

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees held a meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 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, Jada Garris, Dr. Kyle Guyton, Kathy Henson, Tim Oswald, and Vice Chair Dr. Brent Powers.

1.0 Call to Order 5:30 P.M.

Chair Green called the meeting to order.

2.0 Executive Session

Chair Green called for a motion to enter executive session. A motion was made that the board enter executive session to discuss 2022–23 employment recommendations for discussion of personnel matters regarding the superintendent search. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	Henson	Approved Unanimously

3.0 Adjourn Executive Session

Chair Green called for motion to conclude executive session and return to general session. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

4.0 Call to Order General Session

Chair Green called to order the general session of the August 23, 2022, board meeting at 6:00 p.m. The district is in compliance with the 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. Dr. Brent Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion	Second	Action
Garris	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

6.0 Approval of the Minutes

6.1 Approval of the Minutes of the July 19, 2022 Board Meeting

Minutes of the July 19, 2022 board meeting were included for approval. Chair Green asked 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, if needed, from Executive Session

Employment Recommendations for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Chair Green called for a motion to approve 20 certified recommendations for the 2022-2023 academic year. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Henson	Approved Unanimously

Chair Green called for a motion to approve four administrative recommendations for the 2022-2023 academic year. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

Chair Green called for a motion to accept the newly hired support staff report for 2022-2023 as presented by administration. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Oswald	Anderson	Approved Unanimously

The board recognized Human Resources for their work in recruiting and hiring this school year.

Discussion of personnel matters regarding superintendent search

Chair Green reported that during executive session the board discussed the superintendent search. This was for information only and no action is required.

8.0 Honors, Achievements and Special Recognition

The board honored the Pelion Elementary Archers and their coaches for winning the World Championship for their division and individual archers who placed in the competition. Gilbert High Senior Blake Cooke was recognized for taking home a gold medal at the 3-A State Championship in boys discus throw. Three Lexington One nurses were honored - Amy Wood, Nursing and Health Services Director, was awarded by the South Carolina Department of Education and DHEC, the prestigious Dee Dee Chewning School Nurse Administrator Award; Lexington Technology Center’s Rachel Rogers was named the 2022 School Health LPN of the Year award; and, Deerfield Elementary’s Jenna Wells was honored as the Lexington District One School Nurse of the Year. The board recognized the retirement of Jeffrey Salters, Chief Operations Officer, after 27 years of service to Lexington One and celebrated his numerous accomplishments in the area of technology, facilities management, and oversight of the construction and renovation of schools to serve the staff and students of the district.

9.0 Superintendent’s Report

9.1 Superintendent’s Update — Interim Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait, ED.D.

Dr. Postlewait gave a “by the numbers report” on enrollment and staffing the first week of school. 27,225 students were enrolled on day three of school. She reported the district was in compliance with South Carolina Code 59-20-12 which outlines the state’s tenets on social emotional learning and critical race theory. Her report focused on the board and staff priorities. She reviewed the district’s current performance goals and highlighted two goals which should be a primary focus this year - increasing the percentage of students progressing on time; and, improving the conditions that lead to student success by facilitating health social and emotional growth. Additional initiatives for consideration at the September 6, 2022 board workshop include increasing safety/security preparedness and protocol checks, implementing an electronic board management system and refining the district’s Academic Recovery Plan. The primary focus on academic recovery should be identifying annual student growth and make-up growth.

9.2 Report — Cognia Accreditation — Natalie Osborne-Smith, ED.D. Professional Development and Continuous Improvement Director

Dr. Osborne-Smith explained the Cognia accreditation process. Cognia is an outside agency designated by the Department of Education to determine if educational programs meet defined standards of quality every five years. The academic accreditation review, conducted in May 2022, was focused on continuous improvement since the district's previous review. The district was evaluated against 31 national performance standards in leadership, learning and resource capacity domains. Of the 31 national standards, the district received 26 ratings in the highest category, "Impacting", and received 5 ratings in the "Improving" category. The Index of Education Quality score is a compilation of all the data and scoring. This IEQ score is based on a scale of 100 to 400 evaluating how the institution is performing compared to expected criteria. Lexington One received a score of 367.10, significantly higher than the national range. Dr. Osborne-Smith reviewed insights from the accreditation team in both areas of strengths and areas of growth. These areas of growth were incorporated into the priorities which Dr. Postlewait outlined. Lastly, Dr. Osborne-Smith noted how impressed the Cognia accreditation team was with our students, parents, and staff who they interviewed on how well they could articulate the district's work.

9.3 Operations Update — Matt Warren, Interim Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Warren gave a report on facilities work completed over the summer months. He shared updates on the completed classroom addition at Gilbert Middle School, the Gilbert High School performing arts center and athletic facility additions, renovations at Saxe Gotha Elementary School and Pleasant Hill Middle, the Lake Murray Elementary School multi-phase project on roof and HVAC replacement, the classroom additions at Carolina Middle School, and future ready furniture replacement at Gilbert High and White Knoll High. The new transportation facility is targeted for completion this winter. The operations team relocated over 220 staff between North Lake Community Learning Center, Rosenwald Community Learning Center, and Lakeside Middle School. Progress can be followed on the Building Plan webpage on the Lexington One website.

