

**LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #55  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING  
LAURENS HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE THEATER  
APRIL 24, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Trustees Anthony Carpenter, Cathy Little, Peggy Nance, Neal Patterson, Mike Hughes, Superintendent Dr. Ameca Thomas, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jody Penland, Dr. Rhett Harris, Ben Thompson, McMillan, Pazdan, Smith

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order** - Cathy Little called the meeting to order at 6:30 in the Laurens High School Lecture Theater

**2. Confirmation of Notice to Media** - Mrs. Faye Colley confirmed that broadcast and print media were notified of the meeting.

**3. Confirmation of a Quorum** - Cathy Little confirmed that a quorum was present with 5 trustees in attendance.

**4. Approval of Agenda** - Cathy Little made a motion to approve the agenda. Anthony Carpenter made a motion to amend the agenda noting that school operations of the school board were being affected due to a Code of Conduct violation. He stated that "Board members should honor their higher responsibility thinking in terms of children first, refusing to engage in politics...", "Respecting the opinion of others, refusing to participate in secret meetings...in which not all members have the opportunity to attend." Mr. Carpenter wanted to make an amendment to discuss the Board Chair and to have a vote to remove the Board Chair, Mrs. Cathy Little. Mr. Carpenter stated that the board has no confidence in the present chair, based on her own actions and is not fit to lead. Mr. Carpenter moved for the board to take action to remove Mrs. Cathy Little as Board Chair. Mrs. Little responded "There is no opportunity based on policy except for the secretary.", "It is not allowed in the policy.", "I have the information from the attorney." Anthony Carpenter replied with "The board has the quorum." Peggy Nance responded with "I second the motion to Anthony." Mrs. Little responded with "We cannot do something that is against the policy." Mr. Carpenter stated "The motion has been accepted." Mrs. Cathy Little responded that "...cannot be voted on because it is against the policy.", "I will not honor anything against the policy.", "This is against the policy.", "There is nothing in the language of our policy...that requires the other two positions be vacated.", "Vacancies will be filled by the board.", "We are only allowed to vote for the officers if there is a vacancy." Mr. Anthony Carpenter stated "I want the record to show that the Board Chair denied the motion.", "Mrs. Little behind our backs to the same attorney..". At 6:39 p.m. Neal Patterson, Peggy Nance, and Anthony Carpenter exited the building.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Adjournment was made at 6:40 p.m. due to the meeting falling below quorum. Mrs. Little and Mike Hughes left the building at 6:40 p.m.

Faye Colley  
Recorder

Cathy Little  
Board of Trustees Chair

cbranim May 9, 2023