

Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2022 5:00 P.M.

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Board of Directors convened Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Central Services.

Board members: Chair R. Christopher Rice, Michael Boone, Katrina Bryant, David Chao, Harriet Coker, Randy Cooper, Angela Douda, Chris Goumas, Kathy Henson, Kim Jeffcoat, Bryan Jones, Brandon Mogan, Lisa Phillips, Scarlet Taylor, Rebecca West and Rosemary Wilson.

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Board Chair Christopher Rice called the meeting to order.
- 2.0 Speaker** – Superintendent Search – Kathy Henson, Member, Board of Trustees
Mrs. Henson shared an update regarding the search for a new district superintendent.
- 3.0 Minutes** – June 16, 2022 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion	Second	Action
Wilson	Coker	Approved Unanimously

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Finance Committee – Randy Cooper, Committee Chair

- 4.1.1 Financial Report – 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22** –Mr. Cooper reviewed final, year-end numbers. The Foundation received gifts to endow 2 scholarships: The Gwen Dugan Morris Memorial Scholarship for the LHS Marching Band and the Tommy Long Class of '57 Memorial Scholarship.
- 4.1.2 Investments Update** – Unfortunately there was a significant drop in the market, which is reflected on our investments report for the fourth quarter.
- 4.1.3 Committee Meeting Results** – Manning Crapps with LPL attended the recent meeting and gave an update on foundation investments. Information has been provided for the foundation’s audit and filing of the 990. The foundation is again working with Matthew Hodges at Burkett Burkett and Burkett.
- 4.1.4 2022-23 Proposed Budget** – This year’s budget is based on estimations made by Executive Director Julie Washburn and reviewed by CFO Jennifer Miller and Accounting Supervisor Kim Little in Finance. The budget takes in to account our fundraisers, projected grant projects and expenditures, and estimates operational expenses for this fiscal year.

Motion from the Finance Committee chair Randy Cooper to approve the recommended 2022-23 Budget for the Educational Foundation

Motion	Action
Cooper	Approved Unanimously

4.2 Governance – David Chao, Committee Chair – Mr. Chao encouraged all board members to note meeting dates on their personal and/or professional calendars. He announced a vacancy on the board due to the resignation of Troy Simpson and requested that any recommendations be forwarded to him.

4.2.1 Board Committees & Roster 2022-23

4.2.2 Foundation Meetings Schedule 2022-23 and Fall 2024

4.3 Allocations —Kim Jeffcoat, Committee Chair

4.3.1 New Budget Priorities/Recommendations – There were two new funding requests this fall: Coding Immersion Elementary Schools from Instructional Services and one from Special Services.

The technology used to teach coding in the immersion elementary schools is no longer being supported. The district is investing \$66,000 total in these schools but additional funds are needed.

On behalf of the Allocations Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat moved to support the Coding Immersion Schools at the elementary level (NPES, PES, RCES and WKES) with a **\$10,000 STEM Grant** that will fund up to \$2,500 per school.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

The Lexington One Special Services department is being consolidated and relocated to the Rosenwald Community Learning Center. Although the district is investing in significant renovations, there remains a need for items in the area in which they will screen preschoolers.

On behalf of the Allocations Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat moved to fund the proposed request from Lexington District One **Special Services** to purchase a Reading Tree & Bench and a Tactile Loopy Wall for the Early Childhood Developmental Screening Center with a maximum grant of **\$4,500**.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

4.3.2 Bucks for Books Grants – Dr. Candace Lett, Lexington District One’s ELA Coordinator, proposed funding to assist with literacy efforts for English 1, ninth grade students. This is course mastery is critical to developing and graduating proficient readers.

