

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
York School District One
1475 East Liberty Street
York, South Carolina 29745
Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

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 of the meeting. The regularly scheduled meeting of the York School District One Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and began at 6:30 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 Howell called the meeting to order. She welcomed all those in attendance and publically thanked Mr. Kevin Queen for setting up the auditorium so that everyone could be socially distanced. In addition, she thanked Mr. Poston for hosting the meeting at York Comprehensive High. It was noted that there was no one present from the media. Pastor John Franklin, Olivet Presbyterian, McConnells, gave the invocation. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag led by Kelsey Bolin, 2020 Miss YCHS. Chair Howell noted that no one submitted paperwork to speak during the public forum. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Diane Howell, Chair
Tracy Miskelly

Scott Childers
Christopher Revels

Betty F. Johnson
Mike Smith

Mrs. Amy Hagner, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

It was noted that Superintendent Coxe was sick and unable to attend and that Mr. Anderson had a previous engagement.

Action: Consent Agenda

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

Retiree Recognitions

The following retirees were honored for their years of service with the district and presented with a crystal plaque.

Name	Position	Years with YSD ¹
<i>Sarah Barnette</i>	<i>Custodian – Hunter Street Elementary</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Anita Buffolino</i>	<i>Custodian – York One Academy</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Floyd Childers</i>	<i>Custodian – York Intermediate School</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Marvin Long</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Carol Oldaker</i>	<i>Custodian – Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>King Sanders</i>	<i>Custodian – York Middle School</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Jacqueline Scroger</i>	<i>Teacher – York Middle School</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Ruby Stewart</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>	<i>34</i>

Special Recognitions

Chair Howell and Mrs. Hagner recognized the following former Board Members for their dedication and service to the district. Each were presented with a plaque thanking them for their service.

- Mr. Austin Dawkins – 4 Years of Dedicated Service
- Mrs. Maria Duncan – 4 Years of Dedicated Service
- Ms. Amber Floyd – 2 Years of Dedicated Service
- Mr. Chris Stephenson – 16 Years of Dedicated Service

Staff Recognitions

The following teachers were recognized for receiving grants:

- *Ashleigh Erb (York Intermediate School) - \$1,400 Reflex Math Grant*
- *Michael Prothero (York Middle School) - \$1,000 York Electric Bright Idea Grant (1st Place)*
- *Kelly Tiblier (York Comprehensive High) - \$1,000 York Electric Bright Idea Grant (Runner Up)*
- *Tierney Norris & Megan Smith (York Intermediate School) – Donor's Choose Grant*
- *Rachael Shriver (Hickory Grove / Sharon) – \$500 James Patterson & Scholastic Book Club Grant*
- *Charley Bovill (York Middle School) - \$800 Walmart Community Grant*

National Board Re-Certification

Ms. Amy Lawton, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary, was recognized for earning her re-certification for National Board certification.

AP Human Geography Distinguished Teaching Award

Mrs. Cristi Kemp, Social Studies Teacher at YCHS, was congratulated for being the 2020 recipient of the AP Human Geography Distinguished Teaching Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. This award honors those who have made extraordinary contributions to the teaching and learning of geography at the post-secondary level.

Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) Presenter

Ms. Christina Dempsey, York Middle School, was recognized for having three presentations selected to present at AMLE National Conference on October 23 – 25, 2020.

Governor-Elect of the South Carolina District of Optimist International

Ms. Juliette Bennett, York Intermediate School, was recognized for being named as the Governor-Elect of the South Carolina District of Optimist International.

SC Competency-Based Learning Fellow

Mrs. Elissa Cox, District Office was applauded for being named as a SC Competency-Based Learning Fellow by the SC Department of Education's Office of Personalized Learning. Mrs. Cox was commended for this prestigious honor, as only 30 educators have been accepted statewide, to serve as competency-based learning fellows.

Reports

- Leveraging Technology to Improve Educator Effectiveness and Student Achievement*

Mr. Tim Cooper, Coordinator of Instructional Technology K-8 and Mrs. Beverley Bowman, Coordinator of Instructional Technology 9-12, provided the Board with an update on device distribution and technology professional development throughout the district. Currently the district is 1:1 in grades 7-12 and 1:2 in grades 4K-6.

A copy of the PowerPoint shared is listed as **ATTACHMENT 1** of these minutes.

