

# LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2023 • 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
Lexington District One Central Services Auditorium

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Board of Directors convened Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Lexington District One Central Services Auditorium.

**Board members present:** Chair R. Christopher Rice, Katrina Bryant, Harriet Coker, Randy Cooper, Rod Dooley, Angie Douda, Chris Goumas, Bryan Jones, Brandon Mogan, Vandan Shah, Scarlet Taylor, and Rosemary Wilson.

Absent: Michael Boone, David Chao, Anne Marie Green, LaMyron Jenkins, Lisa Phillips, Rebecca West

### 1.0 Call to Order & Welcome – Kim Jeffcoat

**2.0 Minutes** – November 10, 2022 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes with an amendment to add Governance Committee update from committee chair David Chao.

Motion	Second	Action
Mogan	Cooper	Approved Unanimously

### 3.0 Committee Reports

#### 3.1 Finance Committee – Randy Cooper, Committee Chair

**3.1.1** Financial Report - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – Mr. Cooper reviewed Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Revenue highlights reflects Michelin Robotics donation and Publix Caring Heart support. Expenditures reflect Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants Michelin Robotics Grants to name a few. Also, the auditor Matthew Hodges requested an extension for the foundation’s financials; expected completion date is prior to the March meeting.

**3.1.2** Investment Update - LPL Financials & CD Investment Reports reflects a positive result for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, however, 2023 calendar year shows a negative return, which is reflective of current market.

#### 3.2 Allocations – Kim Jeffcoat, Committee Chair

**3.2.1 Innovation Grants for K-8 Schools** – Five Proposals received for the 2023-24 grant cycle. Applicants presented projects at March 1<sup>st</sup> Allocations Committee meeting. Jeffcoat shared budget of \$25,000 allocated and gave a synopsis of all 5 grant projects.

Mrs. Jeffcoat moved on behalf of the Allocations Committee for the Board to approve the five proposals from Beechwood Middle School (\$5,000), Carolina Springs Elementary School (\$620), Carolina Springs Middle School (\$5,000), Midway Elementary School (\$4,847.65), and Pleasant Hill Elementary School (\$4,711.85) for Innovation Grants for K-8 Schools.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

### 3.2.2 Lexington District One Instructional Services Proposals

**3.2.2.1 Homegrown Institute** is a 4-day training for teachers focused on reading and literacy during June.

Mrs. Jeffcoat moved on behalf of the Allocations Committee to approve the Homegrown Institute Grant (\$9,000).

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

**3.2.2.2 Counting Collections for Mathematics** – Project will improve the counting abilities of Kindergarten through second grade students in Lexington District One via “buckets” and teacher training. District’s assessment showed deficits in half of the K-5 students in this mathematical area.

Mrs. Jeffcoat moved on behalf of the Allocations Committee to approve Counting Collections for Mathematics Grant (\$33,016.73) for Lexington One Instructional Services.

Discussion regarding assessment data comparison requested before and after grant implementation. Materials provided, as well as books and training for teachers regarding implementation.

Motion	Action
Jeffcoat	Approved Unanimously

**3.2.3 Scholarships Update** - March 10<sup>th</sup> deadline for all 17 Foundation Scholarships. Foundation Scholarship Committees will determine winners. New scholarship, Lucinda Millman Family Scholarship, was just recently established, so has deadline of March 15, 2023. It’s for a Pelion High School senior who is involved in BETA/ DECA club, 3.0 GPA and will preferable attend an out of state college.

**3.2.4 Higher Educational Support Grants Update** - March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for grants that were expanded to include not only Lexington One seniors with serious financial need who will attend college and live on campus, but also include those who choose to stay local.

**3.2.5 LEAP Emergency Assistance Report** – To date LEAP Emergency Funds via assistance applications have supported 10 employee’s families and six students’ families, totaling 61 individuals and \$25,101.02 in grant funds. There are 4 pending emergency applications. Executive Director Julie Washburn briefly described some of the crisis situations to share importance of fund.

**3.2.6 Foundation Robotics Grant** - Rosemary Wilson presented an additional Educational Foundation Robotics Grant for one of the schools that did not receive prior funding.

Mrs. Wilson moved to approve \$1,394.91 for a Lexington One Educational Foundation Robotics Grant to Carolina Springs Middle School to support a new VEX Robotics Team. Discussion that the team had secured close to \$5,000 in funds already. This would be one of the last foundation robotics seed money grants; Pelion High School is only other remaining school that has not received such funding due to lack of a teacher/coach.

Motion	Second	Action
Wilson	Coker	Approved Unanimously

**3.3 Governance** – Committee member Rod Dooley in the absence of Committee Chair David Chao

**3.3.1 Board of Directors Expiration of Terms** – Directors serve 3-year terms and can only serve 2 consecutive terms, so Rosemary Wilson will rotate off board after June meeting. Vacancies created with Chris Rice shifting to Trustee spot after elections and unfilled seat is vacant due to Troy Simpson rotating off one year early. Send Mr. Chao and/or Mrs. Washburn board member recommendations.

**3.4 Philanthropic Partnerships** – Committee member Harriet Coker in the absence of Committee Chair Lisa Phillips

**3.4.1 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants** – Spring 2023 Awards

13 grants awarded totaling \$3,173 will impact 1378 students. Project highlights include STEM kits, straw rockets to teach force and motion, Stop the Bleed training and more.

**3.4.2 Celebration of Excellence in Education** -The 2023 event was huge success with attendance of honored seniors, family members and volunteer board members. Financial report should be ready by June meeting; staff is still expecting some event bills to arrive.

**3.4.3 Nephron Pharmaceuticals Gifts** – Support for our seniors in the Pharmacology course donated again this year, plus gifts to Celebration and fall golf tournament. Also received a huge number of gloves that were given for the school nurses from Nephron Nitrile.

**3.4.4 Cats Kick Cancer Fund** - LHS soccer team check presentation was Feb. 24, 2023 and Lisa Phillips attended on behalf of the foundation. Recent grant was awarded to LexOne employee who is battling cancer and was also assisted via a LEAP Emergency Fund grant.

**3.4.5 Fore the Foundation Grand Golf Tournament** – Some sponsors have already donated; will place more emphasis on securing other support closer to the date of the fall event. Send recommendations to Mrs. Washburn.

**3.4.6 Teacher Appreciation Month** – May 1-31, 2023 – Normally held during May, but on hold due to staff shortage.

**3.4.7 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award** – Received five nominations for this year. Announcement will be made on May 16, 2023.

**3.4.8 Press Coverage & Social Media Marketing** – Request for all to review all social media included in packet and share foundation posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to increase visibility and reach for support.

**4.0 Executive Director Report** – Ms. Washburn updated board on a number of foundation endeavors including continued focus on raising support for two other 2023 special events. Reminder that next board meeting moved per board consensus to Thursday, June 15, 2023.

**5.0 Adjourn** - The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.