

BOT Highlights for April 23, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

School Security

The Board approved a plan to authorize CCSD staff to negotiate with local municipalities and law enforcement agencies in an effort to place School Resource Officers (SROs) at every CCSD school (non-charter) as early as the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

CCSD would spend an additional \$1.8 million dollars to make sure an SRO is at every school in the District; CCSD currently spends just over \$700,000 on its current SRO program (which places at least one SRO in each of the District's middle and high schools).

CCSD staff members will be holding discussions with the City of Charleston (Charleston Police Department), the City of North Charleston (North Charleston Police Department), the Town of Mount Pleasant (Mount Pleasant Police Department), Charleston County Government (Charleston County Sheriff's Office), and the Town of Sullivan's Island (Sullivan's Island Police Department).

First Reading of Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget

The Board approved the first reading of the budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The budget requires another reading, which is scheduled for the Board of Trustees Meeting May 21, 2018.

To learn more about the 2018-19 budget, you can view the booklet [here](#) on the District's website.

2010-2016 Capital Building Program (Phase III) Sales Tax Reallocation for Stono Park Elementary School

The Board approved a reallocation of \$2,500,000 to the budget for the new Stono Park Elementary School facility, increasing the proposed cost for the project to \$27,330,983. The additional funding will come from program contingency and project savings accounts.

The most competitive qualified bid for the rebuild of Stono Park came in \$2,500,000 above the original budget. The reallocation is needed in order to ensure the District meets the deadline of opening the facility August 2019. The new Stono Park Elementary will be a two-story facility built for a capacity of 500 students.

2017-2022 Capital Building Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax Reallocation for Edmund A. Burns Elementary School

The Board approved the reallocation of \$2,465,487 to the budget for the new building for Edmunds A. Burns Elementary School, increasing the proposed cost for the project to

\$28,265,487. The additional funding will come from program savings from other projects in Phase IV.

The successful bid for the facility exceeded the original proposed budget by \$2,465,487. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring, and the opening of the school building is scheduled for August 2019. The new Burns Elementary will be a two-story facility built for a capacity of 500 students.

Policy DFAC - Fund Balance

The Board approved the first reading of revisions to Policy DFAC, which are designed to meet the State's requirement to maintain a reserve fund of at least one month of general fund operating expenditures and support a multi-year financial plan. The revisions will also be reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee.

The revisions will allow the District to use the Fund Balance (essentially a savings account) for multiple reasons and for school years in the near future, not just the upcoming school year.

Statement No. 54 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issues rules and regulations on how public agencies use their fund balances; the District would be allowed to secure and maintain investment grade bond ratings, offset significant economic downturn or revenue shortfalls, provide funds for unforeseen emergencies, and set aside financial resources for known obligations.

Special Recognition

South Carolina State Geography Champ

Moultrie Middle School's Sam Henshaw was recognized for winning the 2018 State National Geography Bee earlier this month. He is the first CCSD student in the 30-year history of the event to capture the title. Henshaw will participate in the national tournament next month in Washington, D.C.

2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Medal Portfolio

Malachi Jones, senior at Charleston County School of the Arts, was for earning a Gold Medal Portfolio from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers as part of the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards; he is one of 16 high school seniors in the nation to earn this top honor this year. He will go to Carnegie Hall in New York City in June where he will be presented with his award, and have his work displayed at a conference.

Odyssey of the Mind Champions

Odyssey of the Minds teams from R.B. Stall and West Ashley Middle Advanced Studies Magnet were recognized for taking first place titles at the South Carolina State Odyssey of the Mind competition last month. Both teams are on their way to the World Finals in Iowa next month.

Project Lead The Way Engineering Champions

Two teams from Wando High School were honored for their first place finishes at the Introduction to Engineering Design at the University of South Carolina's (USC) annual Project Lead The Way statewide engineering competition in Columbia, SC. Scholars at Wando also received honorable mention in the 2018 Toshiba/NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) ExploraVision competition).

SeaPerch Regional Champions

Teams from Buist Academy and Charleston Charter School for Math and Science were recognized for winning the overall titles at the 2018 Charleston SeaPerch Regional Challenge. Both teams are going to the International SeaPerch Challenge in June. SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build a Remotely Operated Vehicle comprised from a low-cost kit in an in-school or out-of-school setting.

STEM Education Excellence Award

Laing Middle School was honored for two awards the school received from the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) recently; the Program Excellence Award for 2018, and the Teacher Excellence Award for 2018 (Dr. Mel Goodwin). Members from Laing's staff were honored during a ceremony at ITEEA's 80th Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA earlier this month.

School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) Award Recipient

Recently, Elementary Learning Community Director, Michelle Simmons participated in the School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) sponsored by the State Department. This is a year-long program designed to give veteran principals the insights, knowledge, and competencies to lead South Carolina Schools to success. Each cohort concludes with one principal being awarded the Inez Tenenbaum Leadership Award for their contributions to the learning community. This award is voted on by the principals across the state who participated in SLEI.