

**LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**July 16, 2019**

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees convened in executive session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in the Lexington County School District One's Central Services Building One located at 100 Tarrar Springs Road in Lexington, South Carolina. At 7:00 p.m. the Board of Trustees met in General Session in the Auditorium. A video of the entire meeting has been uploaded to our YouTube channel and our LexOne video website. It is also on the Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes webpage.

**Board Members:** Chair Cynthia Smith, Vice Chair Anne Marie Green, Mike Anderson, Jada Garris, Kyle Guyton, Tim Oswald and Brent Powers.

**Media:** No media in attendance

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

**2.0 Executive Session**

Chair Smith called for a motion to enter into executive session. A motion was made to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment recommendations for 2019-2020 and to discuss a property contractual arrangement for the purchase of land for a new White Knoll Elementary School.

Motion	Second	Action
Garris	Powers	Approved Unanimously

The board of trustees adjourned to the boardroom for executive session.

**3.0 Adjourn Executive Session**

Chair Smith called for a motion to come out of executive session and enter into general session. A motion was made to do so.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

**4.0 Call to Order General Session**

**4.1 Notification of Compliance with S.C. Freedom of Information Act**

Chair Smith said the district is in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act as the district has notified the media of the date, time and place of the meeting.

4.2 Chair Smith said the district tapes the meeting for accuracy in preparing the minutes.

4.3 Chair called on Jada Boatwright Garris to give the invocation.

**5.0 Approval of Agenda**

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Motion	Second	Action
Green	Powers	Approved Unanimously

**6.0 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the June 25, 2019, regular board meeting were included for board approval. Chair Smith called for any additions or corrections to the minutes, other than those that had already been received. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as presented.

**7.0 Reports and Action Items from Executive Session**

**Employment Matters**

Chair Smith said there were 23 certified recommendations for 2019-2020 academic year. A motion was made to approve the recommendations as presented.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Green	Approved Unanimously

Chair Smith said there were two administrative positions for 2019-2020 academic year. A motion was made to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

**Property Contractual Arrangement for the Purchase of Land for a New White Knoll Area Elementary School**

Chair Smith called for a motion regarding a property contractual arrangement related for the purchase of land for a new White Knoll area elementary school. A motion was made that the board of trustees authorize the administration's request to amend the Option Agreement approved at the December 18, 2018, board meeting related to the parcel known by Lexington County as TMS #007600-02-046. The administration recommended adding Exhibit B, which establishes a purchase price of \$350,000 to the option agreement. This is approximately \$10,000 per acre. The approximately 35-acre parcel, owned by Linda Kay Mack and Jimmy R. Shumpert, is intended as a location for a new White Knoll Elementary School. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Anderson	Six in favor and one opposed (Garris)

Discussion: Chief Operations Officer, Jeff Salters, reviewed a topographical photograph of the proposed parcel of land for a new White Knoll area elementary school. He said the study conducted prior to the bond referendum indicated a large growth in population in that area. To the northeast of the proposed parcel, we have Saxe Gotha Elementary School and northwest of this land is Carolina Springs Elementary. A major housing development is located across the street from this property. There are approximately 700 housing units expected. In the facility study and bond an elementary school was planned to accommodate the growth in this area. This site has good road frontage on

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Highway 6 and Bluefield Road. The district is working with SCDOT to conduct a traffic impact analysis to determine the best ways to access the property as a part of the due diligence process. Mr. Salters said the administration was requesting an amendment to the option agreement that included a purchase price. This parcel of land was listed for sale \$355,750. Two appraisals were conducted. One appraisal was \$350,000 and the second appraisal was \$357,000. We offered \$350,000. The land has a small stream and wetland area which will be helpful with storm water management. The site would not be costly to develop and costs should remain well within the budget. This school will be a prototype like Rocky Creek, Meadow Glen, Deerfield and Centerville Elementary Schools. There is a limited selection of property available and we are fortunate to find buildable land. Ms. Smith said that Lexington County Council recently purchased 3.9 acres for a fire station and paid \$158,000 per acre for the land. Mr. Salters said that this purchase price is approximately \$10,000 per acre. Ms. Smith asked if Mr. Jimmy Shumpert was related to former board member Frank Shumpert. Mr. Salters said that he had personally spoken with Mr. Frank Shumpert and Mr. Shumpert indicated that he was not related to Mr. Jimmy Shumpert or Ms. Linda Kay Mack.

