

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
York School District One
1475 East Liberty Street
York, South Carolina 29745
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

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, January 12, 2021 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. There was no one present from the media. Reverend Brock Vosburgh, Bible Covenant Community Church, York, gave the invocation. Chair Howell noted that no one submitted paperwork to speak during the public forum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag, led virtually by Hunter Street Elementary School students, Levi & Micah Tillman. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Diane Howell, Chair	Wade Anderson
Scott Childers	Betty F. Johnson
Tracy Miskelly	Christopher Revels
Mike Smith	

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

Action: Consent Agenda

Motion Christopher Revels made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mike Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

School Board Appreciation Month Recognition

Mrs. Kelly S. Coxe, Superintendent

Mrs. Coxe thanked Board members for their service and dedication to the staff and students of York School District One. Board members were presented with a portfolio with the district logo embossed on the front.

Chair Howell shared that each year the Board signs an Ethical Principles poster that is hung in the board room lobby. The poster states the following:

As a member of my district's school board I pledge my efforts to improve public education in my community and will solemnly try to:

- *represent the interests of the entire district when making decisions and to rely on available facts and on my judgment rather than on individuals or special interest groups;*
- *understand the proper role of the board to set policies governing the district and to hire the chief administrative officer to carry out these policies;*
- *encourage an open exchange of ideas by all board members during the decision-making process;*

- seek regular communications between the board and students, staff and all segments of the community;
- attend all board meetings, to study issues facing the board and to enact policies and official actions only after full discussion at such meetings;
- work with other board members in a conscientious and courteous manner befitting the public trust placed in the position of school board trustee;
- communicate concerns and public reaction to board policies and school programs to the superintendent and other board members in a professional manner;
- support employment of the persons best qualified for staff positions and to ensure a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- avoid conflicts of interest and to refrain from using my board positions for personal or partisan gain;
- encourage recognition of the achievements of students and staff and of the involvement of community residents;
- support legislation and funding which will improve the educational opportunities and environment for students and staff;
- take no individual action which would compromise the integrity of the board or administration and to respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under the Freedom of Information Act;
- study current educational issues and to participate in training programs such as those offered through the South Carolina School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association; and
- make my district’s educational setting the best possible to encourage all students to achieve and to love learning.

15 Years of Service

Mr. Mike Smith was recognized by the South Carolina School Boards Association for his 15 years of service on the Board of Trustees.

NAACP Education Leadership Award

Mrs. Kelly Coxe was congratulated for receiving the NAACP Education Leadership Award on October 30, 2020. This is a prestigious award that is given to individuals who exhibit exceptional leadership in public education. An excerpt from her nomination form read “Her great leadership ability is only surpassed by her love for children and community, as she passionately lives out a slogan she coined, “Connected as One.” Dontavious Williams, a member of the NAACP, presented the plaque to Mrs. Coxe.

Reports

- *Update of Reopening – Phase 4*
Mrs. Elissa Cox, Director of Secondary Programs and Mr. Kevin Queen, Director of Safety, provided an overview on the reopening – phase 4. She shared a timeline and summary of the reopening phases as well as phase 4 recommendations.

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

Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Mrs. Amy Hagner

It was noted that Mrs. Hagner was feeling under the weather and was unable to attend the meeting.

- *2021-2022 Budget Timeline*
Mrs. Coxe, on Mrs. Hagner’s behalf shared, the proposed 2021-2022 budget timeline and asked that Board Members reserve the dates on their calendars with the exception of March 10, 2021 which will be a meeting for district administrators.

- February 23 – Budget Work Session (6:30 pm) - Executive Board Room
- March 10 - District administrators to meet with Schools/Departments on Personnel/Capital Requests (All Day) – Harold C. Johnson Music Room
- March 23 – Budget Work Session (6:30 pm) - Executive Board Room
- April 22 – Stakeholder Input on Budget (6:00 pm) - Location to be Determined
- April 27 – Budget Work Session (6:30 pm) - Executive Board Room
- May 25 – Special Called Meeting & 1st Reading of the Budget (6:30 pm) - Executive Board Room
- June 8 – Public Hearing (5:30 pm) - District Board Room
- June 8 – 2nd & Final Reading of the Budget (6:30 pm) - District Board Room

- *Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Compliance Review*
Mrs. Coxe shared that the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) conducted a program compliance review in March 2020 of the food service dinner program that is required by federal regulations. The period under review was January 2020. For the test month, 10% of the nine facilities operated by the district were reviewed. Overall, the review went great and no major findings were noted.

