

**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees  
York School District One  
1475 East Liberty Street  
York, South Carolina 29745  
Tuesday, November 14, 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, November 14, 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 certified personnel matters. Diane Howell 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 (6:28 pm). Diane Howell seconded the motion. The 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 Brock Vosburgh, Bible Covenant Community Church, York, gave the invocation. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag led by Grayson Shillinglaw, a Harold C. Johnson Elementary School student. 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	Christopher Revels, Vice-Chair	Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary
Betty F. Johnson	David McSwain	Diane Howell

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

It was noted that Wade Anderson was unable to attend the meeting.

**Action: Consent Agenda**

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

**Recognitions****School Spotlight***Harold C. Johnson Elementary School*

Mrs. Crystal Sandifer, Principal; Ms. Hannah Rescigno, Assistant Principal; and Ms. Taylor Greene, teacher, shared regarding Harold C. Johnson's "Level Up And Win" theme for the year.

**Student & Staff Recognitions**

*York Intermediate School, Mr. Keith McSwain, Principal*

*Hunter Street Elementary, Mrs. Jane Wallace, Principal*

*Cotton Belt Elementary, Mrs. Megan Hoyt, Principal*

**2024 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir**

*Ms. Rachel Hoff, Choir Director, YIS*

*Ms. Donna Fields, Choir Director, HSE*

*Ms. Dena Wade, Choir Director, CBE*

The Board congratulated the following students, who were selected by audition, for the 2024 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir. More than 400 young singers from across the state of SC auditioned for this prestigious honor choir, and it is quite an accomplishment for these awesome young singers to be selected to participate in this event. The February 2024 concert will be held in Columbia.

- ❖ *Jayden George, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Bentley Grice, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Ava Haynes, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Madilyn Markle, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Julia Newman, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Shayna Littleton, York Intermediate School*
- ❖ *Nora Taylor, Hunter Street Elementary*
- ❖ *Autumn Purnell, Cotton Belt Elementary*
- ❖ *Amaya Monroe, Cotton Belt Elementary*

*York Comprehensive High School, Dr. John Tharp, Principal*

**2024 SCACDA Honor Choir**

*Ms. Lizzi Elliott, Choir Director*

The Board congratulated the following members of the YCHS choir who were selected for the 2024 South Carolina American Choral Directors Association Honor Choir. The students submitted auditions and competed against students from across the state for a spot in the choir. They will be participating in the honor choir event in January 2024.

- ❖ *Luis Barrales*
- ❖ *Arianna Breault*
- ❖ *Audrey Bronson*

- ❖ *Audrey Buran*
- ❖ *Lindsay Heath*
- ❖ *Gracie Hinson*
- ❖ *Savannah Hunnicutt*
- ❖ *Ricky Govea Mendoza*
- ❖ *Cameron Neil*
- ❖ *Ian Roorda*
- ❖ *Silas Schumacher*
- ❖ *Harmony Strickland*
- ❖ *JD Waxman*

***Cotton Belt Elementary***

*Mrs. Megan Hoyt, Principal*

***Duke Energy Science Night Kit***

Ms. Rita Woodley was recognized for receiving the Duke Energy Science Night grant for CBES. The grant will provide supplies for a STEM family night for up to 200 participants.

***Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary***, Mrs. Rebecca Dover, Principal

***Hunter Street Elementary***, Mrs. Jane Wallace, Principal

***York Intermediate School***, Mr. Keith McSwain, Principal

***York Comprehensive High School***, Dr. John Tharp, Principal

***York Electric Cooperative - Bright Ideas Grants***

Ms. Emma Sutton, *Communications & Outreach* - York Electric Cooperative, Inc.

York Electric Cooperative and Operation Round Up Trust fund grants for local teachers. Applicants can win up to \$1,000 to help pay for innovative learning methods and materials to support students in their classrooms. The Board applauded the following teachers who were awarded Bright Ideas Grants.

- ❖ ***Taylor McSwain, Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary***
  - \$1000 for “Fitness Club”
- ❖ ***Norma Jean Colyer, Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary***
  - \$350 for “Handbell Choir”
- ❖ ***Abigail Traylor, Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary***
  - \$900 for “Brass Instruments for Elementary Students”
- ❖ ***Melanie Westmoreland, Hunter Street Elementary***
  - \$1000 for “Smart Carts”
- ❖ ***DeEtte Mann, York Intermediate School***
  - \$1000 for “Stimulating Students through an Immigration Simulation”
- ❖ ***Dr. Lesley Reel, York Comprehensive High***
  - \$1000 for “Mathematicians of the Future”
- ❖ ***Kelly Tiblier, York Comprehensive High***
  - \$1000 for “Great Storylines + Incredible Visuals = Graphic Novels for Reluctant Readers”

**Reports**

▪ **ConnectED Conference**

Dr. Lesley Reel, YSD1 Teacher Advisory Council, provided a brief recap of the recent ConnectEd Conference that was spearheaded by the Teacher Advisory Council. She noted that there were 53 YSD1 teachers that presented and a total of 330 teachers who attended the conference.

▪ **Special Services Update**

Mr. Bryan Greeson, Director of Special Services, provided the Board with an update on Special Services.

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

• 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Dr. Dixon shared the results of the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar Survey. After reviewing the results, and seeking input from the YSD1 Teacher Advisory Council, she requested that the Board approve “Modified Balanced Calendar A” for first reading.

**Action: Modified Balanced Calendar A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the “Modified Balanced Calendar A” for 2024-2025 for first reading. David McSwain seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Director of Secondary Programs .....Mrs. Elissa Cox**

**Action: New Course Recommendations**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the New Course Recommendations for 2024-2025 school year as presented. Christopher Revels seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

A listed of the courses approved for 2024-2025 school year is listed as **ATTACHMENT 1** of these minutes.

**Director of Human Resources ..... Mrs. Jennifer Bolin**

**Action: Certified Resignations & Release of 2023-2024 Contract**

**Motion:** Christopher Revels made a motion to accept the certified resignations and release of their 2023-2024 contract, as presented by the district administration. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Resignations & Release of 2023-2024 Contract**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to accept the certified resignations and release of their 2023-2024 contract, pending suitable replacements are secured. Diane Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Retirement**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to accept the certified retirement, with congratulations, as presented by the district administration. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Recommendations**

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

***Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations ..... Mrs. Amy Hagner***

**Action: Policy Updates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented by the district administration, for 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. Diane Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Gavin’s Law Model Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Motion:** Christopher Revels made a motion to approve Policy GBEBE “Gavin’s Law (Staff)” and Policy JICFB “Gavin’s Law (Student)” as presented by the district administration, for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

***Superintendent ..... Mrs. Kelly Coxe***

- ***Board Elections for Officers***  
Mrs. Coxe reminded Board members that elections for board officers will take place at the December 12, 2023, board meeting.
- ***Upcoming Dates***  
Mrs. Coxe highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.

- November 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- November 14, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- November 22-24, 2023 – Thanksgiving Holidays (all offices & schools closed)
- November 28, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Board Called / Work Session, YSD1 District Office
- December 2, 2023 @ 3:00 pm – Hickory Grove Parade
- December 1-3, 2023 – SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference & Delegate Assembly, Charleston, SC
- December 8, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – York Christmas Parade
- December 12, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- December 12, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- December 25 – January 5, 2024 – Christmas Break (all offices & schools closed)

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

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** Diane Howell made a motion to adjourn for the evening seconded by Betty F. Johnson (7:34 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder