BOARD RECAP — August 17, 2021 Meeting

On Tuesday, August 17, 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 meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The board promptly voted to enter executive session to discuss employment recommendations for 2021–2022 and receive legal advice concerning a pending matter. 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 7:00 p.m.

During the board meeting, the board approved:

- the August 17, 2021 Board Meeting agenda.
- the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board Meeting.
- 26 certified recommendations for the 2021–2022 school year.
- one administrative recommendation for the 2021–2022 school year.
- the Newly Hired Support Staff report as presented by administration.
- the adoption of a resolution to authorize the sale of General Obligation Bonds.
- the second reading of the 2022–2023 Academic Calendar.
- the Waiver for Seat Time Compliance for Graduation Preparation.
- the adoption of a resolution on granting emergency paid leave for COVID-19 related absences.
- the adoption of the Board Resolution Supporting and Encouraging Respect and Collaboration in the Lexington District One Family as amended.
- the Superintendent Evaluation Tool beginning the 2021–2022 school year.

During the board meeting, the board accepted:

• advice of legal counsel on the matter as it pertains to Alvin Berry v. Lexington County School District One.

During a special recognition, the board honored:

• Chair Anne Marie Green, Member Kathy Henson and Vice Chair Dr. Brent Powers for their achievements in the SC School Board Association's 2020–2021 Boardmanship Institute.

During citizens' participation, the board heard:

- six people speak about masking, quarantine and contact tracing policies.
- one person speak about a news story which referenced the district.
- one person speak about the ground maintenance contract and the board resolution "Supporting and Encouraging Respect and Collaboration in the Lexington District One Family."
- one person speak about FOIA requests.

During the superintendent's report, the board heard:

- an update from Superintendent Gregory D. Little, ED.D.
- a presentation about ESSER III Fund Planning from Jessica Buzhardt, Academic Assistance and Early Childhood and Title 1 Coordinator and Shane Phillips, PH.D., Accountability and Assessment Director.
- a Back-to-School Update from Zan Tracy Pender, School Counseling and Advisement Director; Mary Gaskins, Chief Academic Officer; Howard Bissell, Instructional Technology Director; Chris Rabon, Personalized Learning Pathways Director; and Amy Wood, Nursing and Health Services Director.
- an Operations update from Matt Warren, Operations Director.

During the board meeting, the board heard:

• the first reading of Policy Rule BBAA-R — Board Member Authority and Responsibilities from Kathryn McPhail, Chief Communications Officer.

During the board meeting, the board created:

• an Ad Hoc committee regarding Policy Rule BBAA-R — Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

During the board meeting, the board received the following reports:

- Monthly General Fund Financial Report July 2021
- Monthly Capital Projects Report July 2021
- Monthly Unauthorized Procurements Report July 2021
- Sole Source and Emergency Procurement Annual Report 2020–2021
- Minority Business Enterprise Annual Report 2020–2021