

Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021 5:00 P.M.

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Board of Directors convened Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Central Services.

Board members: Chair R. Christopher Rice, Vice Chair Lisa M. Phillips, Michael Boone, David Chao, Harriet Coker, Randy Cooper, Rod Dooley, Kathy Henson, Bryan Jones, Alisha Millwood, Brandon Mogan, Vandan Shah, and Scarlet Taylor.

1.0 Call to Order – Board Chair Christopher Rice called the meeting to order.

2.0 Minutes – September 9, 2021 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Coker	Cooper	Approved Unanimously

3.0 Lexington One Health Services Amidst a Pandemic – Amy A. Wood, Nursing and Health Services Director

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Finance Committee - Kim Jeffcoat, Committee Chair

4.1.1 Financial Report, 1st Quarter 2021-22 – In Ms. Jeffcoat’s absence, Mr. Jeff Salters, Lexington One Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the balance sheet and answered questions.

4.1.2 Investment Report, 1st Quarter 2021-22– Mr. Salters reviewed the investments statement.

4.2 Allocations – Lisa Hayes, Committee Chair

4.2.1 Spring Grant Applications – Due to Ms. Hayes’ absence, Mr. Cooper presented information concerning spring grant applications.

4.2.1.1 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants – The deadline for applications was Nov. 15, 2021, and 15 applications were received. Six Lexington One schools were represented with grant proposals that would impact 457 students. The total allocation was \$2,671.

4.2.1.2 Innovation Grants for K-8 Schools – The deadline for applications is Feb. 10, 2022. A request for proposals (RFP) was sent to all district personnel on October 27th and a reminder is scheduled for after the winter break.

4.2.2 Helping Hands Grants – Dr. Luke Clamp and Nicole Mitchell, Directors of Secondary and Elementary Education respectively, recently met with their team of principals and emphasized the importance of identifying needs for these funds and expending them accordingly by the end of the calendar year. A second round of grants may be considered in the spring.

Social media recognition of foundation grant winners was mentioned and all members were thanked for using social media platforms for highlighting Foundation news.

4.3 Philanthropic Partnerships —Lisa Phillips, Committee Chair

- 4.3.1 LEAP (Lexington Emergency/Education Assistance Plan)** – Ms. Phillips shared the results of the 2021-22 campaign. A total of \$155,015.04 was raised which is an increase of \$25,973.06 from 2020-21.
- 4.3.2. Cats Kick Cancer Fund PR** – The Foundation staff distributed a flyer through PeachJar for Cats Kick Cancer to educate the Lexington One community about the fund.
- 4.3.3 Michelin VEX Robotics Grants – 2021-22 Awards** – Michelin committed another \$30,000 gift for a three-year commitment to support Lexington One VEX Robotics Teams. An article will appear soon in the *Post & Courier* highlighting the grants and VEX participants.
- 4.3.4 Giving Tuesday / Giving Schools Day** – The Foundation staff will highlight this national online day of giving on social media and ask individuals to make an online gift to the foundation that day.
- 4.3.5 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award** - Nomination requests will go out in January.
- 4.3.6 Celebration of Excellence in Education 2022** – The Foundation will sponsor two events, hosted by Lexington High School, in the spring to celebrate the Top 10% of the graduating seniors.
 - 4.3.6.1 Event Sponsorships Needed** – Sponsorships are needed for the Celebration of Excellence in Education 2022 events. Volunteers are also needed. If you are willing to help meet and greet the students, please let Julie Washburn know.
 - 4.3.6.2 COVID Restrictions/Challenges** – Honored seniors will be split into two nights so that students and their 2 guests, as well as sponsors, can sit socially distanced.
- 4.3.7 H.G. Reynolds Gift** - H. G. Reynolds donated \$7,500 to benefit the Building Construction programs at LTC, GHS, and PHS.
- 4.3.8 Scholarships** – Scholarships and Dorm Room Grant applications will be distributed to Counseling and Advisement Departments at the high schools. The deadline is March, 10, 2022.
- 4.3.9 Golf Tournament** – The Educational Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 31, 2022 at Golden Hills. Sponsors, golf teams, and volunteers are needed.

5.0 Executive Director Report—Foundation Executive Director Julie Washburn

- 5.01 Insurance Policy** – A policy has been purchased so that the organization, Board and staff are fully insured.
- 5.02 Annual Registration with SC Secretary of State** – Registration has been completed, although an extension was requested for the financial portion. That portion should be completed in the next few weeks and is dependent on the completion of the annual audit.
- 5.03 Annual Audit** – Julie and Accounting Supervisor Kim Little are working on the 990 with staff at Burkett, Burkett & Burkett to provide requested information and ensure accuracy of data.
- 5.04 Non-profit Classification** – The Foundation does not qualify for Amazon Smile because of its unspecified classification with the IRS. A local attorney offered his services (pro bono) to work on a document for the IRS to correct and update the Foundation’s classification.
- 5.05 New Website** – The new website is live and can be found under the ABOUT tab of the Lexington District One site and on the home page. Splash Omnimedia designed the site. The staff will be able to directly update information once they are trained. New to the site is a Transparency page that contains

information about meetings, agendas, minutes, financial reports, etc.

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Rice thanked everyone for their continued commitment to the Board and pointed out upcoming dates of importance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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Coker	Millwood	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Prepared By:

Ms. Kim S. Jeffcoat
Secretary/Treasurer

Angela Bonicelli
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