On behalf of the Allocations Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat moved to fund **\$6,750 in Bucks for Books Grants** this school year, divided as requested among each of the five high schools, to support literacy efforts and reading recovery in the ninth grade English 1 courses.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

4.3.3 Innovation Grants to K-8 Schools – On behalf of the Allocations Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat moved to fund **\$25,000 in Innovation Grants for K-8 Schools**, or \$5,000 per school award for the 2022-23 year.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

4.3.4 LEAP – Lexington Emergency / Education Assistance Plan – Year End Report – Final numbers were presented concerning the families who applied for and received LEAP Emergency Assistance. Rent/mortgage was the greatest area funded with medical bills, food and utility bills following in the list of

highest funded needs. The Helping Hands Grants to Schools were of significant help in aiding families in crisis. As a result, our formal LEAP applications are typically pursued by families who have more significant financial challenges due to an emergency.

Our staff continue to work hard to connect with families in need with the help of our 100+ LEAP volunteer representatives, school counselors, social workers, teachers and administrators who refer families to the foundation for help.

- 4.3.5 International Teacher Grants 2022-23** – These grants provide breakfast and lunch for the first 60 days of school and assistance with rent and food. This school year, due to increased meal prices and inflation affecting groceries and rent, the committee recommends increasing the amount slightly for the current academic year.

On behalf of the Allocations Committee, Ms. Jeffcoat moved to allocate **\$18,318 for International Teacher Grants**, which includes \$444 for school meals for 60 days, \$150 in groceries and \$200 towards rent or utilities per teacher for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

- 4.3.6 Health Fund Grants Update** – Currently the amount the board approved for last year to assist families in need with bed bug treatments is adequate. Accordingly, no additional funds are needed at this time.

- 4.3.7 Dorm Room Grants/Academic Supplements Awards** – These grants have assisted students with financial need with furnishing their dorm room and have included \$500 supplemental academic grants for a total of \$800 per grant. An ad-hoc committee has reviewed this process to see if there is a way to assist even more students via these grants. Rosemary Wilson was given the floor to share information regarding the changes.

These will now be called Higher Education Support Grants and will remain need-based grants, but they will be expanded to include Lexington District One graduating seniors who will attend a residential college or a local 2-year or 4- year college degree program.

Mrs. Wilson moved to fund up to 25 Higher Education Support Grants in the amount of \$1,000 each for this year, which would provide need-based grants to Lexington District One seniors who apply and meet the predetermined, need-based criteria that is listed in the grant application.

Motion	Second	Action
Wilson	Phillips	Approved Unanimously

4.4 Philanthropic Partnerships — Lisa Phillips, Committee Chair

- 4.4.1 Year-End Annual Report of Accomplishments** – Ms. Phillips highlighted some of the accomplishments from the 2021-22 school year that were included on the year-end handout that staff created. She encouraged everyone to share it with others to show how the foundation supports Lexington District One.
- 4.4.2 Leading as One Breakfast Report** – This year’s breakfast was a success in kicking off the new school year. We had 9 generous sponsors and many were in attendance. Eggs Up Grill catered the breakfast and was a sponsor. Chair Christopher Rice gave a presentation detailing some of the foundation’s many investments in Lexington One this past year.
- 4.4.3 LEAP Annual Campaign 2022-23** – LEAP training was held on August 3rd and there was a great turnout. The LEAP volunteers promoted the LEAP Annual Campaign for the first 3 weeks of school and are now

focused on serving as emergency assistance liaisons. The staff created posters, flyers, and social media icons for promotional efforts and shared a detailed report with each school/department regarding how the foundation has financially supported their area. The official LEAP Campaign numbers will be shared as soon as they are available.

4.4.4 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants – Fall 2022 Awards – Eight teachers received grants for the fall semester totaling \$2,000 with 2,338 students at 6 schools being impacted. The applications for the next cycle of grants are due November 15th.

5.0 Executive Director Report — Foundation Executive Director Julie Washburn

Mrs. Washburn shared information about how the foundation has expanded the LEAP Emergency Fund’s programmatic reach, as well as its fundraising efforts over the past 6 years.

6.0 Adjournment

Chair Rice commended everyone for their continued commitment to the Board and efforts to improve the lives of students, teachers and staff in Lexington School District One.

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

Motion	Second	Action
Wilson	Coker	Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Prepared By:

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Secretary/Treasurer

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