

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees convened in executive session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, in the Lexington County School District One's Central Services Building One located at 100 Tarrar Springs Road in Lexington, South Carolina. At 6:30 p.m. board members attended a reception to meet new administrators. 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, Secretary Dr. Brent Powers, Michael Anderson, Jada Garris, Dr. Kyle Guyton and Tim Oswald

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 employment recommendations regarding employee's breach of contract.

Motion	Second	Action
Garris	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

Ms. Smith called for a vote to enter into executive session. The board of trustees adjourned to the boardroom for executive session.

3.0 Adjourn Executive Session

Chair Smith welcomed everyone to the first day of school. She said it was a great first day and the board of trustees was excited about the new school year. 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	Oswald	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 tapes the meeting for accuracy in preparing the minutes and 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. Chair Smith called on Brent Powers 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 to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Green	Approved Unanimously

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 16, 2019, regular board meeting and the August 6, 2019, 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 nine certified recommendations for the 2019-2020 academic year. A motion was made to approve the recommendations as presented.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: Chief Human Resources Officer, Mike Stacey reported that the district was able to secure coverage for every class. We are still seeking to fill eight positions for January hires. Some retired teachers have returned to help until permanent hires can be found. The staff has done a tremendous job hiring quality candidates. Mr. Stacey said that 114 teachers new to the teaching profession attended the new teacher institute. These new teachers attend a week of training to help them get acclimated to Lexington One. On Friday, August 9, 468 new employees were invited to attend the new employee orientation. Mr. Stacey said teachers have been working for two weeks prior to the first day of school.

Chair Smith said there was no discussion regarding an employee's breach of contract in executive session. No action is required at this time as a result.

8.0 Honors and Achievements

Chair Smith, Superintendent Gregory Little and school board members recognized honorees present to receive state and national awards.

9.0 Citizens' Participation

Chair Smith asked if any one wished to address the board of trustees. No one chose to speak to the board of trustees at this time.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 Second Reading — Policy IJL Media Materials Selection and Adoption — Gloria Talley

Chair Smith said that Policy IJL Media Materials Selection and Adoption has been presented for second reading and approval. She called for a motion to approve the policy as presented. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Green	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: Dr. Talley said that this has not been revised since 2005. The district is obligated to provide a variety of materials. This policy outlines the criteria for selecting instructional materials. She thanked the board of trustees for their support. We had a budget amount to refurbish books in libraries and the support from the board of trustees is appreciated.

10.2 Student Travel Requests — Gloria Talley

Chief Academic Officer, Gloria Talley, presented one travel request for approval. The travel request has been reviewed and it is in compliance with board policy. Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the student travel request. A motion was made to approve the travel request as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Green	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

10.3 Resolution to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds — Jeff Salters

Chair Smith called for a motion to adopt a resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds. A motion was made that the board adopt a resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed eleven million (\$11,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of Lexington County School District One. The bonds are to be issued in two or more series. The bond resolution will prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, for the payment of bond funds and other matters relating thereto. The motion was made, seconded and carried with a vote of six in favor and one opposed.

Motion	Second	Action
Guyton	Oswald	6 in favor 1 opposed (Garris)

Discussion: Mr. Salters said the bond resolution accomplishes a few things. We are using proceeds from the resolution to make our fall Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (IPRB) payments. We have two IPRB series bonds. One bond was in 2013 and one in 2015. The 2013 series was used to purchase Carolina Springs Elementary and Carolina Springs Middle Schools. The 2015 series was used to make renovations at Red Band Elementary School and Gilbert Primary School and to build New Providence Elementary School. Although the schools were built earlier, the series is 2013 and 2015 because the bonds were refinanced to obtain lower rates. This bond sale will also pay off the 2019 series B bond anticipation note that was approved in the spring. There will be additional capital funds in this bond to make renovations as listed in the bond resolution. Ms. Garris asked to go on the record to say that the list of improvements were what the voters approved in November. She does not have a problem with the 2013, 2015 and 2019B bonds but to levy more taxes for \$3.8 million for improvements included is something she cannot do. For information, Mr. Salters added that it is actually \$2.5 million in funds that are not allocated or that are uncommitted. When the facility study was done, even though there was more than \$500 million in facility needs we proposed only a \$365 million bond referendum. That means that there are a number of needs not recognized in that referendum. The additional \$2.5 million will go toward maintenance needs. The \$2.5 million less the improvements is written to give us the flexibility to use these funds as the priorities and needs arise. Ms. Garris said she wanted to go on the record to say that she is not comfortable voting on something without knowing exactly what we are building, equipping, adding to and repairing. Mr. Salters said that the bond market is very favorable. We are seeing the lowest rates than we have seen in a long time.

