

**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees  
York School District One  
1475 East Liberty Street  
York, South Carolina 29745  
Tuesday, December 12, 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, December 12, 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.

Vice-Chair Revels called the meeting to order.

**Executive Session (6:00 pm)**

**Motion:** Beth Faulkner made a motion to go into executive session to receive a legal update and to discuss a certified elementary personnel matter. Diane Howell seconded the motion (6:00 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Motion:** Beth Faulkner made a motion to return to open session (6:23 pm). Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

The following action was taken when the Board returned to open session:

**Motion:** Diane Howell made a motion to accept the resignation of employee "A" effective January 8, 2024. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Meeting Opening – General Session (6:30 pm)**

Vice-Chair Revels called the public meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. It was noted that there was no one present from the media. Bishop Alfred Jackson, Tabernacle of Praise, York gave the invocation. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag led by Maddox Whetstine, a Jefferson Elementary School student. Vice-Chair Revels noted that no one submitted paperwork to speak during the public forum. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Christopher Revels, Vice-Chair  
Betty F. Johnson

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary  
David McSwain

Wade Anderson  
Diane Howell

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

It was noted that Scott Childers was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

**Action:**                      **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:**            Wade Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Diane Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

***Recognitions***

***School Spotlight***

*Jefferson Elementary School*

Mrs. Mattie Hughes, Principal and Ms. Vanessa Hefley, Assistant Principal, shared regarding Jefferson's efforts to focus on student-centered learning.

***Student & Staff Recognitions***

**York Comprehensive High School**

*Dr. John Tharp, Principal*

***2023 Female State Strength Meet***

Coach Chad Cooksey

The Board recognized the YCHS Female Strength Team who traveled to the 2023 Female State Strength Meet at Blythewood High School where they competed against 300 other female athletes from 50 different High Schools. Out of the nine weight classes, there were four state champions and one runner-up. Team members competed in three events: the standing broad jump, bench press and squat. They represented York with a great performance and class.

- ❖ Gracin Carroll - 120lb State Champion
- ❖ Jordan Welsh - 130lb State Champion - And only PERFECT score in the meet
- ❖ Brooklyn Dial – 130lb State Finalist
- ❖ Narnia Miller – 140lb State Finalist
- ❖ AC Lingerfelt - 150lb State Champion
- ❖ Briley "Bug" Comer – 160lb State Champion
- ❖ Brisa Reyes - 160lb State Finalist
- ❖ Cam Heffner - 170lb State Finalist
- ❖ Aria Haynes - 170lb State Finalist
- ❖ Alexis Reyes – All State 200+ Weight Class

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

**Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center, Dr. Lee Green, Director**

***York Electric- Bright Ideas Grant Winners***

As part of York Electric's Bright Ideas grants, selected teachers were awarded funding across the service territory. A total of \$10,000 in wish list fulfillments were made. In September, their peers

submitted nomination forms, describing why the teacher they nominated should receive a wish list fulfillment grant, either for \$100 or \$500. The Board congratulated the following who were chosen.

- ❖ Angie Covington, FDJTC
- ❖ Janet Maslankowski, Cotton Belt Elementary
- ❖ Scottee Horne, Cotton Belt Elementary

### **District Office**

Ms. April Aulmer, Director of Elementary Programs

### ***What Works SC Award Finalist***

- ❖ Jessica Elliott

York School District One proudly acknowledges and celebrates Jessica Elliott, Program Coordinator of Parenting Partnerships and Family Resource Center, for her outstanding leadership and dedication that resulted in the program being named among the top four finalists for the prestigious 2023 Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award.

The WhatWorksSC Award, presented annually by The Riley Institute at Furman University, recognizes exceptional programs that positively impact public education. Jessica Elliott's leadership and the transformative work of Parenting Partnerships have played a crucial role in achieving this recognition.

Parenting Partnerships is a vital initiative aimed at providing parents with the education, information, and resources needed to meet the developmental needs of their children. The program's mission is to support parents in their role as their child's first and most important teachers, promoting school readiness for vulnerable children. Through partnerships with various organizations and the utilization of a Parents as Teachers curriculum, the program offers a comprehensive approach to child development, creating a strong foundation for success.

The award celebration was held on November 7 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was the keynote speaker at the event, adding to the significance of this recognition. York School District One congratulates Jessica Elliott and the Parenting Partnerships team on their well-deserved achievement and wishes them continued success in their important work.

### **Student-Centered Learning Fellows 2023-2024**

**Ms. Becky Funderburk, Coordinator of Instructional Technology Integration**

The Board recognized a cohort of exceptional educators who were selected as the Student-Centered Learning Fellows for the 2023-2024 school year within York School District 1. These educators have exemplified a commitment to advancing student-centered learning practices within our district.

Through a rigorous application process and the submission of artifacts showcasing their proficiency in implementing student-centered learning approaches in their classrooms, these teachers have demonstrated their dedication to fostering an environment where every student's learning experience is at the forefront.

These Fellows have pinpointed specific strengths within the Student-Centered Learning Teaching and Learning Framework, which serve as focal points for learning walks and professional development sessions they lead. Their dedicated efforts to enhance the capacity of fellow educators play a crucial role in advancing the adoption of student-centered learning practices district-wide.

This initiative represents more than just recognition; it signifies a collective effort to spread capacity and continuous support for those who have embraced student-centered learning as a guiding principle.

The Board congratulated the following teachers for their remarkable dedication and commitment to advancing the educational landscape within York School District 1:

- ❖ Sarah Nivens, Domain: Instructional Practices, CBES
- ❖ Rita Woodley, Domain: Environment, CBES
- ❖ Clair Roberts, Domain: Instructional Practices, HCJ
- ❖ Jessica Gregory, Domain: Environment, YCHS
- ❖ Sara Perkins, Domain: Instructional Practices, YCHS
- ❖ Lisa Beck, Domain: Collaborative Practices, YIS
- ❖ Tierney Norris, Domain: Assessment/Reflective Practices, YIS
- ❖ Megan Smith, Domain: Instructional Tools, YIS
- ❖ Anna Grice, Domain: Environment, YMS
- ❖ Robin Madden. Domain: Instructional Practices, YMS

### ***Retiree Recognitions***

The following retiring staff members were recognized for their years of service and presented an acrylic plaque.

Name	Position	Years with YSD1
<b>Ms. Kim Childers</b>	Custodian	3.5
<b>Ms. Teresa Goldinger</b>	Special Education Instructional Assistant	4
<b>Ms. Karen Parker</b>	Special Education Teacher	37
<b>Ms. Andrea Phillips</b>	Kindergarten Teacher	22
<b>Mrs. Vicki Revels</b>	Teacher / Behavior Services Coordinator	42
<b>Mr. Mike Taylor</b>	Maintenance Technician	8
<b>Ms. Sharon Wallace</b>	Food Service Associate	13
<b>Ms. Blanche Ward</b>	Special Education Instructional Assistant	8

## Legacy Builder Award

Mrs. Bolin read aloud the criteria of the newly established Legacy Builder Award.

- A legacy is the long-lasting impact of a particular person's actions.
- Legacy Builders are ordinary people doing extraordinary things in York School District ONE. They are change agents who dare to make a difference.
- The Legacy Builders award honors a significant individual's work that compliments the York ONE mission to learn, serve and give as ONE.
- Legacy Builders serve as consistent models of the beliefs and commitments of the district.
- These individuals are not only leaders within their schools or departments but are also invested in the community. They conduct themselves in a way that we have classified as The York Way.
- This is a distinguished award that promotes the climate and culture that you are trying to establish within our schools and district.
- These individuals should be exemplars for others demonstrating outstanding work ethic, professionalism, attitude, drive, community service

These individuals can be nominated by anyone within the district; however, the nomination has to include a letter from the recipient's principal or department head to accompany it. All nominations were then reviewed by a committee using the criteria in the description of the award.

The Board congratulated the following inaugural recipients:

- Dr. Anne Witte
- Ms. LaToya Lowry
- Ms. Michelle Graham
- Mrs. Lisa Spangler
- Mrs. Amy Hagner

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

### ❖ Certified Retirement

Mrs. Bolin made Board members aware of a retired teacher who is resigning. No action was needed by the Board because the teacher was a working retiree on a letter of employment (LOE).

**Action:**           **Certified Recommendations**

**Motion:**           Wade Anderson made a motion to approve the certified recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented by the district administration. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

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

Ms. Coxe, on behalf of Dr. Dixon, requested approval of Modified Balanced Calendar “A” for second and final reading.

**Action:**           **Modified Balanced Calendar A – 2nd Reading**

**Motion:**       Wade Anderson made a motion to approve the “Modified Balanced Calendar A” for 2024-2025 for second and final reading. David McSwain seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

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

**Action:**           **Gavin’s Law Model Policy – 2nd Reading**

**Motion:**       Beth Faulkner 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 second and final reading. Diane Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

❖ **Food Service On-Site Reviews**

Mrs. Hagner shared that to comply with federal requirements for local program monitoring, school districts are responsible for a minimum of one annual food service on-site review visit to all district schools by February 1 of each school year. The major focus for the on-site review is the meal counting and claiming procedures used by the school. Observation and evaluation of the system in operation is conducted to determine if all aspects of this critical program area have been properly implemented to yield current claims. To comply with this federal requirement, Mrs. Hagner will conduct food service on-site reviews at all schools during the months of December and January.

**Superintendent ..... Mrs. Kelly Coxe**❖ **SCSBA Report**

Ms. Johnson shared regarding the recently attended, SCSBA Delegate Assembly Conference that she and Mr. Childers attended. She stated that overall it was an informative conference.

❖ **Board Elections for Officers**

Per Board Policy BD, officer elections will take place during the month of December. The following offices will be acted upon during the meeting: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

**Action:**           **Board Elections for Officers**

**Motion:**       David McSwain made a motion for the following slate of officers for 2024: Scott Childers, Chair; Christopher Revels, Vice-Chair; and Beth Faulkner, Secretary. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

▪ **Upcoming Dates**

Mrs. Coxe highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.

- December 12, 2023 @ 5:45 pm - Retiree Reception, YSD1 District Office
- 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)
- January 8, 2024 - Teacher Workday
- January 9, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- January 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- January 13, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - York MLK Parade
- January 15, 2024 - MLK Holiday (all offices & schools closed)
- January 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm- YCHS Winter Graduation, YCHS Auditorium
- January 23, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Board Work Session / Called Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- February 13, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- February 15-18, 2024 - SCSBA Annual Convention, Hilton Head Island
- February 19-23, 2024 - Intersession
- February 27, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Board Work Session / Called Meeting, YSD1 District Office

**Action**

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters, seconded by Wade Anderson (7:40 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to go return to open session, seconded by Wade Anderson (8:31 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

The following action was taken when the Board returned to open session:

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to adjourn for the evening seconded by Wade Anderson (8:32 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder