

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees held a board workshop on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in the Lexington County School District One's Central Services Building One located at 100 Tarrar Springs Road in Lexington, South Carolina. 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, Secretary Mike Anderson, Kathy Henson, Katie McCown, Vice Chair Brent Powers, Chris Rice, and Beth Shealy.

1.0 Call to Order 4:35 p.m.

Chair Green called the workshop to order.

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

Chair Green called to order the December 6 workshop at 4:35 p.m. 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. Vice Chair Dr. Brent Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

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

Motion	Second	Action
Henson	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

3.0 Board Governance: Roles and Responsibilities - Andrea White, White & Story, LLC

Chair Green introduced Ms. Andrea White, attorney and partner with White & Story, LLC. Ms. White gave a presentation on board governance and board member roles and responsibilities. The information presented dove tails into the new board member orientation that the new board members will attend at the South Carolina School Boards Association annual convention in February 2023. She directed the board to the South Carolina Code that pertains to education - SC Code Section 59-19-90 "General Powers and Duties", and other relevant regulations and provisos.

She and the board discussed their role and responsibilities as well as those of the superintendent who directly reports to the board. The board supervises the superintendent who in turn supervises district employees and runs the day-to-day operations of the district. The board's role is governance - setting the vision and goals for the district, developing policies, holding the superintendent accountable, voting on superintendent recommendations, serving in a quasi-judicial role, and adopting the district's budget. She reiterated that all powers of the board lie in action as a group. There is no authority individually, only when a matter comes before the board.

She reviewed the duties and guidelines that lie with the board and the superintendent at board meetings, the responsibility of the board in employing staff based on the superintendent/administration's recommendations, the board's responsibility for conducting the superintendent's evaluation, and their role as a community relations liaison.

There was extensive discussion on polices and procedures for board meetings and executive session. She reviewed the South Carolina Freedom of Information (FOIA) law (SC Code Section 30-4-10) and the purpose of FOIA – to require public bodies to operate in the sunshine, and to allow media and citizens to obtain copies of public records. She highlighted common FOIA questions and how to operate within the law, including

discussion on board emails, texts and information that is disclosable to the public. She addressed the South Carolina Code of Ethics (Section 8-13-700(B) and the board's responsibilities as a public official.

The board took a five minute break between presentations.

4.0 Overview of 2018 Bond Referendum

Superintendent Postlewait introduced a presentation by Mr. Matt Warren, Interim Chief Operations Officer and Ms. Jennifer Miller, Chief Financial Officer regarding elementary school #19 (ES #19) in the White Knoll area. She said administration would be asking the board to vote at the December board meeting on a matter regarding ES #19, a project in the 2018 bond referendum building program. Complexities related to COVID has put this project behind schedule. During COVID, it was difficult to determine how many students would come back from virtual programs or private schools, it was difficult to get work force to complete projects and supply chain issues and price increases continue today. This has resulted in an increase to the ES #19 project which the board will be asked to approve at the December board meeting.

Mr. Warren reviewed the budget of \$37 million for ES #19 that was developed in 2017 through a facilities study by MB Kahn. The budget was sufficient at that time but due to the atypical inflation over the last few years and COVID factors, the budget is no longer viable. He reviewed the site location and specifics for elementary school #19 that is located in the White Knoll area off of Highway 6 and Bluefield Road. The impact of this additional school could provide relief for Carolina Springs, Deerfield and Pleasant Hill elementary schools and possibly Saxe Gotha Elementary. The school design will be the prototype elementary school that was used for other elementary schools such as Centerville Elementary. The construction firm is poised to break ground in January 2023 with completion and school opening in August 2024.

Mr. Warren reviewed historical construction costs of schools built since 2017 to give a comparison of inflationary costs since 2017. If ES #19 had begun in 2019 costs could have come in at \$207.18/square foot. Today, the project will cost approximately \$316.57/square foot. He reviewed the current costs of the project including facility construction, site work, design, furniture/fixtures and equipment which totals \$56 million. This is a competitive market price comparative to other school district projects across the state. Mr. Warren provided information on the Construction Management At-risk construction management arrangement which sets a guaranteed maximum price with payments for expenditures along the way.

Ms. Miller reviewed three options for the board to consider to fund the \$19 million increase for the project. All three options included the bond sale bid premium of \$11.6 million that had been held on reserve when the bonds were sold, \$6.5 million in other capital funds and \$800,000 from other capital project savings. The remaining \$100,000 could come from three options - 1) a reduction of IT allotment from the 8% bond funds, 2) unassigned general fund balance, or 3) 50% from the IT 8% reduction and 50% from unassigned general fund balance.

Dr. Postlewait reiterated the need to vote on the increase and funding in December in order to break ground in January. If the project does not start in January, the risk is not being able to complete the project for a Fall 2024 opening. In early February, the board will look at all capital projects and options for ES #18.

5.0 Adjourn

Chair Green called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

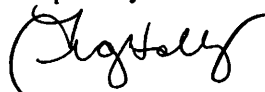
Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	McCown	Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted:



Michael Anderson/MEA
Secretary

Prepared by:



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