11.0 Superintendent Greg Little's Update

Superintendent Little said there were reports of interest. It was a big first day of school. Many parents are driving their children to school for the first day and traffic was hectic. He thanked everyone for their patience and asked for any feedback or suggestions in making things better.

11.1 Report — Operations Update — Jeff Salters

Chief Operations Officer, Jeff Salters, reviewed pictures of Beechwood Middle School's first day of school. He said Beechwood Middle welcomed 890 students and had an enrollment of 913 students. The school was projected to open with 900 students so we were on target. He reviewed pictures of renovations at Carolina Springs Elementary and the new Pelion middle school foundation has been block laid and poured. To follow construction progress check the website link at <http://lexington1.net/about/building-plan>.

11.2 Report — Transportation Update — Jeff Caldwell, Chief Student Services Officer

Chief Student Services Officer, Jeff Caldwell, said it does take a week or two to get transportation routes straightened out. The transportation staff members are up to the challenge. Mr. Caldwell said that the Volkswagen Emissions settlement funds were dedicated to South Carolina and a portion was used to purchase 78 new propane school buses. Twenty-two propane buses were assigned to Lexington One and should arrive in March 2020. The buses that we will be receiving are buses that hold 77 passengers. They are replacing 1988 and 1990 models that are 54, 60 and 66 passenger buses. This means that we will increase our seat capacity by 374 students. Because of the seating capacity increase, 22 new buses feels like 27 buses. Mr. Caldwell said that we are in the process of finishing the installment of live GPS tracking for our buses. There is a parent notification aspect to this. Once the routes are settled, parents will have an opportunity to enroll in the School Bus Hub system and school bus location notifications can be sent to parents. The tracking software has the capability of sending out notifications if a bus has broken down or there are traffic or weather delays.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Report — Sole Source Emergency Annual Report — Jeff Salters

Jeff Salters presented the Sole Source Report for July 1 to December, 2018, and January to June 30, 2019. These reports are presented each year for board information per our procurement code. This is a summary of sole source and emergency contracts. In the period from July 1 to December, 2018, there were 11 Sole Source procurements and one emergency procurement. During the period from January 1 to June 30, 2019, there were eight sole source procurements and one emergency procurement.

An example of a sole source purchase would be software or something specifically installed like an emergency HVAC repair or a mechanical or plumbing repair. Architects Jumper Carter Sease would be a sole source authorization because we use a prototype building plan. An architect owns the rights to their plans. If we use a prototype plan, we must use that architect. Using a prototype plan speeds up the building process and saves the district money. Every day in construction is a dollar saved.

12.2 Report — Minority Business Enterprise Annual Report — Jeff Salters

Jeff Salters said that in an earlier board meeting the board of trustees approved the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Plan for the upcoming year. The goal set for the MBE plan was .5 percent. The fiscal goal for this year was \$291,236.90. This is calculated based upon our total budget but also the amount of the general fund budget that we are able to control. An example of something beyond our control would be a utilities expense, etc. Mr. Salters said that the district met the goal set for this year.

13.0 Items for Board Information

- 13.1 General Fund Financial Report — July 2019
- 13.2 General Fund Budget Transfers — July 2019

14.0 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	Green	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Powers, Secretary