

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
York School District One
1475 East Liberty Street
York, South Carolina 29745
Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, *The Herald*, *Charlotte Observer*, *WRHI Radio*, and *Cable News Two* were properly notified of the date, place, and time of the meeting. The regularly scheduled meeting of the York School District One Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and began at 6:00 PM. The public was notified through the news media mentioned. An agenda for the meeting was posted on BoardDocs and the district's website.

Chair Childers called the meeting to order.

Executive Session (6:00 PM)

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. David McSwain seconded the motion (6:00 PM). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to return to open session (6:15 PM). Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

The Board took the following action when returning to open session.

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve Employee "A's" request in accordance with Board Policy GBL. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

The Board requested that Superintendent Coxe send a letter to City Council detailing the Board's Support of employee "A's" appointment.

Adjourn

Motion: David McSwain made a motion to adjourn the executive session portion of the meeting (6:16 PM). Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting Opening – General Session (6:30 PM)

Chair Childers called the public meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. It was noted that there was no one present from the media. Pastor Mike Goodwin, Hickory Grove Church of God, Hickory Grove gave the invocation. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag. Chair

Childers noted that no one submitted paperwork to speak during the public forum. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Scott Childers, Chair
David McSwain

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary

Betty F. Johnson

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

It was noted that Wade Anderson and Christopher Revels were unable to attend due to other obligations.

Action: Consent Agenda

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Staff Recognitions

Student Centered Learning Cohort #2

Ms. Becky Funderburk, Coordinator of Instructional Technology Integration

In keeping with the district's strategic goal to "create quality opportunities for ongoing learning for students and staff in order to promote innovation and flexibility" and several of our district beliefs, 28 teachers participated in the 2nd Student Centered Learning cohort. These teachers completed 18 hours of work in a variety of online and in-person activities and meetings, received personalized coaching from our Instructional Technology Specialists and Coordinators, and tested out new ideas in their classrooms last spring. They received digital badges at the completion of the coursework, and the cohort will continue to receive support through goal setting on student centered learning practices. Congratulations to the following teachers:

Elementary	Secondary
Amanda Heckert, Jefferson Elementary	Anita Harvey, York Comprehensive High
Donna Elliott, Jefferson Elementary	Brandi Ramsey, York Comprehensive
Christina Garre, Jefferson Elementary	Lisa Beck, York Intermediate School
Jessica Cauthen, Cotton Belt Elementary	Beth Bridges, York Intermediate School
Erica Johnson, Cotton Belt Elementary	Kelsi Hensel, York Intermediate School
Ashlee Gordon, Hickory Grove / Sharon	Holli Sierra, York Intermediate School
Hayleigh Pence, Hickory Grove / Sharon	Megan Smith, York Intermediate School
Kayla Ledford, Hickory Grove / Sharon	Stacy Davis, York Middle School
Melanie Westmoreland, Hunter Street Elem.	Mary Hughes, York Middle School
Joey Costa, Hunter Street Elementary	Robin Madden, York Middle School
Jenny Root, Hunter Street Elementary	Jennifer Sexton, York Middle School
Angela Constantine, Hunter Street Elementary	Berry Adrienne, York One Academy
Hannah Fairfax, Hunter Street Elementary	Susan Rodriguez, York One Academy

District Office

Ms. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

❖ Mrs. Amy Hagner

Mrs. Amy Hagner and her staff were congratulated for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting given by the US Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the 21st consecutive year that the district has received this award.

Reports

▪ **New Employee Orientation**

Mrs. Jennifer Bolin, Director of Human Resources, provided pictures and a brief update on the New Employee Orientation, which was held August 26-28, 2023.

▪ **Summer Programs Update**

Ms. April Aulmer, Director of Elementary & Gifted Programs, along with Mr. Clay Bryant, Elementary Summer Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the programs that were offered for students during the month of June. The report included the number of students served and the attendance rates.

A copy of the Summer Programs Update is listed as **ATTACHMENT 1** of these minutes.

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Innovation and Professional Learning & PIO ... Dr. Latoya Dixon

▪ **Professional Development Plan Overview 2023-2024**

Dr. Dixon provided the Board with an overview of the Professional Development opportunities for staff during the 2023-2024 school year.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Mrs. Amy Hagner

Action: Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (8%)

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to authorize an 8% bond issue for capital projects not to exceed \$3.8 million dollars. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: Easement Request – Johnson Road

Motion: David Mcswain made a motion to approve the easement requested by JSII Builders as presented by the district administration (Johnson Road). Betty Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: Easement Road – Devinney Road

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the easement requested by JSII Builders as presented by the district administration (Devinney Road). Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: 2023-2024 Millage Rate

Motion: Beth Faulkner made a motion to set the debit service rate at 84.0 mills and the General Operations 2023-2024 mills at 222.6. David McSwain seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: Policies Revisions – 2nd Reading

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the policies, listed below, for second and final reading. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Policies

Policy DGD - Credit Card Use

Policy KFD - Clear Bag Use at District Events

Policy BD - Organization of the Board

Policy GCQE - Retirement of Professional Employees

Policy GDQC - Retirement of Support Employees

▪ ***Agriculture Education Area Update***

Mrs. Hagner provided an update on the partnership with the District and the York School District One Education Foundation regarding the Agriculture Education Arena. The District is in the process of forming a Steering Committee that will consist of a YSD1 Foundation member, YSD1 Board of Trustees member, district staff and community members.

Chair Childers publicly thanked the YSD1 Foundation for their support for the Agriculture Arena.

Director of Human Resources Mrs. Jennifer Bolin

Action: Certified Recommendations 2023-2024

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the certified recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year as presented by the district administration. David McSwain seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Superintendent Mrs. Kelly Cox

- **2023-2024 School Year Update**
Mrs. Cox shared that the first couple of days of school went very smoothly. In addition, she shared current student to teacher ratios for each school. She thanked principals and staff for their hard work in making the opening of school a success.

Action: Administrative Recommendation

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the administrative recommendation for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: Seat 5 Vacancy

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to fill the Seat 5 vacancy in accordance to policy. David McSwain seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

- **Upcoming Dates**
Mrs. Cox highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.
 - August 8, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
 - August 8, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
 - August 9-18, 2023 - Press Release & District email regarding Seat 5 Opening
 - August 11, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Bill Pate White Rose Football Game, YCHS
 - August 22, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Work Session / Seat 5 Vacancy Interviews, YSD1 District Office
 - August 25-27, 2023 - SCSBA School Law Conference, Greenville, SC
 - August 29, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Seat 5 Interviews (if needed), YSD1 District Office
 - September 4, 2023 - Labor Day Holiday (Schools & Office Closed)
 - September 12, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
 - September 12, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
 - September 12, 2023 - Announcement and Swearing in of Seat 5 Candidate
 - September 20, 2023 - Professional Collaboration Day- Early Dismissal for Students
 - September 26, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Board Called / Work Session, YSD1 District Office

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- October 9, 2023 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- October 10-13, 2023 - Intersession
- October 10, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- October 10, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- October 18, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - SCSBA Regional Advocacy Meeting, W J Keenan High School (361 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia, SC)
- October 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Board Called / Work Session, YSD1 District Office

Chair Childers noted that there was no need for an additional executive session.

Adjourn

Motion: Betty F. Johnson made a motion to adjourn for the evening seconded by David McSwain (7:29 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder