

BOT Highlights for May 21, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

FY2019 Budget

The Board of Trustees approved the second reading of the District's FY2019 Budget (2018-2019 school year). Information from the budget can be found [here](#).

Some of the highlights from the FY2019 budget include:

- A Step PLUS 2% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for teachers' salaries = \$8,150,299 (state mandated, yet only partially funded by the state)
- An additional 1.7% increase for teachers' salaries to address the unique needs in Charleston County
- A 7.4% Health Insurance increase = \$1,051,613 (state mandated/district paying for increase, not employee)
- Three-year plan to increase starting base salary for teachers (with Bachelor's Degree only) across the district from \$36,070 to \$40,000; entire salary schedule for teachers will see similar increase
- Increasing the salary structure for math teachers in the District's high poverty schools, including the starting salary to \$45,000 = \$1,400,000
- Expanding Early College High School to grades 9-10 = \$1,145,689
- Adding two Fine Arts FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) for strings, along with travel expenses and equipment repair = \$174,000
- Bus aides for Exceptional Children = \$1,100,000
- Security initiatives (SRO's in every CCSD school, adding staff members dedicated to planning and executing random contraband searches, and adding an emergency planner to the Office of Security and Emergency Management) = \$2,262,465

This budget also pays for initiatives in the coming years, such as Early College High School and the increase to the teacher salary structure (i.e. doesn't just pay for the increase in 2018-19, but the following school year as well).

Policy FF- Naming of Facilities and Policy DJBA (first reading)

The Board passed the first reading of revisions to Policy FF (which governs how the District names facilities), which would allow the District to name athletics facilities and complexes through a competitive bidding process, and would provide the District with additional revenue to be used in the Capital Programs budget. The recommendation would direct staff to provide a recommendation to the Board for approval; the plan would also include how the revenue received would be spent.

The revisions to Policy FF have been submitted along with proposed updates to Policy DJBA, which governs the District's pursuit for "Revenue Enhancing Contracts."

First reading of the policies can be found [here](#).

2018 Laura Brown Funding Distribution

The Board approved the distribution of a total of \$50,000 to up to 90 CCSD students (\$555.56 per person) to assist them in their participation in national competitions (once they have qualified by winning local and state competitions).

The Board of Trustees created the Laura Brown Special Board Fund for this purpose. CCSD students who attend national events serve as role models for the rest of the District, and provide a positive image for the community. The Board of Trustees and the District believe it is important to provide financial support to students in their competitions at the national level, in a broad range of academic and artistic subjects.

2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Capital Maintenance Budget Reallocation

The Board approved the reallocation of savings from several projects totaling \$428,871.58, and applying that funding for two projects (HVAC and building improvements) at W.B. Goodwin Elementary.

The District's Office of Facilities Management is in the process of finishing the tasks assigned under the first year of Phase IV (2017-2022 Capital Program One-Cent Sales Tax Plan) and are receiving bids for the second year. The savings identified from 2017 is being applied to 2018, and the two projects at W.B. Goodwin will be executed under this second year of Phase IV.

Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY19 Budget Reallocation

The Board approved the reallocation of \$500,000 from funds originally assigned for Deer Park Middle School (now determined to be a surplus) to use in the relocation of Septima P. Clark Academy to the W. Gresham Meggett campus for the 2018-2019 school year.

The money will be used to do the following (but not limited to): assess and repair restrooms, doors, electrical systems, HVAC equipment and controls, fencing on the property, food service equipment, security cameras and access controls, and technology to support educational instruction. The District's Office of Facilities Management has also identified the need to paint portions of the interior of the building, replace carpet in the front office, clean up the exterior of the building, and improve ADA ([Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#)) accessibility for both exterior and interior access.

Special Recognition

Mark Cobb/Ron McWhirt Scholarship Recipients

The five students who are receiving the Mark Cobb/Ron McWhirt Scholarship in 2018 were honored: Emily Corley (James Island Charter), Mary Catherine McConnell (Wando), Georgia Peaden (Wando), Kelsey Thomas (Academic Magnet), and Lance Wylder (School of the Arts).

