

BOARD RECAP — June 1, 2021 Meeting

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees held a board meeting in Building One of Central Services' auditorium located at 100 Tarrar Springs Road in Lexington, South Carolina. The board put some special safeguards into place to comply with the CDC's COVID-19 masking and social distancing recommendations.

The meeting opened at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The board promptly voted to enter executive session to discuss employment recommendations for 2021–2022 and a construction management at-risk contractual matter related to the new Lexington Middle School replacement facility and to receive legal advice concerning a pending legal matter (Alvin Berry vs. Lexington County School District One). This closed executive session took place in the auditorium. The Board of Trustees resumed the public portion of its meeting immediately after executive session at 7 p.m. The public can watch the entire board meeting on YouTube.

During the board meeting, the board approved:

- the June 1, 2021 Board Meeting agenda.
- 26 certified recommendations for the 2021–2022 school year.
- 10 administrator recommendations for the 2021–2022 school year.
- a \$5-million construction budget increase for the new Lakeside Middle School.
- proposed revisions to the South Carolina School Boards Association's constitution and bylaws.
- the nomination of Board Chair Anne Marie Green for the position of Region 9 Regional Director on the Board of Directors of the SCSBA.

During special recognition, the board recognized Central Services retirees, including:

- Gilbert Middle School Principal Benjamin Ricard;
- Elementary Schools Director Van Bowers;
- Chief Communications Officer Mary Beth Hill;
- Chief Academic Officer Dr. Gloria Talley; and
- Chief Human Resources Officer Mike Stacey.

During special recognition, the board recognized the Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award winner:

- Pelion Elementary School Principal Debbie Poole. The award was presented by Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Executive Director Julie Washburn.

During citizens' participation, the board heard:

- one person speak about the drug awareness curriculum and health curriculum.
- one person speak about school board policies and procedures conflicting.
- one person speak about masking requirements impact on COVID-19 cases in schools and expectations for masking at graduations.

During the superintendent's report, the board heard:

- an update from Superintendent Gregory D. Little, Ed.D.
- an operations update about the new transportation facility from Chief Operations Officer Jeff Salters.