# Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees York School District One 1475 East Liberty Street York, South Carolina 29745 Tuesday, December 10, 2019

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, *The Herald, Charlotte Observer*, *WRHI Radio*, *Cable News Two and News 19 (Columbia*) were properly notified of the date, place, and time for the regular meeting of the York School District One Board of Trustees which was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium of York Comprehensive High School, located at 275 East Alexander Love Highway, York, South Carolina. The public was notified through the news media mentioned and invited to attend. An agenda for the meeting was posted on BoardDocs and in the lobby of the board room.

Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order. There was no one present from the media. Reverend Nellie Cloninger, Trinity Unity Methodist Church, York, gave the invocation. Chair Stephenson welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Mr. Richard Whitmore, (YCHS 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and York School District One Teacher of the Year). In addition, he welcomed Mrs. Sheila Levesque (Coordinator for Testing & Accountability) and Dr. Latoya Dixon (Director of Elementary and Gifted Programs). Both will begin working in the district in January. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag led by Jerimiah King, York Comprehensive High School Student. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Chris Stephenson, Chair Austin Dawkins Christopher Revels, Vice-Chair Maria R. Duncan Amber Floyd, Secretary
Diane Howell

Mike Smith

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

Action: Consent Agenda

**Motion** Mike Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Christopher Revels seconded the

motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

## **Retiree Recognition**

Name	Position	Years with YSD1
Ms. Pam Chapman	School Secretary	32

# **Student Recognitions**

## York Conservation District - Poster Contest Winner

- Claire Gilfillan, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary
- Olivia Green, Hunter Street Elementary
- Ryan Green, Harold C. Johnson Elementary
- Sarah Howell, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary

As a part of the district's MERIT program's STEM unit on pollination, students were encouraged to enter York Soil and Water Conservation District's competition, a local competition within the National Poster Contest with the theme: "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper." Students who chose to enter competed with other students across York County in different age categories. The board applauded its top finishers.

- For grades 2-3, students in the district claimed the top three finishes: Ryan Green placed third; Sarah Howell claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Olivia Green placed 1<sup>st</sup> in York County.
- In grades 4-5, Claire Gilfillan placed first.
- The first place finishers will now be judged in the state competition in Columbia. Congratulations to these students.

Ms. Laura Nettles with the York County Soil and Water Conservation District presented Claire Gilfillan with a certificate and a gift card.

## 2020 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir

Ms. Rachel Hoff, Chorus Teacher, York Intermediate School

Ms. Donna Fields, Music Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School

Ms. Beverley Mitchell, Music Teacher, Hickory Grove/Sharon Elementary

The Board recognized the following students for being selected to the 2020 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir. The 2020 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir is an audition choir comprised of students from all over the state of South Carolina who submit recordings to a panel of judges and are chosen because of their outstanding singing abilities. These students will represent York School District One as they rehearse and perform with approximately 300 students in grades 4-6 who are members of the SC Elementary Honor Choir in February in downtown Columbia, SC. The SC Elementary Honor Choir will perform on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Columbia in conjunction with the South Carolina Music Educator's Conference.

- Chloe Good, York Intermediate School
- Zinyja Honey, York Intermediate School
- Savannah McCoy, York Intermediate School
- Zoey Button, York Intermediate School
- Lily Moss, York Intermediate School
- Charleigh White, York Intermediate School
- Kayleigh Mosteller, Jefferson Elementary
- Maggie Wallace, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary
- Will Gilfillan, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary

## York Comprehensive High School

Mr. Ryan Poston, Principal Douglas & Laura Brooks, Directors

## SCBDA 4A Upper-State Marching Band Championships

YCHS Cougar Band & Courgarettes

The Board congratulated the YCHS Cougar Band & Courgarettes for placing 3rd Place at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) 4A Upper-State Marching Band Championships on October 19, 2019. This is the 28th time the Cougar Band & Cougarettes have been named as a State Championship finalist.

