

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees convened in executive session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 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 for General Session in the Auditorium. The meeting was livestreamed on the Lexington One YouTube channel and a video of the meeting has been uploaded to the YouTube channel and LexOne video website. It is also on the Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes webpage.

Board Members: Chair Anne Marie Green, Vice Chair Brent Powers, Jada Garris, Kyle Guyton, Kathy Henson and Tim Oswald. Mike Anderson was not present.

1.0 Call to Order 6 p.m. Executive Session

Chair Green called the meeting to order.

2.0 Executive Session

Chair Green called for a motion to enter into executive session to consider employment recommendations for the 2021-2022 academic year, 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 in the case of Alvin Berry vs. Lexington County School District One. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

The board was reminded that on December 18, 2018, Dr. Guyton submitted a statement of recusal in accordance with Section 8-13-700(B) to abstain from all votes, deliberations and other actions on the following matter(s): Purchase of property for relocation of Lexington Middle School. The reason for disqualification: Ownership of property within the Lexington Middle attendance zone. Therefore, Dr. Guyton will not be present during those discussions during executive session.

Motion	Second	Action
Henson	Powers	Approved Unanimously

The Board of Trustees adjourned for executive session in the auditorium.

3.0 Adjourn Executive Session

Chair Green called for a motion to adjourn executive session and begin the general session of the June 1, 2021 board meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Henson	Powers	Approved Unanimously

4.0 Call to Order General Session of the June 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Chair Green called to order the general session of the June 1, 2021 board meeting at 7:03 pm.

The meeting was held in compliance with the CDC COVID-19 guidelines and district precautionary measures. All attendees were encouraged to social distance and were required to wear a face covering at all times. The district is in compliance with S.C. Freedom of Information Act by notifying the media of the date, time and place of the meeting. The district tapes the meeting for accuracy in preparing the minutes. Chair Green yielded the floor to Ms. Kathy Henson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

Chair Green called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made, seconded and was approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Powers	Approved Unanimously

6.0 Reports and Action Items, if Needed, from Executive Session

Chair Green called for a motion to approve 26 certified recommendations for the 2021-2022 academic year. A motion was made to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Powers	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: No discussion

Chair Green called for a motion to approve ten administrative recommendations for the 2021-2022 academic year. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Powers	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: No discussion

Construction Management At-Risk Contractual Matter Related to New Lexington Middle School Replacement Facility - Jeff Salters, Chief Operations Officer

Chair Green called for a motion that the board increase the budget for the New Lexington Middle School replacement facility. Dr. Powers moved that the board increase the budget for the New Lexington Middle School replacement facility by \$5 million from \$53 million to \$58 million for the offsite road improvements on Old Cherokee Road required by the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Office of School Facilities at the South Carolina Department of Education. This will be funded using 2018 Referendum bond premium funds. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Oswald	5 in favor, 1 recusal

Discussion: Chair Green reminded the board of Dr. Guyton's recusal and that he would not participate in discussion or the vote. Mr. Salters reviewed aerial photos of the new facility and the road system. He reviewed the offsite road improvements that are required on approximately one mile of Old Cherokee Road that begins near Catawba Trail and will end at the North Lake Drive intersection. This includes an intersection with a signal light, a through lane and a turn lane which will allow for safer travel on Old Cherokee Road. Mr. Salters reviewed the budget for the project and asked that the budget increase of \$5 million for the offsite road work. The funding was recommended to come from the \$22.7 million bond premium and interest earnings from the 2018 bond sale. He reviewed the additional upcoming projects from the 2018 bond referendum and other capital expenditures. HVAC projects and device refresh projects could potentially be funded by ESSER funding. He updated the board on the \$7.6 million capital fund and indicated there is an anticipated increase of \$6.5 million with the Installment Purchase Revenue Bond sale this fall. He indicated the millage increase of 5.0 mills will not be necessary. Mr. Salters took questions and comments by the board. Road improvements would need to be completed by June 2022 for the school to open in the fall of 2022.

Receipt of Legal Advice Concerning a Pending Legal Matter (Alvin Berry vs. Lexington County School District One)

Chair Green said that during Executive Session, the board received legal advice concerning a pending legal

Executive Session (continued):

claim in the case of Alvin Berry vs. Lexington District One. This was for information only and no action is required.

7.0 Special Recognition

Chair Green, Superintendent Gregory Little and school board members recognized retirees Dr. Benjamin Ricard, Principal of Gilbert Middle School; Mr. Van Bowers, Elementary Schools Director; Ms. Mary Beth Hill, Chief Communications Officer; Mr. Michael Stacey, Chief Human Resources Officer; and, Dr. Gloria Talley, Chief Academic Officer. The 2021 Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year award was presented to Debbie Poole, Principal of Pelion Elementary School.

8.0 Citizens' Participation

Chair Green read the guidelines for Citizens' Participation.

