

**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees  
York School District One  
1475 East Liberty Street  
York, South Carolina 29745  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, *The Herald*, *Charlotte Observer*, *WRHI Radio*, and *Cable News Two* were properly notified of the date, place, and time of the meeting. The regularly scheduled meeting of the York School District One Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and began at 6:00 pm. The public was notified through the news media mentioned. An agenda for the meeting was posted on BoardDocs and the district's website.

Chair Childers called the meeting to order.

**Executive Session (6:00 pm)**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Wade Anderson seconded the motion (6:00 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to return to open session (6:31 pm). Diane Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Adjourn Executive Session**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Christopher Revels, seconded by Betty F. Johnson. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Meeting Opening – General Session (6:30 pm)**

Chair Childers called the public meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. It was noted that there was no one present from the media. Reverend Alvin Boyd, Lifeway Church, York gave the invocation. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag led by York Middle School students Courtland and Cailand Hart. Chair Childers noted that no one submitted paperwork to speak during the public forum. A quorum was established with the following Board members present:

Scott Childers, Chair	Christopher Revels, Vice Chair	Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary
Wade Anderson	Betty F. Johnson	David McSwain
Diane Howell		

Mrs. Kelly Coxe, District Superintendent

**Action: Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Diane Howell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

***Recognitions***

***School Spotlight***

*York Middle School*

Ms. Cassidy Valerino, Principal, along with Assistant Principals Ms. Kelly Mondo; Mr. Sean Cunningham; and teacher Dr. Anne Witte shared regarding a new program they use each Friday morning called “I Lead”. The focus is to change the culture at YMS in a positive way.

***Student & Staff Recognitions***

*Student Recognitions*

**York Middle School**

Ms. Cassidy Valerino, Principal

Junior Scholars

The following York Middle School eighth-grade students were congratulated for successfully qualifying for Junior Scholars program. To qualify students must have earned a PSAT National-Merit Scholar Qualifying Test score of 550 or higher in Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing or 530 or higher in Mathematics.

- ❖ Lana Bennett
- ❖ Wesley Blackman
- ❖ Karson Faulkenberry
- ❖ Anika Hillard
- ❖ Landon O'Neill
- ❖ Corbin Plemmons
- ❖ Peyton Sanders
- ❖ Addison Sexton
- ❖ Aiden Sigmon
- ❖ Taylor Thomasson
- ❖ Chhathearath Vey
- ❖ Robert Wiebe

York County Middle School Athletic Conference Tournament

Jake Beverly, Coach

The Board congratulated the following wrestlers who placed at the YCMSAC Conference Tournament.

- ❖ Cameron Adkins - Conference Champ 114 Lb Weight Class
- ❖ Ethan Freberg – Runner-Up 114 Lb Weight Class
- ❖ Jackson Winburn - 4th Place 88 Lb Weight Class
- ❖ Baylii Rodriguez- Girls State Tournament 84 Lb State Champion
- ❖ Sophia Foltz- Heavyweight Runner-Up

**YMS Female Wrestling Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State**

- ❖ Baylii Rodriguez
- ❖ Sophia Foltz
- ❖ Sophie Roberts
- ❖ Lilly Rumfelt
- ❖ Shayna Huard
- ❖ Skylar Powell
- ❖ Ryleigh Goodin
- ❖ Paxton Craig

**Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center**

Dr. Lee Green, Director

**FCCLA State Convention**

Ms. Amanda Stallings, Advisor

The Board recognized the following students for bringing home the gold at the state convention in Charleston, SC. The district had three students to compete in various events. All three of the participants won gold in their respective events. The students will represent South Carolina at the FCCLA Nationals in Seattle in June.

- ❖ Teegan Clark- Teach or Train – Gold
- ❖ Tionna Burris - Fashion Construction – Gold
- ❖ Margaret Bratton - Early Childhood Education – Gold

**York Comprehensive High School**

Dr. John Tharp, Principal

**SC High School Strength Coaches Association Female Strength Athlete of the Year**

Chad Cooksey, Coach

AC Lingerfelt was congratulated for being named South Carolina High School Strength Coaches Association Female Strength Athlete of the Year! AC will be recognized at the State Strength Meet held at Lexington High School on March 23, 2024.

### Upper State Wrestling

John Moorefield, Coach

The Board applauded the following YCHS Wrestlers who qualified for the 2024 Upper State Wrestling Tournament held in Rock Hill, SC.

- ❖ Jason Blackmon, Grade 10, Weight Class 132 pounds
- ❖ Brier Hamblin, Grade 10, Weight Class 215 pounds
- ❖ Matthew Noah, Grade 11, Weight Class 126 pounds
- ❖ Gordon Noah, Grade 12, Weight Class 285 pounds

### Staff Recognitions

#### **Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center**

Dr. Lee Green, Director

#### **2024 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter Award**

Dr. Lee Green and Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center were congratulated for being awarded the 2024 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter Award for implementing the Making Schools Work key practices and meeting school improvement goals.