9.4 Report — Summer Program Wrap-Up — Erica Bissell, ED.D. ,Teaching and Learning Director

Dr. Erica Bissell gave a report on the summer programs. These were multi-faceted programs which included academic opportunities, enrichment and social and emotional experiences for students. Programs were either district or federally funded. She gave an overview of the federally funded elementary and middle Connections Camps, ESOL Connections and Rising Stars, elementary and middle school special education camps, and the extended school year (ESY) program. The district served approximately 1,057 students in these programs with the assistance of 294 staff members. The district also funded an elementary immersion camp and camps for the arts for rising 6th to 12th graders. In addition to academic achievement, other benefits from summer programming included community partnerships, cross-district collaboration, positive feedback from stakeholders, and overall student and staff creativity, learning, growth, confidence, success and joy.

10.0 Citizens' Participation

Chair Green reviewed the citizens participation guidelines.

Dana Homesely, Lexington, SC, addressed the board on financial concerns regarding the bond referendum and district purchasing cards.

Aaron Granade, Lexington, SC, read from an email exchanged between a parent/ board member in reply to a parent regarding vaccination for school interns and called for the resignation of said board member.

Courtney Elizabeth, Lexington, SC, addressed the board on the above referenced email from a board member and felt it violated the constitutional rights of parents and called for the resignation of said board member.

Stephanie Berquist, Lexington, SC, addressed the board on the above referenced email and accountability of the board in engaging with parents.

Natasha Durand, Lexington, SC, addressed the board about the concern of students’ backpack weight and that the schools do not have lockers or don’t utilize those they have.

Katie McCown, Lexington, SC, addressed the board about the district’s COVID communication, disapproval of the clearbag policy and Terrace Metrics survey and bus delays.

11.0 New Business

11.1 Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on B Policy Revisions

11.1.1 First Reading —BDD Board-Superintendent Relationship

No changes were made to policy BDD.

11.1.2 First Reading —BG/BGD, BG/BGD-R Board Policy Process/Board Review of Administrative Rules

This policy is a new policy that outlines the process of policy adoption and incorporates all previous policy making policies.

11.1.3 Deletion of BDD-R Board-Superintendent Relationship Administrative Rule

11.1.4 Deletion of Policies BDA, BDB, BDBA, BDBB, BDBC, BDBD, BDC, and BDH

Committee Chair Guyton reviewed the first reading of policies BDD and BG/BGD, BG/BGD-R and noted that the policies recommended for deletion are incorporated into the policies up for first reading or are no longer needed. The committee asked the board to review the policies and send any concerns or recommendations. The board provided a few recommendations that the committee will review at the next ad hoc meeting tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2022.

12.0 Action Items

12.1 Student Travel Request(s) — Mary Gaskins, Chief Academic Officer and Clark Cooper, Interim Chief Student Services Officer

Chair Green called for a motion for the board to approve nine student travel requests. A motion was made that the board approve the recommendation of nine (9) Student Travel Requests. The travel requests were reviewed by administration and are in compliance with Board Policy. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	Powers	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: Ms. Gaskins reviewed CTE and performing arts organization travel requests and Mr. Cooper reviewed three sports requests for out of state travel.

12.2 Act 155 Diploma Request – Clark Cooper, Interim Chief Student Services Officer

Chair Green called for a motion that the board approve one individual request to receive a South Carolina High School diploma pursuant to Act 155 of 2014. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Henson	Oswald	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: Mr. Cooper reviewed Act 155 enacted in 2014 which removed the requirement of passing an exit exam to receive a high school diploma. Individuals can petition to receive a high school diploma if he/she has met all other requirements. One request has been received. After review by district staff, all requirements have been met and administration is requesting approval by the board.

12.3 Instructional Materials Adoption — Mary Gaskins

Chair Green called for a motion that the board approve the recommendations of the District Instructional Materials Adoption Committees as district-adopted instructional materials for 2022–2023 - High School Science, Advanced Placement (AP) Science. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	Garris	Approved Unanimously

Discussion: Ms. Gaskins reported that the State department provided additional funding for additional Science materials.

12.4 Appointment of Board Member to Procurement Panel for Electronic Board Agendas

As Dr. Postlewait previously mentioned, the district has put out a request for proposal for an electronic board management/agenda system and would like a board member to serve on the procurement panel. The process is targeted to begin the second week of September.

Chair Green was asked to appoint a board member to serve on the committee. She called for a motion to appoint Mr. Mike Anderson to represent the Board of Trustees on the procurement panel for electronic board agendas. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion	Second	Action
Powers	Oswald	5 in favor; Garris abstained

13.0 Items for Board Information

For information only.

- 13.1 Monthly General Fund Financial Report — July 2022**
- 13.2 Monthly Capital Projects Report — July 2022**
- 13.3 Monthly Unauthorized Procurements Report — July 2022**
- 13.4 Sole Source and Emergency Procurement Annual Report — 2021–22**
- 13.5 Minority Business Enterprise Annual Report — 2021–22**

17.0 Adjourn

Chair Green announced a special called board meeting on August 30th at 8:00 a.m. to discuss matters related to the superintendent search. Additionally, Ms. Garris, Ms. Henson and Ms. Green will be attending the SCSBA School Law Conference August 26th - 28th in Greenville.

Chair Green called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Motion	Second	Action
Anderson	Henson	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

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