Action: Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

Motion Tracy Miskelly made a motion to extend the Employee Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) of the FFCRA, at the district’s expense, until such time as the leave entitlement is extended by the federal government, or June 30, 2021, whichever occurs first. Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Coordinator of Instructional Technology K-8..... Mr. Tim Cooper

- *District eLearning Status Update*
Mr. Cooper provided an overview of the eLearning status of the district. The district applied and was identified by the SCEOC in the Fall of 2020 as an eLearning Readiness District. The district was identified and approved on December 18, 2020 as a full eLearning Status for the Spring of 2021. This status provides the district several opportunities, including:
 - Use of remote learning for inclement weather makeup days, and
 - Access to support network of districts across the state.
 He noted that eLearning districts are still required to include inclement weather days on the district’s academic calendars.

A copy of the PowerPoint shared is listed as **ATTACHMENT 2** of these minutes.

Action: 2020-2021 Calendar Modification

Motion Christopher Revels made a motion to modify the 2020-2021 academic calendar to move the Friday, March 12 Teacher Professional Development Day to Wednesday, March 10. Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Office of Human Resources **Mr. Oliver Love**

Action: Certified Resignation & Release of 2020-2021 Contract

Motion Christopher Revels made a motion to accept the certified staff member resignation and release her from her 2020-2021 contract. Tracy Miskelly seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Superintendent **Mrs. Kelly Coxe**

- *MLK Events*
Mrs. Coxe reminded Board members of the following virtual MLK events.
 - **City of York Virtual MLK Message - January 15, 2021**
The City of York will host a MLK Breakfast Message on January 15th at 9am on Facebook. Due to the on-going threat and concern for Covid-19, the City will not host its traditional in-person MLK Breakfast. Instead, the City has asked Dr. Kimberly Johnson, renowned author and motivational speaker, to deliver a pre-recorded message on safety and community. Dr. Johnson is the author of 22 children’s books, received her Doctorate in Curriculum, Teaching, and Leadership from Northeastern University in Boston, and has received numerous awards and honors.
 - **MLK Parade - January 16, 2021**
This year, due to COVID19, the MLK Parade will be virtual. The virtual parade will take place on Saturday, January 16th and begin at 1:00 PM. Board members can participate in the virtual parade by logging on to Facebook at facebook.com/westernyorkcountynaacp or by YouTube Channel: <http://bit.ly/WYCONAACP> (Case Sensitive). The district is showing its support by donating funds normally used to purchase a parade float to the Western York County NAACP. In addition, the YCHS Marching Band submitted a virtual entry.
 - **MLK Virtual Breakfast - January 18, 2021**
In light of COVID19, the City of Rock Hill's annual MLK breakfast has changed to a Virtual Interfaith Prayer Gathering. The event will begin at 9:00 AM. The attached flier has details on how it can be viewed. To show our continued support, the district is a Freedom Sponsor, as we have been in the past.
- *Upcoming Dates*
Mrs. Coxe highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.
 - January 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM, Regularly Scheduled Meeting - District Board Room
 - January 15, 2021 - Teacher Work Day / Professional Development Day
 - January 15, 2021 - City of York's Virtual MLK Breakfast
 - January 16, 2021 @ 1:00 PM, York MLK Virtual Parade
 - January 18, 2021 - MLK Holiday (Schools & Offices Closed)
 - January 18, 2021 @ 9:00 AM. City of Rock Hill's Virtual Interfaith Prayer Gathering

- January 23, 2021 @ 2:00 PM, Winter Graduation - YCHS Gymnasium
- January 26, 2021 @ 6:30 PM, 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 would need an executive session to discuss student, personnel, legal matters, and the superintendent's evaluation.

Executive Session

Motion: A motion was made by Mike Smith, seconded by Scott Childers, to go into executive session to discuss student, personnel and legal matters and to discuss the superintendent's evaluation (7:03 PM). Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Revels, seconded by Mike Smith to return to open session (8:03 PM). Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

The following action was taken by the Board after returning to open session.

Adjourn

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Revels to adjourn for the evening (8:04 PM). The motion was seconded by Mike Smith. Motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Miskelly, Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder