

Unofficial Recap for December 17, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Audit and Finance Committee Members per CCSD Policy BDE - Board Committees

The Board voted to place Todd Garrett and Kate Darby on the Audit & Finance Committee for the next year; Garrett will serve as Chair of the committee.

Executive Session Items

Legal Matter - D2 Rezoning pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(2) - The Board upheld the Constituent District 2 Board's decision and plan for rezoning for Moultrie Middle School.

Contractual Matter - Charter School Contracts pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(2) - The Board approved the contracts presented for charter schools; the contracts are through June 30, 2019.

Magnet Choice Options

The Board approved 10 action items for the District to implement or consider for the school choice application process (starting this year for the 2019-2020 school year):

- Magnet schools with entrance criteria should use outside adjudicators, including teachers from other schools, to avoid the appearance of bias and ensure entrance qualifications, expectations, and rubrics are communicated to all parents and teachers.
- All partial magnet schools with low enrollment and applications should be examined and considered for elimination.
- Paper and hard copy options will be made available as part of the application process and assistance will be provided to parents as needed
- The Choice Fair will be made available for all schools who choose to participate.
- Standard courses will be developed and offered at all middle schools.
- The core curriculum will be strengthened at every school, and during the budget process a recommendation will be made to provide additional support to help prepare students from high-poverty backgrounds for magnet/choice auditions at schools requiring them.
- Consideration will be made to expand to a second campus for schools with entrance criteria and long waiting lists of qualified applicants.
- Practices at all magnet schools will be reviewed and changes made as warranted such as, but not limited to, class size, continuation requirements, and re-auditioning rules.
- Consider the 1998 recommendation from the Harvard study that stated "magnet schools which require a standardized test as part of the admissions process should use a minimum acceptance score which is not greater than the 65th percentile. Accommodating the top third of the students in the school system as eligible for the magnet school enrollment would not harm the admissions process".
- During budget deliberations, consider expanding transportation to include additional magnet/choice schools.

Honors Framework Approval for Marching Band

The Board approved a recommendation that allows the District to offer Marching Band at both the College Preparatory and Honors levels as a course that fulfills the Physical Education requirement.

Ad hoc Transportation Committee

The Board approved the creation of a Transportation Ad hoc Committee that will start meeting in January and last for about one calendar year. Tasks for this committee will include the following: 1) to analyze comparative advantages of district-owned versus privatized transportation system, 2) explore transportation options utilized by districts similar to CCSD and recommend the best course of action for the District for the 2020-2021 school year, 3) If continued privatization is recommended, review RFP from previous bid process and suggest modifications for the 2019 solicitation, and 4) complete Ad hoc committee tasks and bring a recommended course of action regarding CCSD's student transportation system to the full board by June 2019. The committee will be comprised of two Board members, two community members (one each will be appointed by the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively), two parents with students in CCSD schools, one student, three school-based staff members, and two staff members from the Operations Division.

Policies Approved on Second Reading (Final)

Policy JFABCA - Voluntary Transfers for Children of CCSD Employees - The Board approved the second reading of revisions to Policy JFABCA. The changes allow children of employees that do not reside in Charleston County to attend magnet schools/programs if they qualify for attendance at that magnet school or program. The revisions also allow non-employees such as contracted bus drivers, School Resource Officers, and other positions that are affiliated with the District to utilize this provision. The first reading of revisions to this policy was approved during the September Board of Trustees Meeting.

Policy IJNDAA - Distance, Online and Virtual Education - The Board approved the second reading of revisions to this policy which governs the structure for providing online (or other technology-delivered) courses to students. The revisions include an assurance that programs offered through these methods will be consistent with District and State standards, and establishes a committee that will review the materials used in these courses.

Policy IKADD - Content and Credit Recovery - The Board approved the second reading of this new policy which establishes a structure for content and credit recovery programs for students. A content recovery program allows a student to make-up coursework during the current school year, and a credit recovery program allows a student to earn credit for a class in which they were unsuccessful (the grade won't change, but the completion of the program will allow them to earn credit). The policy states school administrators will work with District staff members to identify students who should use these programs, and that a committee will be established to review the materials used for these programs. Once this item passes second reading, an administrative rule will be created and attached to the policy.

Policies Approved on First Reading (Requiring more discussion and another vote)

Policy JFABC - Student Transfers - The Board voted approved revisions to this policy that governs the student transfer process in the District. The motion also required the revision must be brought back to the Committee of the Whole in January before going forward to the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting later that month.

Policy BDE - Board Committees - No action taken; moved to January's Board of Trustees Meeting agenda.

Policy GCCAAA - Donation of Paid Sick Leave - The Board approve the first reading of revisions to Policy GCCAAA; the changes include language that advises sick leave can be donated to an employee, as defined by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which includes prenatal care and incapacity related to pregnancy and recovery from childbirth.

Policy AC - Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity - The Board approved the first reading of revisions to Policy AC. The policy has been updated to include language related to the Pregnancy Accommodation Act as suggested by the South Carolina School Board Association. The policy revision advises the District to not discriminate against an individual based on all protected categories, including pregnancy, childbirth, or any related medical conditions as it relates to sex. Additionally, specific federal laws have been added to the policy.

INFORMATION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

Board Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Rev. Dr. Eric Mack discussed several matters in his remarks to those in attendance at the meeting: 1) he has discussed having a Parliamentarian with the Superintendent and District legal counsel for Board meetings, 2) the need for members to do board training, 3) Board member Chris Collins accepted a position on the Head Start committee, replacing Michael Miller (who is resigning following his election as the Register of Deeds for Charleston County), 4) he recommended Board members go through REI Racial Equity and Inclusion training in January, 5) discussed the Coffee with Board Members event on January 28, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Panera Bread in West Ashley 5) asked Board member Priscilla Jeffery to provide a brief recap of the SCSBA (South Carolina School Boards Association) meeting in Charleston earlier this month, and 6) read Board member Michael Miller's resignation letter (Mr. Miller was honored for his service on the Board and then he addressed those in attendance with a farewell speech).

Special Recognition - Wando Band Honored

Members of the Wando High School Marching Band were honored by the Board for the organization's 6th place finish in the 2018 Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis October 27, 2018. It is the best finish ever by Wando in this event. The District also presented the Wando Band with a proclamation from the Board.

Superintendent's Report - Two-Year Action Plan for Board/District Goals - Draft 1

Chief Operating Officer Jeff Borowy, speaking on behalf of Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait, delivered the Superintendent's Report, and listed five items that are part of the Board-approved goals for the next two years: 1) specifically address middle schools so they are staffed and supported to meet the needs of students, and engage all those who can provide input (students, educators, and community members), 2) address the PreK-12 feeder patterns for Districts 4, 9, 10, 20, and 23, 3) staff schools have that have traditionally performed at a low level with strong leaders, and provide those leaders with the support needed to accomplish academic improvement, 4) improve discipline in schools, and 5) seek out successful education programs outside the district (state or national) that have a track record of impacting achievement in low performing schools.