet; 3:45 p.m., Superintendent's Teacher Cabinet  
Board Room, District Education Center  
6:00 p.m., Community Meeting, Airport High School Auditorium  
Monday, March 24, 2014
- B. Special Board Meeting Related to Superintendent Search  
6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014, Board Room, District Education Center
- C. Budget Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2014, Board Room, District Education Center
- D. Spring Break, April 14 – 18, 2014
- E. Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014, Board Room, District Education Center

**XIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Branham to adjourn; second by Ms. Wooten; unanimous approval by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Alford-Wooten, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

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