## Winthrop University Honor Band

- Rose Broadwell
- Emily Crawford
- Henry Niehaus

- Jacob Rodriguez
- Sophie Smiley
- Caleb Smith

The Board congratulated the above six YCHS band students for being selected for the Winthrop University Honor Band that was held on November 21-23, 2019.

## 2019-2020 Miss YCHS Pageant

Douglas & Laura Brooks, Sponsors

The following students were congratulated for placing as one of the five division winners for the 2019-2020 Miss YCHS Pageant that was held on November 25, 2019.

- Elleigh Sandifer, Miss Freshman
- Ella Burroughs, Miss Sophomore
- Carleigh Jackson, Miss Junior
- Noell Ogden, Miss Senior
- McKenzie Applegate, Miss YCHS

## Staff

## Jefferson Elementary School

Mrs. Mattie Hughes, Principal

Jennifer Hill

Ms. Jennifer Hill was recognized for receiving a Recycling Education Grant through DHEC/NSLP. This grant will allow Ms. Hill to expand the recycling program at Jefferson Elementary.

# Reports

## **Priority Schools Update**

Mrs. Hannah Rescigno, Assistant Principal, York Middle School Mr. Michael Abraham, Assistant Principal, York Middle School

Mr. Abraham and Ms. Resigno shared a PowerPoint highlighting professional development focusing on the importance of building relationships with students.

A copy of the PowerPoint shared is listed as **ATTACHMENT ONE** of these minutes.

# <u>Direct Support Professional – High School Training Program</u>

Mr. Bryan Greeson, Director of Special Education

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

Mr. Greeson and Dr. Green gave a presentation on the Direct Support Professional-High School Training program, slated to begin 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center. This program will train students to provide direct support services to individuals with disabilities served by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The students will have the opportunity to earn one of three credentials that demonstrate their level of training.

A Copy of the PowerPoint presented is listed as ATTACHMENT TWO of these minutes.

#### Action: Policies GD - GDR (1st Reading)

Motion: A motion was made by Maria Duncan to approve for first reading of Policies GD-GDR as

presented by the district administration. Diane Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed by

unanimous consent of the Board.

Policy GD Support/Classified Employees

Policy GDA Support Employee Positions

Policy GDB Support Employee Contracts and Compensation

Policy GDBC Support Employee Supplementary Pay/Overtime

Policy GDF Support Employee Hiring

Policy GDJ Support Employee Assignments and Transfers

Policy GDQB Resignation of Support Employees

Policy GDQC Retirement of Support Employees

Policy GDQD Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Employees

Policy GDR Nonschool Employment of Support Employees

Policy GDD Support Employee Vacations and Holidays\*

Policy GDO Evaluation of Support Employees\*

\* Policies GDD and GDO will become effective July 1, 2020.

#### Policies GC – GCRD (2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading) Action:

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Revels to approve for second and final reading of Policies

GC-GCRD as presented by the district administration. Amber Floyd seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Policy GC Professional Employees

Policy GCA Professional Employee Positions

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Policy GCB Professional Employee Contracts and Compensation

Policy GCE Professional Employee Recruitment

Policy GCEC Posting and Advertising of Professional Vacancies

Policy GCF Professional Employee Hiring

Policy GCFB Hiring of Administrative Employees

Policy GCG Part-Time and Substitute Professional Employment

Policy GCI Professional Employee Development

Policy GCK Professional Employee Assignments and Transfers

Policy GCMD Instructional Employees Extra Duty

Policy GCNA Supervision of Instructional Employees

Policy GCO Evaluation of Administrative Employees

Policy GCOA Evaluation of Instructional Employees

Policy GCQA/GCQB Instructional / Administrative Employee Reduction in Force

Policy GCQC Resignation of Professional Employees

Policy GCQE/GDQC Retirement of Professional Support Employees

Policy GCQF Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Employees

Policy GCR Non-School Employment of Professional Employees

Policy GCRD Tutoring For Pay

Coordinator of Special Projects ...... Mrs. Lisa Spangler

## Education Oversight Committee Community Block Grant

Mrs. Spangler shared that the district was awarded a 4K Community Block Grant from the Education Oversight Committee in the amount of \$77,179. The grant will fund the district's registration carnival; Summer Kindergarten Camp; professional development for 4K teachers, assistants and Head Start Staff; and a year-long parent institute which will kick off with a Night at the Museum. The district recieved one of only six grants awarded in the state.