## 8.0 Honors and Achievements

Chair Smith, Superintendent Gregory Little and school board members recognized honorees present to receive state and national awards. She asked that we include the Jefferson Award winning video link. <https://youtu.be/erSaE34Y090>

## 9.0 Citizens' Participation

Chair Smith read the guideline for citizens' participation and asked if there were citizens present who wanted to speak to the board of trustees.

Ms. Jennifer Friedah of 324 Glencove Court, Lexington, SC, addressed the board of trustees regarding the tobacco free school policies. Ms. Friedah was concerned that all three policies stated "including but not limited to." She felt the reality of the consequences may or may not be followed when violations occur. She asked what would she do if her daughter was caught Juuling in school. Her understanding is that she is taken to an administrator. What happens next? She stated there are differences between the proposed policy and the student handbook. She felt that suspension from extracurricular activities would be a good deterrent. She asked the board of trustees to consider removing the word "mandatory" in enrollment in a tobacco prevention or cessation program after the second offense. Making a program mandatory is assuming the student is addicted to nicotine. There are many other reasons why students are vaping, smoking or having these items in their possession. She felt it was a parental decision not a school decision. She asked the board of trustees to consider removal of the second bullet listing "visitors, volunteers or members of the public" requiring termination from volunteer positions. She felt the fourth bullet point, "prosecution for disorderly conduct after repeated offenses," covers those consistently making that choice. Ms. Friedah said that unless teachers and staff are trained properly, policies do not make a difference.

Cheri Rish of 372 Bama Road, Gilbert, SC, addressed the board of trustees about the new White Knoll property. She said that when Mr. Salters showed a photograph of the land there was a drop off. She wanted to know how much it will cost to level that slope. Chair Smith said that Mr. Salters will contact Ms. Rish to respond to questions.

**10.0 Action Items**

**10.1 Authorization of Superintendent as Official Title I Representative — Gloria Talley**

Chair Smith called for motion to authorize the superintendent as the official Title I representative. A motion was made that the board of trustees authorize the superintendent as its Title I representative. This will give the superintendent the authorization to make day-to-day Title I decisions on behalf of the board of trustees. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Powers	Approved Unanimous

Discussion: Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Gloria Talley, said this is a routine item for approval. This gives Dr. Little the authority to act on behalf of the board of trustees for items related to Title I schools. She said the district has more than \$3 million in funding allocations for nine Title I schools. The allocation is determined by the state and is based upon a poverty index formula. We distribute the funding based upon the needs of the school. The nine Title I schools are listed based upon need are: Forts Pond Elementary, Pelion Elementary, Pelion Middle School, Saxe Gotha Elementary, Red Band Elementary and Gilbert Primary, Gilbert Elementary, White Knoll Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary Schools. Title I funding comes from the federal government to the state. The state distributes the funds using a formula prescribed by the federal government and those accounts are audited each year.

**10.2 Second Reading — Policy ADC Tobacco Free School District**

Chair Smith called on Chief Student Services Officer, Jeff Caldwell to discuss these policies. Mr. Caldwell said that the language of these policies is the same. Our policies and procedures have not changed. The Tobacco Access to Students Act was amended requiring us to update our policies by August 1, 2019. From the first reading we had stricken the suspension from extra-curricular activities. However, after input from others we again included that suspension from extra-curricular activities in the policy. That was the only change from first to second reading. The reason for the policy update is vaping. Vaping has inherent dangers and students and some of our parents may not recognize the dangers. Our current policy addresses alternative nicotine delivery systems. We wanted to update the policy language recommended by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Chair Smith said that the number of high school seniors vaping nicotine doubled from 11 percent in 2017 to 20.9 percent in 2018. This is an epidemic. Ms. Green said that at approximately the same time we were discussing this policy last month, Lexington County Council voted to give tax incentives for the construction of a Juul plant. The idea is that job creation does not create nicotine use. She felt there was an endorsement of the product through the tax incentives. Mr. Caldwell said that our policies had consequences for infractions and the district has consistently enforced the discipline policies for these offenses. The district requires cessation programs for students and we work with LRADAC and the Lexington One Community Coalition to encourage students meet those requirements. Because the use of tobacco products by minors is unlawful, we are aware that in many cases a Judge often orders cessation programs on the first offense. There was also discussion about nicotine addictions. One vaping pod is equivalent to one pack of cigarettes. Dr. Guyton said that the Surgeon General reports that since the introduction of vaping in 2007, eCigarette use has increased