Coordinator of Special Projects Mrs. Lisa Spangler

- Atrium Health Partnership*

Mrs. Spangler shared that the district secured a new partnership with Atrium Health. Through this partnership a full time athletic trainer will be hired to work with athletes at York Comprehensive High School. The position has been posted, and interviews have begun with the hopes of having a new Athletic Trainer in place in January 2021.
- Keystone Grant Partnership Opportunity*

Mrs. Spangler informed that Board that the district was invited to partner in a grant application with Keystone Substance Abuse Services. If funded, the grant will provide for Student Assistance Programming in each of the participating school districts. This includes locating a substance abuse counselor in the district to conduct Botvin Life Skills prevention training targeting 6th grade students and to conduct assessments and individual counseling for students with alcohol and/or drug related issues. The district will provide office space for the counselor and some matching funds in years 2 and 3 of the grant period. The district anticipates that Title IV safety and security funds can be used for the required match in years 2 and 3.

Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Mrs. Amy Hagner

- 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 1st 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.

Action: "A" Policy Revisions (2nd Reading)

Motion Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the revisions to the "A" Policies as presented by the district administration, for second and final reading. Christopher Revels seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

- Policy AA School District Legal Status
- Policy AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
- Policy ACB Educational Equity
- Policy ACE Service Animals (Public)
- Policy ACG Resolution of Discrimination Complaints
- Policy ADB Drug-Free Schools
- Policy ADC Tobacco-Free Schools
- Policy ADF District Wellness

Action: **Policy Flexibility**

Motion Scott Childers made a motion to permit the administration the flexibility on the policies listed below and to suspend Policy IKAA 'Test and Examinations' for the 2020-2021 school year. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

- IC Calendar
- ID School Day
- IE Organization of Instruction
- IG Curriculum Development, Adoption, & Review
- IJKA Technology Resource Selection & Adoption
- IJNDAA Distance/Online/Virtual Education
- IJNDB Use of Technology Resources in Instruction
- IKE Promotion/Retention of Students
- ILBB Statewide Assessment Program
- IICJ Possession/Use of Mobile Communication, Computer, & Other Wireless Devices

Action: **Utilization of General Funds**

Motion Christopher Revels made a motion to utilize \$431,047 from the district fund balance to provide all employees with a stipend to be paid in two installments. Tracy Miskelly seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Office of Human Resources Mr. Oliver Love

Action: **Certified Retirement & Release of 2020-2021 Contract**

Motion Betty F. Johnson made a motion to accept the certified staff members retirements and release of their contracts, pending suitable replacements. Christopher Revels seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Action: **Breach of Contract**

Motion Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve filing a formal complaint to the SC Department of Education requesting that action be taken against the teaching certificate of an individual who breached a contract. Scott Childers seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Superintendent *Mrs. Kelly Coxe*

Action: Board Elections - Chair

Motion Christopher Revels nominated Diane Howell to serve as Chair. Betty F. Johnson made a motion to name Diane Howell to serve as Board Chair. Scott Childers seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Action: Board Elections – Vice Chair

Motion Mike Smith nominated Christopher Revels to serve as Vice Chair. Betty F. Johnson made a motion to name Christopher Revels to serve as Board Vice- Chair. Tracy Miskelly seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Action: Board Elections - Secretary

Motion Mike Smith nominated Tracy Miskelly to serve as Secretary. Betty F. Johnson made a motion to name Tracy Miskelly to serve as Board Secretary. Scott Childers seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board. There were no other nominations.

• *Upcoming Dates*

Mrs. Hagner, on Mrs. Coxe's behalf, highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.

- December 8, 2020 @ 6:30 PM, Regularly Scheduled Meeting - YCHS Auditorium
- December 15, 2020 @ 6:30 PM, Board Work Session - Executive Board Room
- December 16-18, 2020 - Remote Student Learning Days (Teaching staff on hand to support remote student learning)
- December 21 - January 1, 2021 - Winter Break for Students & Staff
- January 4, 2021 - Students & Staff Return
- January 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM, Regularly Scheduled Meeting - District Board Room
- January 15, 2021 - Teacher Work Day / Professional Development Day
- January 18, 2021 - MLK Holiday
- January 23, 2021 @ 2:00 PM - Winter Graduation - YCHS Gym
- January 26, 2021 - Board Work Session - Executive Board Room
- February 9, 2021 @ 6:30 PM, Regularly Scheduled Meeting - District Board Room

Executive Session

Chair Howell noted that the Board did not have a need to meet in executive session.

Adjourn

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Childers to adjourn for the evening (7:35 PM). The motion was seconded by Betty F. Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Howell, Chair

Renee Webb, Recorder