Chair Green publicly apologized to Mr. John Mew. She misconstrued his statements during the May 4, 2021 citizens' participation and ended his public comment early.

James Reynolds, Lexington, SC, parent of students in LOOLA, the online academy, addressed the board about board communication, the district's drug awareness program and security at the board meetings.

John Mew, Lexington, SC, students in private school, addressed the board about policy discussions, meeting, board transparency and community involvement.

Debbie Heim, Lexington, SC, parent of high school students, addressed the board about the number of COVID cases reported on the district COVID tracker after the governor's optional mask executive order.

9.0 Action Items**9.1 Proposed Revisions to the South Carolina School Boards Association's Constitution and Bylaws — Chair Anne Marie Green Presides**

Chair Green said that during the Delegate Assembly in December 2021, the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) will be taking considerations for amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws. The board received proposed revisions as suggested by Ms. Garris. Ms. Garris made a motion that the board submit the proposed revisions to the South Carolina School Boards Association Constitution & Bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Garris	Guyton	4 in favor, 2 opposed (Powers, Oswald)

Discussion: Ms. Garris reviewed her proposed changes to Rule 9 under Rules of Procedure, Article V Section 3 (d) and Section 4 regarding the Delegate Assembly composition and certification of delegates. There was discussion that the board does not vote on their delegates and delegates act on behalf of the board. Lexington One's practice has been that delegates and votes are generally assigned based on conference attendance. Additional recommendation is that there is no requirement that votes be restricted to one member. The 2020 delegate assembly was not the general practice for SCSBA as it only allowed one delegate per board due to COVID restrictions. Ms. Garris reviewed a proposed rationale to legislative resolution #27 School Bus Safety. The recommendations were presented as a slate, therefore, the vote would encompass all of these changes. If approved by the board, these recommendations move to the SCSBA legislative committee, they evaluate and decide if they will go to the full assembly.

9.2 Nomination of Board Chair Anne Marie Green for the Position of Region 9 Regional Director on the Board of Directors of the SCSBA — Dr. Brent M. Powers, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Powers said the South Carolina School Boards Association is accepting applications for various officer positions for 2021-2022. He is putting forth the nomination of Chair Anne Marie Green as a candidate for the Region 9 Director position. The nomination requires board approval. This is an opportunity for our district to have input and a voice at the state level. Dr. Powers made a motion that the board nominate Board member Anne Marie Green as a candidate for the South Carolina School Boards Association Region 9 Director position. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Guyton	4 in favor, 1 opposed (Garris), Green abstained

Discussion: Ms. Green said that region 9 is made up of the Lexington County school districts and the regional director position generally rotates among the districts. The regional director serves as a point of contact for other districts in the region. She said she has been involved in SCSBA since her election in 2016.

11.0 Superintendent's Report

11.1 Report — Superintendent's Update — Superintendent Gregory D. Little, ED.D.

Superintendent Little introduced Mr. Jeff Salters to give the board an update regarding the new transportation facility.

11.2 Operations Update - New Transportation Facility - Jeff Salters

Mr. Salters reviewed the current facilities on Barr Road and addressed the conditions of the facility and the need for the new facility. The new transportation facility would serve the White Knoll High School, Lexington High School and River Bluff High School bus program. He showed a site map of the new land location and renderings of the proposed construction. Mr. Bill Kurtz, Transportation Director, provided input on the scope of the new proposed facility. The new facility would include maintenance bays for heavy bus maintenance, covered wash bays, dedicated training rooms and expanded office space to add offices for confidential conversations. Current facility conditions are not ideal for private management conversations or meetings, and training has always been conducted at other locations because there is no training space. Additionally there will be a propane station provided by the State Department of Education and a diesel fueling station. The lot will be secured with motorized gates that open and close making the lot more secure for staff during early morning or late evening hours. The new lot will also have dedicated employee parking - currently they share space with buses.

Mr. Salters reported that in the referendum the facility was budgeted at \$3 million. The building scope was based on a similar space to Gilbert or Pelion. He shared the current space utilization of the Gilbert lot for comparison purposes. Mr. Salters made two recommendations: 1) build a structure similar to Gilbert or Pelion as a phase one and follow up in the future with additions. However, the district would need to continue to use office space at WKHS and the Barr Road lot; or, 2) increase the budget to build the facility based on the new scope. The district would need approximately \$6.5 million in additional funding to cover the scope and it is recommended this funding come from the 2018 bond referendum bond premium and possible sale of a portion of the land. Mr. Salters took questions and comments from the board. Discussion favored not selling a portion of the property and building the facility with the expanded scope. Mr. Kurtz provided additional benefits for the larger facility and the type of maintenance that can be provided and the extensive use of the classroom space. Mr. Salters will provide funding options at the next meeting. The new facility could also be advantageous for recruiting and retention of bus drivers.

11.0 Adjourn

Chair Green called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

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