

## **Unofficial Recap for January 28, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting (at Burke High School)**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Waiver of Policy IHBHB - Magnet Schools and Programs - Timeline**

The Board of Trustees voted (through the Consent Agenda) to waive the public notification timeline for the application process (established in Policy IHBHB); the policy currently requires the Superintendent to notify the public at least one month in advance of the school choice application process opening up. For the 2019-2020 school choice application process ONLY, the District asked for a two-week gap between the notification of the public and the opening of the process.

Regarding the changes and recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees on December 17, 2018, to the school choice application process, the only change being incorporated into this year's process is the re-introduction of paper applications, and with that, a more centralized support system from the District for the schools in the collection and processing of the applications.

The rest of the recommendations, which will require more time to vet thoroughly and incorporate in the coming years, are outlined in the December 17, 2018, [Unofficial Board Recap](#).

#### **Executive Session Items**

***Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(1)*** - The Board voted to overturn the Constituent District 23 Board's decision and refer the student to their home school IEP team.

#### **Other Business - Board Travel Request**

The Board approved a travel request for four Board members (Chair Rev. Dr. Eric Mack, Cindy Bohn Coats, Chris Collins, and Kevin Hollinshead) to attend the 2019 National School Boards Association Conference and Exposition March 29 - April 1 in Philadelphia, PA.

This item was approved as a Consent Agenda Item.

#### **Policies Approved on Second Reading (Final)**

***Policy GCCAAA - Donation of Paid Sick Leave*** - The Board approved (through the Consent Agenda) the second 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 (through the Consent Agenda) the second 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 MEETING)**

### **Board Chair's Remarks**

Board Chair Rev. Dr. Eric Mack discussed several matters:

- 1) Effective governance - Dr. A.J. Crabill will conduct phone interviews with Board members, focusing on board governance. Following the interviews, Dr. Crabill will lead a two-day training session to address the Board's vision, governing practices, monthly accountability and goals, communication and collaboration, and unity and trust. The Board is looking at April 26-27, 2019 for the training dates.
- 2) Legislative Priorities - The South Carolina School Board Association's (SCSBA) legislative priorities for 2019 are supporting educator pay raises, revising the state's public school funding structure, advocating for a reduction in the paperwork and reporting requirement for teachers, advocating for the removal of the salary cap for retired teachers, and allowing districts more flexibility for developing academic calendars.
- 3) "Now is the Time" - SCSBA and Dorchester School District Two are sponsoring a community event for Board members from Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, DD2, DD4, and Jasper to address the current state of education in the area and South Carolina. "Now is the Time" is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Charleston Southern University's Lightsey Chapel.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dr. Gerrita Postlewait addressed the following topics in her report to the Board:

- 1) Academic Calendar Drafts - The current drafts for the 2019-2020 school year were shared with the Board as information only; the updated versions will be shared with the Board at the Committee of the Whole Meeting February 11, 2019, for discussion.
- 2) Mid-Year Goals - Dr. Postlewait is working on setting up meetings with individual Board members or small groups of Board members, and will bring specific goals and ideas to the Board on February 11. She wants to incorporate information from the Charleston Shared Future project.
- 3) Other items - Dr. Postlewait reported that District staff members will be working with community groups from throughout the county to receive input as it relates to the Board's goals for improving the educational opportunities and outcomes for all students in the District.

## **INFORMATION/PRESENTATION ITEMS (BOARD MEETING)**

### **Special Recognition**

#### ***Board Member Appreciation***

The nine current CCSD Board of Trustees members were recognized as part of the South Carolina School Boards Association's School Board Recognition Month.

#### ***CCSD Spelling Bee Winner***

Ranitha Kumarasinghe (7th grader at Orange Grove Charter) was honored for winning the [2019 CCSD Spelling Bee](#) January 17, 2019. He, along with 17 more CCSD students, will compete in the 2019 Post and Courier Spellbound! Spelling Bee at Charleston Southern University in March. Kumarasinghe is actually the defending champ of Spellbound!; he won last year's event and participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. last May.

#### ***District Leader Recognition***

CCSD Chief Human Resources Officer Bill Briggman was honored for being named the 2018-2019 SC Personnel Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

Read more about his honor [here](#).

### **Youth Address**

Before the Charleston Shared Future Project presentation, Ke'Von Singleton, a senior at First Baptist School, spoke to a crowd of approximately 600 people. He focused on the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his personal life, and he encouraged the crowd to keep working for a better education for all children in Charleston County. Singleton, who attended Pepperhill Elementary, received a standing ovation following his speech.

### **Shared Future Project Presentation**

Representatives from Reos Partners and 30 representatives from the Charleston area community (educators, students, CCSD staff, parents, community members, business leaders, and faith leaders) spoke about the Charleston Shared Future Project. This group worked for the past several months to develop four scenarios about the future of education in Charleston County.

To learn more about the Charleston Shared Future Project, click on this [link](#).