

Unofficial Recap for April 23, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Members in attendance: Coats, Darby, Garrett, Jeffery, and Miller

Board Members not present: Collins, Hollinshead, Mack, and Staubes

4:00 p.m. Open Session

1) Call to Order

2) Adoption of the Agenda/Approval of Consent Agenda Items - The Board approved the Agenda and Consent Agenda Items 11.A1 (2010-2016 Capital Building Program - Phase III - Sales Tax Budget Reallocation for Stono Park Elementary School), 11.A2 (2017-2022 Capital Program - Phase IV - Sales Tax Budget Reallocation for Burns Elementary School), 11.A3 (School Security), and 11.B1 (Innovative and Elective Courses) by a 5-0 vote. The vote also included removing Item 9.B3 from the agenda entirely.

3) Approval of Minutes

- A. Open Session Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - March 26, 2018 - The Board approved these minutes by a 5-0 vote.
- B. Open Session Minutes - Special Called Meeting - April 16, 2018 - The Board approved these minutes by a 5-0 vote.

4:05 p.m. Executive Session

4) Executive Session

- A. Personnel Matters
 - 1. Annual Renewal of Contracts for 2018-2019 for Certified Educators
 - 2. Recommendation for Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice - Contractual Matters

5:15 p.m. Open Session Reconvened

Board Members in attendance: Coats, Collins, Darby, Garrett, Hollinshead, Jeffery, Mack, Miller, and Staubes

5) Call to Order

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Presentation of Colors by Burke High School's JROTC
- C. National Anthem (performed by one of the members of Burke's JROTC)

6) Consideration of Executive Session Items

- A. Personnel Matters

1. Annual Renewal of Contracts for 2018-2019 for Certified Educators - The Board voted 9-0 to direct the District to renew contracts for certified staff.
2. Recommendation for Chief Financial and Administrative Officer - The Board voted 8-1 (Miller opposed) to approve Don Kennedy as the District's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and to approve the revised job description for the position.

7) Special Recognitions

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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).
- E. 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.
- F. 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.

- G. 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.

8) Visitors/Public Comments

9) Action Items

A. Policy and Personnel Committee

1. Policy DFAC-Fund Balance (first reading) - The Board approved by a 9-0 vote the first reading of proposed changes to Policy DFAC to 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.
2. Policy KB-Parent Involvement in Education (second reading)- The Board approved by a 9-0 vote minor wording changes to this policy so it aligns with the wording in the federal 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The recommended change to the policy is replacing “parent involvement” with “parent and family engagement.”

B. Audit and Finance Committee

1. First Reading of Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget - The Board voted 7-2 (Collins and Miller opposed) to approve the first reading of the budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The first reading is available [here](#).
2. Head Start/Early Head Start 2017-2018 Budget Amendment Application - The Board voted 9-0 to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Budget Amendment Application to allow lapsed salaries to be used to replace outdated playground equipment as funds for the grant period June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
3. General Operating Fund (GOF) Millage Sunset - The Board tabled this item for a future meeting
4. Procurement Exemption-Demographic Services - The Board approved by an 8-0 (Jeffery was not in the room) vote to exempt Davis Demographic from the local competitive bid process. The company is set to do a specific study for the District regarding future student growth in Charleston County. Davis Demographics has already gone through the national competitive bid process; this motion exempts the company ONE

TIME from the local process to ensure the District receives the results in a timely manner.

10) Information Items

- A. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Gerrita Postlewait discussed the challenges the District faces with the state funding formula for public schools district, and how the District is affected by Act 388. Charleston County is the wealthiest county in the state when it comes to property wealth (nearly 14% of the state's property wealth is in Charleston County).
- B. Clemson Diversity and Inclusion Study Update - Lee Gill of Clemson University presented an update about the Board-approved Diversity and Inclusion Study. Gill introduced the group from Clemson, and spoke about the work that goes into the study, including the amount of people from a wide variety of backgrounds they have spoken with. They plan to issue their findings to the Board next month, and to provide the District with a list of recommendations in June.
- C. Financial Report

11) Consent Agenda Items (approved by a 5-0 vote):

- A. Operations Committee
 - 1. 2010-2016 Capital Building Program (Phase III) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation for Stono Park Elementary School - The Board approved the 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.
 - 2. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation for 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.
 - 3. School Security - The Board approved a plan to authorize CCSD staff to negotiate with local municipalities and law enforcements agencies in an effort to place School Resource Officers at every CCSD school (non-charter) as early as the start of the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. Strategic Education Committee
 - 1. Innovative and Elective Courses - The Board approved Innovative Elective courses for middle school, Locally Designed Elective Courses for high school credit, and Locally Designed Career and Technology Education Courses (which will require State Board approval) for high school credit. These courses are available this school year, and will be available next school year as well.

12) Other Business

- A. Policy BDE-Board Committees - The Board spoke about revisions to Policy BDE, which governs the placement of agenda items for Committee of the Whole (COTW) Meetings. A motion was approved by consent to continue the discussion at the May COTW Meeting. The current agenda deadline for COTW is 12:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the meeting; among the proposed revisions would be to extend the deadline to 8:30 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the COTW.
- B. Moving Toward a “Zero Dropout” Community - In the 2018-2019 school year, the District will collaborate with two alternative charter programs - Greg Mathis Charter High School (CCSD charter) and Acceleration Academy (a new State Charter School District program) - to step up efforts to provide pathways for more students to earn high school diplomas. This was provided as information to the Board.
- C. Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School Attendance Zone and Potential Growth - The Board received information focused on enrollment trends for the future Matilda F. Dunston Elementary School (currently Dunston Primary), growth in the area of the schools, and logistics required to expand the campus.

13) Upcoming Meetings

- A. May 7, 2018 - Committee of the Whole Meeting at 75 Calhoun Street
- B. May 21, 2018 - Board of Trustee Regular Meeting at 75 Calhoun Street (including second reading of the budget for the 2018-2019 school year)

14) Adjourn