# Optimus Prime

Mrs. Allen shared that the Transformer Truck "Optimus Prime" visited each elementary school on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Optimus was a BIG hit with the students, and each class had a "photo shoot" with Optimus, and an opportunity to join "Team Prime" in the mission to end bullying.

## o 2019-2020 Parenting Institute Update

Mrs. Allen shared that the fourth Parent Institute was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Paolini from Winthrop University was the guest presenter. She spoke to our parents about the social and emotional development of young children; pizza was served; parents were given a free parenting magazine; and several students in the York Comprehensive High School's early childhood class with Ms. Jessica Elliott provided child care for our parents to attend the program. Prior to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> program, 84 parents (duplicate count) had

<sup>\*</sup>Policy GCC/GDC Employee Leaves and Absences

<sup>\*</sup>Policy GCCAAA Sick Leave Bank

<sup>\*</sup>Policy GCD Professional Employee Vacations and Holidays

<sup>\*</sup> Policies will become effective July 1, 2020.

attended one or more of the institutes. The fifth and final parent institute will be hosted by each elementary school.

### ST-ARTS Auditions

ST-ARTS auditions for the Gifted Program for the Arts were held November, 15<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-seven students auditioned with 31 students eligible to participate in the summer program. This year the program will be June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Winthrop University. Transportation will be provided from central locations throughout the district. The district currently has 30 returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who intend on participating in the summer program June 8 – June 26, 2020.

Director of Human Resources ......Mr. Oliver Love

## Action: Certified Recommendation

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the recommendation of a certified employee for

the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, as presented by the district administration. Diane

Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

# Action: Classified Resignation

**Motion:** A motion was made by Austin Dawkins to accept the resignation of a classified employee

effective November 22, 2019. Christopher Revels seconded the motion. Motion passed by

unanimous consent of the Board.

## Action: Classified Recommendations

**Motion:** A motion was made by Amber Floyd to approve four classified employee as presented by the

district administration. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous

consent of the Board.

## Action: Board Election for Officers

**Motion:** A motion was made by Maria Duncan for a slate of officers to include: Diane Howell as Chair;

Amber Floyd as vice-chair; and Austin Dawkins as secretary. The motion was seconded by Mike Smith. There were no other motions for officers. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the

Board.

## **Upcoming Dates**

- December 10, 2019 @ 5:30 PM Retiree & Holiday Reception, YCHS Cafeteria
- December 10, 2019 @ 6:30 PM Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting, YCHS Auditorium
- December 20, 2019 1/2 Day for Students

- December 23 January 3, 2020 Winter Break
- January 6, 2020 Teacher Workday / Professional Development Day
- January 7, 2020 Students return
- January 11, 2020 @ 2:00 PM Winter Graduation, YCHS Auditorium Reception to follow in YCHS Cafeteria
- January 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
- January 17, 2020 @ 8:00 AM City of York MLK Breakfast, Liberty Baptist Church, York
- January 18, 2020 @ 1:00 PM MLK Parade, Downtown York
- January 20, 2020 Martin Luther King Holiday for students & staff
- January 20, 2020 @ 7:30 AM MLK Breakfast, First Baptist Church, Rock Hill
- January 28, 2020 @ 6:30 PM Board Work Session

## **Executive Session**

Chair Stephenson noted that the Board did not have a need for an executive session.

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Revels to adjourn for the evening (7:24 PM). The motion

was seconded by Mike Smith. Motion pass by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Floyd, Board Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder