

Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2022 5:00 P.M.

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Board of Directors convened Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Central Services.

Board members: Chair R. Christopher Rice, Michael Boone, Mary Jane Britt, David Chao, Harriet Coker, Randy Cooper, Anne Marie Green, Lisa Hayes, Bryan Jones, Brandon Mogan, Vandan Shah, Scarlet Taylor, Rebecca West and Rosemary Wilson.

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Board Chair Christopher Rice called the meeting to order.
- 2.0 Guest Speaker** – Foundation’s 2021-22 Accomplishments – Julie Anderson Washburn, Executive Director Mrs. Washburn shared information regarding the success of the foundation’s programs.
- 3.0 Minutes** – March 10, 2022 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Hayes	Green	Approved Unanimously

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Finance Committee – Randy Cooper for Committee Chair Kim Jeffcoat

- 4.1.1 Financial Report – 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22** –Mr. Cooper announced Mr. Jeff Salters will retire September 1st and his successor, Jennifer Miller will begin July 1, 2022. He then introduced Kim Little, Lexington One Account Manager.
- 4.1.2 Investments Update** – Unfortunately there was a significant drop in the market, which is reflected on our investments report for the third quarter.

The **1st Lt. Almar Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship** will be removed from our reports, as all funds have been expended. The final allocation of \$2,794.42 was donated to the Lexington High School Air Force JROTC program in December and is currently paying part of the expenses for the cadets to attend The Citadel Leadership Course this summer. Almar was a 2000 LHS graduate who became a US Marine and then tragically died at 23 in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The **Celebration of Excellence in Education Fund** will be transferred out of that fund to support operational costs, as is done every year.

Net profits raised from the **Golf Tournament** will partially support needs-based assistance and the majority will be used to support the foundation’s educational grants. The finance committee will discuss this topic when it meets this summer.

This past fall was the last of the WP Rawl Grants, so that fund will also will be removed from our reports.

4.2 Governance – David Chao, Committee Chair

- 4.2.1 2022-23 Slate of Officers** – Mr. Chao moved to approve the 2022-23 Slate of Officers. The Slate of Officers was approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Chao	Coker	Approved Unanimously

- 4.2.2 Board Member Ending Terms and 2022-23 Slate of Nominees** – Mr. Chao recognized and thanked those members whose terms end this year: Lisa Hayes, Alisha Millwood and Mary Jane Britt. Mr. Chao moved to approve Chris Goumas and Katrina Bryant as new members of the Board of Directors. Sue Carter, Lexington School District One Teacher of the Year for 2022-23, will serve on the board as well.

Motion	Action
Chao	Approved Unanimously

- 4.2.3 Foundation Meetings Schedule 2022-23 and Fall 2024**

4.3 Allocations — Lisa Hayes, Committee Chair

- 4.3.1 Innovations Grants for K-8 Schools 2021-22 Report** – All four school grant projects had successful results and noted challenges experienced in their reports.
- 4.3.2 Bucks for Books 2021-22 Report** – All first-year teachers received a \$250 Bucks for Books Grant this year. One-third of the \$33,000 awarded were not spent and the award process will be reviewed for 2022-23. According to reports submitted by 24 recipients, more than 1700 students were impacted. Remaining funds from this year’s allocation will be used by school librarians, in consultation with literacy coaches, to purchase needed materials.
- 4.3.3 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants Report** – The foundation awarded 21 grants that benefitted 918 students with various projects included purchasing books to strengthen literacy (English and Spanish Immersion), mathematical and science skills through new, creative methods.
- 4.3.4 Michelin Robotics Teams Grants Report** – The district’s 7 teams (75 students) received Robotics Team Grants and all but one fully utilized their funds. The high school teams were very successful and placed in the World Championship competition in Dallas in May. Staff helped secure Walmart grants for travel needs totaling \$4,000.
- 4.3.5 Health Fund Grants Reports** -Nearly 16,000 students were impacted by the foundation’s purchase of more Vision Spot Screeners. Data is still being collected regarding the number of students referred to vision specialists for glasses. At least 5 students were assisted with eye exams and glasses through the Caring Heart Fund as a result of screenings. Grants for home treatments greatly benefitted 31 students (51 individuals total and 9 schools) this year.
- 4.3.6 Helping Hands Grants Update** –
- 4.3.7 Dorm Room Grants/Academic Supplements Awards Report** – 9 seniors received Dorm Room Grants this spring and high school counseling teams are in the process of purchasing items for these students. All recipients qualified for a Federal Pell Grant, a SC Needs-Based Grant, and/or had extenuating circumstances that put them in the high-need category.

4.3.8 International Teacher Grants Report – 13 teachers from 9 schools received grants this year totaling \$9,516 in awards. These grants assisted with rent or mortgage, groceries, and school meals (breakfast and lunch) for the first 60 days of school.

4.4 Philanthropy Partnerships —Lisa Phillips, Committee Chair

Mr. Rice, in Ms. Phillips' absence, provided the committee report.

4.4.1 Golf Tournament Fundraiser Report – More than \$54,000 was raised in our first golf tournament making it a huge success. Much success is credited to our board's leadership, volunteers, In-Kind support (close to \$5,000), and generous sponsors. Thank you for the team effort!

4.4.2 Scholarship Awards Report – This year's scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$3,000 and a total of 15 awards were made to a very impressive group of Lexington One seniors for a total of \$14,000. A new scholarship was added, with a significant investment by the Morris family in creating the Gwen Dugan Morris Memorial Scholarship for the LHS Band.

4.4.3 Building Construction Grants Report – HG Reynolds donated \$7,500 to support the Building Construction Programs at GHS, LTC and PHS. These funds supported students as they prepared and competed in SkillsUSA competitions.

4.4.4 2022 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award Winner – There were 6 nominations and Health Branham, principal of Centerville Elementary, received this year's Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award.

4.4.5 Annual Appeal: Teacher Appreciation Report – May 2022 – More than \$800 was raised through the "I'm a Teacher what's your Superpower" Teacher Appreciation appeal. 60 teachers were honored with honorarium gifts to the foundation. Top schools were Meadow Glen Middle, Pleasant Hill Elementary and Saxe Gotha Elementary.

4.4.6 Cats Kick Cancer Update – This fund assisted a teacher battling recurring cancer with groceries, utility payments, mortgage payments and restaurant gift cards to help with out of pocket expenses while traveling for treatment.

4.4.7 LEAP Annual Campaign Plans 2022-23 – Preparations are underway for the upcoming LEAP Campaign. LEAP representatives are being recruited for those who can no longer serve, the video interviews have been conducted, vendors are being secured for the discount card and promotional items are being designed.

4.4.8 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants – Fall 2022 – Applications were due yesterday and their review will begin soon.

4.4.9 "Leading as One" Administrator's Breakfast – Wed., July 27, 2022 at LHS – The foundation will host breakfast for district leadership and we currently have 4 Bringing the Bacon sponsors and 4 Eggs'cellent sponsors. Additional sponsors are welcome if you have any suggestions.

5.0 Executive Director Report—Foundation Executive Director Julie Washburn

Mrs. Washburn pointed out summer office hours and thanked Board members for their support throughout the year.

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Rice thanked everyone for their continued commitment to the Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Motion	Second	Action
Mogan	Coker	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Prepared By:

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Secretary/Treasurer

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