

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Board Meeting
September 26, 2016
75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401
Minutes

A meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 26, 2016, in the board room at 75 Calhoun Street.

The following CCSD board members were present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes – Vice Chair, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles was absent.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mr. John Cobb, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Valerie Harrison, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Andrew Pruitt, Mrs. Mary Runyon, Mr. Glenn Stiegman, and Mrs. Michele English-Watson and Mr. Joseph Williams.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to go into Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:20 p.m.

I.	1.1:	Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson
	1.2:	Personnel Matters
	1.3:	Voluntary Transfer Appeals
II.	CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Coats called the September 26, 2016 meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.	
III.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS Mrs. Coats noted the following: 1. Agenda Item #9.4B - Audit & Finance Charter revisions have been shared with the board. 2. Agenda Item #9.2B – the words “at Garden Street Campus” were inserted. Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the September 26, 2016 agenda and consent agenda items listed below (agenda items 9.1A-9.4B). The vote was 8-0.	
IV.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
	4.1:	A. Open Session Minutes – Board Meeting – August 22, 2016 Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes, including financial impact statement. The vote was 8-0.
	4.2:	Approval of Executive Session Items
	1.1:	Legal Update General Counsel briefed the board on legal matters. No action was taken.

		<p>1.2: Personnel Matters Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to change the title of the Executive Director of Human Resources to Chief Director of Human Resources with no salary impact. The vote was 7-0-1 (Collins abstained).</p>
		<p>1.3: Voluntary Transfer Appeals Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve transfer request #121 and #122 for direct placement. The vote was 7-1 (Miller opposed).</p>
V.	Special Recognitions	
	5.1:	<p>The board recognized the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. CCSD's Nurse of the Year – Ms. Marjorie Bailey of Moultrie Middle school was honored for her accomplishment. B. Presidential Award for Excellence – Ms. Rebecca Strong, a teacher at Cario Middle school, was recognized for receiving this prestigious award. C. Jump Rope for Heart Awards – Individuals from Jennie Moore ES, Drayton Hall ES, St. Andrews School of Math & Science ES, and Montessori Community School were recognized for their accomplishments. D. Superintendent Character Counts Award – Recognition for Moultrie MS Student – Adam Lipsky, an eighth grade student, was recognized for his brave response to help a crossing guard that was hit by a car.
VI.	VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS	
VII.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Superintendent of Schools	
	7.1:	<p>September Updates</p> <p>A. Financial Report – Mr. Glenn Stiegman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stiegman presented information regarding the shift in millage from the debt service fund to operations. The increase in the local funding base would not prompt an increase in taxes, but save approximately \$50 for the average home priced at \$200,000. <p>B. ACT Results – Dr. Laura Donnelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laura Donnelly, CCSD Director of Assessment and Evaluation presented ACT results for the district's 2016 graduating class and the Class of 2017 (the students that took the test as juniors last school year). • Average ACT scores in CCSD are higher than statewide averages in every subtest and the overall composite, both among the graduating class of 2016 and the students who tested as 11th graders in 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The percent of CCSD students scoring at or above ACT's college-readiness benchmarks is higher than found statewide in each of the four subject areas as well as in terms of students meeting all four benchmarks. • Dr. Valerie Harrison, Interim Chief Academic Officer, presented information on the implications of the results and possible actions to improve scores. She pointed out that students who take courses and classes that prepare them for college and for taking the ACT test better than students that do not take the college preparatory classes. <p>C. CCSD System of Quality Assurance (Local Accountability)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Charleston County School Board recently approved accountability measures focused on continually increasing the numbers of students who are graduated ready to enter career training programs, Trident Technical College, and four-year colleges. • CCSD will report twice a year where students are with respect to career and college readiness. <p>D. Other</p>

VIII.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S)	
Audit & Finance Committee		
	8.1:	Revised 2016-2017 Budget – Mr. Glenn Stiegman Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Ms. Darby, to approve the Revised 2016-2017 General Operating Fund budget. The vote was 8-0.
Policy & Personnel Committee		
	8.2:	Update – Board Governance Process
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS		
During the ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS , Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the September 26, 2016 agenda and consent agenda items listed below (agenda items 9.1A-9.4B). The vote was 8-0.		
IX. Strategic Education Committee	9.1:	A. Voluntary Student Transfer Appeals The board approved two Voluntary Student Transfer Appeals for direct placement.
Strategic Education Committee		B. Home School Applications – Dr. Valerie Harrison The board approved Home School Applications.
Operations Committee	9.2:	A. Lincoln Middle School Design – Mr. Jeff Borowy The board approved the recommendation to prepare the advanced design for Lincoln Middle School and the advanced design for Lincoln High School at the same time, since \$200,000 is available from the FY17 Fixed Cost of Operations funds for the Middle School.
Operations Committee		B. Stono Park Elementary School – Mr. Jeff Borowy The board approved the recommendation to construct a new 500 student Stono Park Elementary School at the Garden Street campus with a \$24.8M budget contingent upon attendance zone of 667 students with no reduction in the number of students in Oakland and Springfield attendance zones; and \$1.3M for the D4 bus lot project.
Policy and Personnel Committee	9.3:	Policy IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems – Dr. Valerie Harrison The board approved the first reading of revisions to Policy IKA to include language specific to the recent changes to the Statewide uniform grading scale.
Audit & Finance Committee	9.4:	A. FY2017-2018 Budget Calendar – Mr. Glenn Stiegman The board approved the FY2017-2018 Budget Calendar.
Audit & Finance Committee		B. Audit & Finance Committee Charter – Mr. Glenn Stiegman The board approved the Audit & Finance Committee Charter.
X.	Upcoming Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting 	
XI.	Adjournment Before adjourning at 7:33 p.m. Mrs. Coats spoke about a potential request for the City of Charleston to participate in a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for West Ashley. She asked the board for permission to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee. Then she appointed Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, and Mr. Tom Ducker to the West Ashley TIF Ad Hoc Committee. The board agreed by consensus.	