NMSC Corporate-Sponsored Scholarship Winners

The following seven CCSD were recognized for being named 2018 National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarship winners by NMSC:

Academic Magnet High School - Evelyn Bi, (National Merit Citizen Watch Scholarship), Gregg Gardner (National Merit Boeing Scholarship), Alexander Puckhaber (National Merit South Carolina Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center Scholarship), and Jenny Yao (National Merit South Carolina Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center Scholarship)

Charleston County School of the Arts - Findley McCormick Emge (National Merit South Carolina Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center Scholarship)

Wando High School - Annabelle Leone (National Merit South Carolina Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center Scholarship) and Logan Teder (National Merit CACI Scholarship)

To learn more about this honor, please see the linked [media release](#).

Wando AP Micro/Macro Economics Champs

Wando High School students were honored for winning a state competition last month on AP Economics Education; the teams from Wando actually finished first and second in AP Macroeconomics and AP Microeconomics. Under the direction of Social Studies teacher Tamie Betsill, the students competed in the National Economics Challenge this past weekend (May 19-21) in New York City.

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Jenny Yao of Academic Magnet and Ann Webb of Wando were honored for their accomplishment of making the list of semifinalists in the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program; only 630 graduating seniors received this honor this year. Yao was also named one of the 161 finalists (first CCSD student to accomplish that in three years), and is now invited to attend the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. next month.

To learn more about this honor, please read the linked [media release](#).

Optimist International State Oratorical Champ

School of the Arts senior Caleb Smith was honored for win in the Optimist International State Oratorical competition earlier this month. He will travel to St. Louis next month to compete in the Regional and World Championships.

To read more about Smith's accomplishment, please read the linked [media release](#).

SCHSL State Champion Recognitions

CCSD teams, student-athletes, and coaches who South Carolina High School League state championships during the 2017-2018 school year. This the follow list of CCSD SCHSL state champs:

Fall

- Academic Magnet's Colin Baker - SCHSL AA Boys Cross Country
- Wando's Boys Swimming - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship
 - 200m relay (Chase Collier, Cameron Mehta, Johnny Gush, and Ryan Pitts) - SCHSL AAAAA
 - 400m relay (Ryan Pitts, Chase Collier, Piotr Tarala, and Johnny Gush) - SCHSL
 - Johnny Gush - SCHSL AAAAA 100m butterfly
 - Cameron Mehta - SCHSL AAAAA 100m breaststroke
- Wando's Girls Swimming - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship

Winter

- North Charleston's Anthony "Jelly" Wells - SCHSL AA-A Wrestling (126 lbs.)

Spring

- Academic Magnet's Colin Baker - SCHSL AA Boys Track and Field/3200m
- Academic Magnet's Boys Soccer - SCHSL AA Team Championship
- Academic Magnet's Girls Soccer - SCHSL AA Team Championship
- Academic Magnet's Boys Tennis - SCHSL AA Team Championship
- Baptist Hill's 4 x 100m relay (Kayla Bennett, Rosalyn Bryant, Aaliya Brown, and Alana Foster) - SCHSL A Girls Track and Field
- James Island Charter's Zaria Nelson - SCHSL AAAAA Girls Track and Field/Discus and Shot Put
- Military Magnet Academy's 4 x 400m relay (Kelvin Holman, Aubrey Wright, Rashawn Brown, Rashard Smith) - SCHSL A Boys Track and Field
- Military Magnet's Rashard Smith - SCHSL A Boys Track and Field/100m and 200m
- Military Magnet Academy's Augustis Frasier - SCHSL A Boys Track and Field/400m hurdles
- Wando's Boys Lacrosse - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship

- Wando's Boys Soccer - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship (also ranked Number 1 in the country according to USA Today)
- Wando's Boys Track and Field - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship
 - David Kowalchick - SCHSL AAAAA discus
- Wando's Girls Track and Field - SCHSL AAAAA Team Championship
 - Zeniyah Lawrence - SCHSL AAAAA 100m, 200m, and long jump