

December 11, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Recap

Board Members in attendance: Coats, Collins, Darby, Garrett, Hollinshead, Jeffery, Mack, and Miller (Staubes not present)

5:15 p.m. Open Session

1) Call to Order

- Presentation of Colors by the R.B. Stall High School Air Force JROTC
- Moment of Silence
- Charleston Development Academy's Student Choir presented several holiday songs to open the meeting

2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Consent Items - The Board voted 8-0 to adopt the agenda for the December 11, 2017 meeting, and to approve the following two items as part of the Consent Agenda: 8.1A (Policy BEDM - Electronic Participation in Board Meetings - first reading) and 8.1B (Policy JFAB - Non-resident Students - first reading)

3) Approval of Minutes

3.1: The Board approved the following minutes by a vote of 8-0:

A. Open Session Minutes – November 27, 2017

4) Approval of Executive Session Items

4.1: December 11, 2017 Executive Session Agenda Items

1. Student transfer - The Board approved the transfer of student from one school to another by an 8-0 vote.
2. Contractual Review (Diversity Study) - The Board approved by an 8-0 vote to direct the District to move forward on working with Clemson University to create a strategic plan to address diversity within the District.
3. Contractual Matter (Charter Schools) - The Board approved, with two separate 5-3 votes, (Collins, Hollinshead, and Miller opposed in both votes) to direct district staff to send letters of intent to two charter schools that will address contractual matters.
4. Project Funding Reallocations - The Board approved by an 8-0 vote to reallocate funds for current and future land and construction projects.
5. Contractual Matters
 - a. District 4 - The Board received an update on a contract to purchase land in District 4, and then directed the District to finalize the contract with an 8-0 vote.
 - b. District 9 - The Board directed staff to enter into a contract to purchase land (15 acres) by a 5-3 vote (Collins, Garrett, and Hollinshead opposed). The original

vote was 4-4; however, towards the end of the board meeting, Miller asked for clarification on the matter and changed his vote from “No” to “Yes”.

- c. Cellular Equipment Lease - The Board directed the district by a 7-0-1 vote (Collins abstained) to enter into a contract to lease space for cellular equipment. A company will market the District’s properties for potential use by wireless companies. The District would receive payments upfront, as well as recurring payments, if equipment was placed on its properties.
- d. Pending Litigation Discussion - The Board approved a recommendation by an 8-0 to settle a claim.

5) Superintendent’s Report

5.1: Superintendent’s Report - The Superintendent shared several positive updates before going in to her report. For example, she mentioned the two make-up days due to Tropical Storm Irma (November 20 and 21) went well, the sharing of student data dashboards in the parent-teacher conferences was productive, and the fill rate for substitute (since the pay increase) is up to 89% (was in the 75-79% range before the raise).

- a. Strategic Priorities - The Superintendent said the priorities for the District, based on the Strategic Plan, are address to the third grade reading level, recruiting and retaining effective teachers for the classroom, and allocate resources district-wide in an equitable manner.
- b. Principal Presentations at Strategic Education Committee Meeting - Mr. Miller asked if 3-4 principals could start presenting information about how their schools are doing at Board of Trustees meetings.
- c. Scheduling January Workshops - Board’s Strategic Priorities; Superintendent’s Evaluation Goals
- d. Financial Report

6) Visitors/Public Comments

7) Committee Reports

7.1: Strategic Education Committee

- A. Strategic Priorities - The Board voted 7-1 (Miller opposed) to approve the CCSD Strategic Plan. The plan sets the District’s direction for the coming years and is focused around the belief that **students are the heart of our work**. Included in the plan are the district’s mission, vision, values, and commitments as well as eight goal areas and action plans developed in collaboration with district, school, and community stakeholders.
- B. Grade Configuration for Lucy Beckham High School - The Board approved by a 7-1 vote (Garrett opposed) to move a recommendation to the January 22, 2018 board meeting that the future Lucy Beckham High School will opening in August 2020 with only 9 and 10 grades, and that 11 and 12 grades will be phased in.

7.2: Policy & Personnel Committee

- A. Policy IKA-Grading/Assessment Systems (second reading of revision) - The Board approved the second reading of a revision to Policy IKA by an 8-0 vote. The South Carolina State Boards Association asked the district to update the language in the policy for the grading scale, which was revised in July 2017. The language clarifies the adoption of the 10-point scale now in use in South Carolina.

8) Consent Agenda Items

8.1: Consent Agenda Items - approved by the Board's 8-0 vote during the Adoption of the Agenda/Consent Agenda.

- A. Policy BEDM-Electronic Participation in Board Meetings - The Board approved the first reading of a new policy that will set the guidelines for board members' participation in board meetings, especially Executive Session. There is currently no policy that governs Board of Trustees members' involvement in meeting through electronic means.
- B. Policy JFAB - Non-resident Students - The Board approved the first reading of a revision to the policy that describes the District's process that involves students who live outside Charleston County to attend CCSD schools.

9) Other Business

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- A. School Community Task Force - The Board approved the creation (governed by board policy) of a District 23 (Hollywood, Ravenel, Yonges Island, and Edisto Island area) School Community Task Force by an 8-0 vote to explore options to improve academic performance and bring recommendations to the Board for consideration for implementation in the 2018-2019 school year. The recommendation came from Rev. Mack, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Darby, and Mrs. Coats. There was discussion of a creating a task force for District 20 (downtown Charleston) as well, but that will be decided on at a later time.

10) Other Agenda Items

10.1 Upcoming Meetings

- January 8, 2018 - Committee of the Whole Meeting at 75 Calhoun Street
- January 8, 2018 - Workshop to discuss goals and format for superintendent's evaluation, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- January 22, 2018 - Workshop to discuss goals and format for superintendent's Evaluation, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- January 22, 2018 - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

11) Adjournment

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Thank you,