**10.2 Second Reading — Policy ADC Tobacco Free School District (continued)**

900 percent from 2011 to 2015. One in five high school students and one in twenty middle school students currently use eCigarettes. In 2016, one-third of US middle and high school students had used marijuana in eCigarettes. We must have a policy to be in compliance with the August 1, 2019, deadline for approval. Dr. Guyton said that approval of this policy is a beginning of this conversation and should be revisited. He said that this has been labeled an epidemic and uniformity in handling it is important. Dr. Guyton felt parents should be angry about this epidemic. Forty-one percent of students reported that eCigarettes are available in flavors such as mint, candy, fruit or chocolate. This fits well with Project Hope. We want to help the healing and an educational component is important for that to happen. Board members agreed that to be in compliance with the deadline of August 1, 2019, they should move forward and approve a policy. Changes can be made at a later date.

After discussion about the addition of language to address the use nicotine or substance in the pods used in eCigarettes, Mr. Caldwell distributed for consideration a copy of the policies with the word “nicotine” added to the policies.

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve Policy ADC Tobacco Free School District for second reading. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as presented.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Powers	

A second motion was made to approve the amended policy ADC Tobacco and Nicotine Free School District as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Green	Powers	Unanimously

Dr. Guyton withdrew the first motion.

**10.3 Second Reading — Policy GBED Tobacco Free Workplace**

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve Policy GBED Tobacco Free Workplace for second reading. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as presented.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Powers	

A motion was made to approve the amended policy GBED Tobacco and Nicotine Free Workplace as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Green	Anderson	Unanimously

Dr. Guyton withdrew the first motion.

**10.4 Second Reading — Policy JCIG Tobacco Use by Students**

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve Policy JCIG Tobacco Use by students for second reading. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as presented.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Powers	

A motion was made to approve the amended policy JICG Tobacco and Nicotine Use by Students as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Green	Oswald	Unanimously

Dr. Guyton withdrew the first motion.

**10.5 Second Reading — Student Travel Requests — Gloria Talley**

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve eight student travel requests. A motion was made that the board of trustees approve eight student travel requests as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

**11.0 Superintendent's Report**

**11.1 Report — Superintendent's Update — Gregory D. Little**

Superintendent Greg Little said that the Commission on Higher Education has officially approved our dual enrollment sites at Gilbert and White Knoll High Schools. The partnership with USC Sumter has been important in this process as our dual enrollments increase. In 2018-19 Gilbert High School had 100 dual enrollment requests. This year we have 348 dual enrollment requests at Gilbert High School. At White Knoll High School we had 147 dual enrollment requests. White Knoll High School has 248 dual enrollments requests this year. Overall, we had 1480 dual enrollment requests for 2018-2019. This year we have 1771 dual enrollment requests, which is an increase of 19.7 percent. Dr. Little said that our students are hungry for these opportunities. He believes the dual enrollment numbers will continue to grow. At the same time, we are also seeing an expansion of our advanced placement opportunities.

- A. Report Operations Update – Chief Operations Officer, Jeff Salters, shared photographs of Beechwood Middle School. We have received approval from all agencies and it will be ready to welcome students on August 20, 2019. The administrative staff members are now in the building and teaching supplies will be delivered next week. Carolina Springs Elementary has had tankless water heaters installed. Centerville Elementary School building is under construction. Mr. Salters shared pictures of parking lot renovations and Lexington High School and Lexington Technology Center, construction progress at the New Pelion Middle School, and renovations at White Knoll High School and Lexington Elementary School. Mr. Salters reminded everyone that building progress can followed by checking our website at: <http://www.lexington1.net/about/building-plan/building-plan-progress>.

**11.2 First Reading – Policy IJL Media Materials Selection and Adoption — Gloria Talley**

Chief Academic Officer Gloria Talley presented Policy IJL Media Materials Selection and Adoption to the board of trustees for first reading and review. The policy will be presented for second reading and approval in August.

**12.0 Items for Board Information**

The remaining items were for board information only.

**13.0 Adjourn Open Session**

Chair Smith called for a motion to adjourn open session. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent Powers, Secretary