#### **Harold C. Johnson Elementary**

Mrs. Crystal Sandifer, Principal

#### **DonorsChoose Grant**

- ❖ Britni Stevenson

Ms. Britni Stevenson, school counselor, was recognized for receiving a \$5,922 Donors Choose grant to fund an Outdoor Sensory Pathway at Harold C. Johnson Elementary. A sensory pathway is a colorful, creative, and active space for kids to build connections in the brain and to develop motor skills like balance, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness. This pathway provides a brain break for students who may need active movement in order to stay focused in the classroom. Ms. Stevenson also coordinated the volunteer efforts of Lifeway Church to get the pathway installed, and it is now used by students daily.

### Community Recognition

#### **Harold C. Johnson Elementary**

Mrs. Crystal Sandifer, Principal

## Lifeway Church- Community Partners of Harold C. Johnson Elementary

- ❖ Janice Allen
- ❖ Marc Crews
- ❖ Alvin Boyd

The Board recognized Lifeway Church for its unwavering support and effective community outreach efforts. Lifeway adopted Harold C. Johnson Elementary School as a community outreach partner, and they have supported the school in various ways such as personalized gifts for each grade level and staff member; handmade bookmarks for each student; goodies for holidays and special occasions; providing a coffee truck for staff members; and providing breakfast and lunch for the entire staff for teacher appreciation week and the beginning of school. Lifeway supported HCJES Fall for Reading Night by paying for half the cost of a book for each student in the school, with the PTO paying the remaining half. They also provided toys, games, stuffed animals, and other amazing prizes for the school's PBIS store, allowing students to purchase items with coins they earn for positive behavior. They provided Christmas gifts for multiple families in need. Members of Lifeway church even volunteered their time throughout the summer to install and beautify the new Sensory Pathway, a breezeway area now filled with sensory equipment and activities that are utilized by students on a daily basis. Lifeway Church epitomizes the term community outreach, and their efforts truly make a difference for our students and staff at Harold C. Johnson Elementary School

**Multiplier Awards**

Mrs. Jennifer Bolin, Director of Human Resources

The following staff members were recognized as Multiplier Award winners!

**❖ Dr. Windy Sizemore**

Dr. Sizemore plays a vital role in the growth of our students and staff members at Harold C. Johnson. She works with administration to identify instructional needs, plan and implement professional development to address those needs, and then to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts. She is involved in every instructional decision that is made. Dr. Sizemore is greatly respected by all staff members of our staff as a wealth of knowledge, experience, and compassion. Harold C. Johnson is truly blessed to have her as an instructional leader for our school and district.

**❖ Amanda Chandler**

Ms. Amanda drives bus three for HGSE and is truly an asset to the school, students, and staff. Even with a bus filled to capacity and her aide on leave, you will still see her smiling and hear her saying, "I love my job and these kids." Amanda is the definition of multiplier because she multiplies everyone she comes in contact with, most of all. Staff are thankful to know this person and be encouraged to better because of her.

**❖ LaKia Petties**

Mrs. Petties is an invaluable asset to the Floyd D. Johnson family. She is a forward thinker and rarely, if ever, has to be asked to do anything. She recognizes a need, takes initiative, and immediately goes

to work to remedy that need. She is kind and consistent, fair and equitable, and is just a genuine doer. Above all else, Mrs. Petties is an incredible woman who goes above and beyond to make folks feel special, valued, and loved. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Petties back in the FDJTC Family!

❖ **Donna Elliott, Amanda Heckert, Christina Garre, and Christina Labbe**

When we think about the Multiplier Award, it only makes sense to present it to Jefferson’s whole 3rd grade team. They have done an excellent job multiplying each other, which in turn has set them up to multiply others! They have taken risks and exited their comfort zone by creating and implementing learning pathways for 3rd graders. They work together and hold themselves and each other to the highest standards, and the results have been differentiated instruction and creative, individualized instruction to multiply students. The 3rd grade team has spent their efforts, energy, and resources multiplying the Jefferson family. Thank you for all you do to help everyone be the best they can be!

**Reports**

York Navy JROTC Update

Dr. Lee Green, Director of Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center, provided the Board with an overview of the JROTC program.

Chair Childers called for a five-minute recess at 7:09 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:14 pm.

Standards Cyclical Review Update #2

Ms. April Aulmer, Director of Elementary Programs and Ms. Elissa Cox, Director of Secondary Programs provided the Board with an update on the Standards Cyclical Review and the work that the district is doing.

**Director Secondary Programs .....Ms. Elissa Cox**

Ms. Cox shared that YSD1 Board Policy IJJ (Textbook/Instructional Materials & Adoption) establishes the expectation and procedures for textbook adoptions.

She explained that on January 24, 2024, all Textbook Coordinators, Literacy Coaches, and K-12 Lead teachers participated in the statewide Instructional Caravan to view instructional materials available for adoption. Beginning Monday, February 26, 2024, all K-12 teachers were provided the opportunity to view the instructional materials. K – 12 Grade-level teachers used an instructional material rubric to determine a selection for the designated grade bands. On March 7, all rubrics were completed and submitted.

The following textbook titles were presented for adoption.

**Grades 2 – 3 Handwriting Instructional Material Recommendation:**

Publisher: Zaner-Bloser

Title: Zaner-Bloser Handwriting

**Grade K – 5 English Textbook Recommendation:**

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
Title: Into Reading

**Grade 6 – 8 English Textbook Recommendation:**

Publisher: McGraw Hill  
Title: South Carolina StudySync, 6-8

**Grade 9 – 12 English Textbook Recommendation:**

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
Title: Into Literature

**Action: English Textbook Adoption**

**Motion:** Beth Faulkner made a motion to approve the English textbooks for adoption, as presented by district administration. Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Director of Human Resources ..... Mrs. Jennifer Bolin**

**Certified Retirement**

Mrs. Bolin made Board members aware of a retired teacher who is resigning. No action was needed by the Board because the teacher is a working retiree on a letter of employment (LOE).

**Action: Certified Resignations (End of 2023-2024)**

**Motion:** Diane Howell made a motion to accept the certified, end of year resignations, as presented by the district administration. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Retirements (End of 2023-2024)**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to accept the certified, end of year retirements, as presented by the district administration with congratulations. Christopher Revels seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Recommendation (2023-2024)**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the certified recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented by the district administration. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Certified Recommendations (2024-2025)**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve the certified recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by the district administration. Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Action: Returning Certified Recommendations (2024-2025)**

**Motion:** Beth Faulkner made a motion to approve the slate of returning certified recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations ..... Mrs. Amy Hagner**

2024-2025 Budget Update

Mrs. Hagner shared a brief budget update.

**Action: Policy Updates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to approve for first reading the policies listed below, as recommended by the district administration. Wade Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

**Policies**

- Policy JICI Weapons in School
- Policy GBGBA Weapons
- Policy JA Student Policies Goals/Priorities and Objectives

**Administrative Rule (FYI)**

AR JICDA-R Code of Conduct

**Superintendent ..... Ms. Kelly Coxe**

City of York Gateway Signage Request

Ms. Coxe reported that the City of York is requesting an easement to install Gateway Signage on the corner of East Liberty and Alexander Love Highway.

**Action: City of York Gateway Signage Request (Motion withdrawn)**

**Motion:** Christopher Revels made a motion to defer the vote. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion and amended the motion to include that the item be deferred until more information is received from the City. Christopher Revels accepted the amendment by Betty F. Johnson. Christopher Revels withdrew his motion.

**Action: City of York Gateway Signage Request**

**Motion:** Christopher Revels made a motion to defer the city of York signage request to allow district and city leaders to come together and discuss the easement, the specifications and location of the sign. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Ms. Coxe will have City Manager, Dalton Pierce, to present at an upcoming meeting.

**Action: International Field Trip**

**Motion:** Wade Anderson made a motion to approve a meeting to access the student interest for an international field trip during the summer of 2025. Beth Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote four in favor, three opposed.

Several Board members shared their concerns regarding international travel and student safety.

**Action: Administrative Recommendations (2024-2025)**

**Motion:** Diane Howell made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 administrative recommendations, as presented by the district administration. Betty F. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

- **Upcoming Dates**

Mrs. Coxe highlighted some of the upcoming dates listed below.

- March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- March 12, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- March 27, 2024 @ 5:45 pm – Reception prior to the Youth in Agriculture Presentation Night, Clover ATC Student Union (1625 State Highway 55, Clover)
- March 27, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Youth in Agriculture Presentation Night, Clover ATC Student Union (1625 State Highway 55, Clover)
- April 1-5, 2024 – Spring Break (District Closed)
- April 9, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - Executive Session, YSD1 District Office
- April 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Regularly Scheduled Meeting, YSD1 District Office
- April 10, 2024 @ 5:30 pm – Ag Arena Information Session, Hickory Grove / Sharon Elementary
- April 23, 2024 @ @ 6:00 pm - Board Work Session / Called Meeting, YSD1 District Office

Chair Childers asked if there was a need for an additional executive session.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Betty F. Johnson made a motion to adjourn for the evening seconded by Wade Anderson (7:36 pm). The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth R. Faulkner, Secretary

Renee Webb, Recorder