

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street. The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes – Vice Chair, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Rev. Chris Collins and Michael Miller were absent.

Staff members: Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Dr. Lynda Davis, Mr. John Emerson, Mr. Ron Kramps, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mrs. Patsy Pye, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Taylor, and Dr. James Winbush were also present.

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

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to go into Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 p.m.
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1.1: Legal Updates – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel -Pending Cases

1.2: Staffing Changes – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

1.3: Audit of 2014-2015 Budget – Ms. Cathleen Milne
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OPEN SESSION 5:15 p.m.

II.	CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Then she called for a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
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III.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to adopt the October 26, 2015 agenda. The vote was 7-0.
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IV.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS
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4.1:	A. Open Session Minutes of October 12, 2015 Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the open session minutes of October 12, 2015 with the amendments shown below. The vote was 7-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The October 12, 2015 minutes should be revised to include the word "forensic" in the motion approving the audit (agenda item 8.1G – Audit Request).</i> • <i>Agenda item 10.1B should say the October make up day is November 3, 2015.</i>
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4.2:	Executive Session Action Items of October 26, 2015 The Board took action on the following executive session action items of October 26, 2015.
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	1.1: Legal Updates – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel -Pending Cases The Board did not receive legal updates in Executive Session. No action was taken
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	1.2: Staffing Changes – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait The Board discussed staffing changes. No action was taken.
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		<p>1.3: Audit of 2014-2015 Budget – Ms. Cathleen Milne Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, for the Board to authorize staff to issue an RFP for forensic audit; the agreed upon scope of audit services for the 2014-2015 budget will be defined by the members of the A&F Committee at the A&F meeting on Wednesday, October 28th. The vote was 6-0-1 (Mack abstained).</p>
V.	<p>VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Harry Walker addressed the board in support of the Voyager Charter request for temporary space at St. Andrews Middle School. 2. Mr. Joseph Bower suggested the Board consider adding a citizen to serve on the Transportation Committee to better serve the entire county. He also suggested constituent, charter school, and magnet school representatives serve on the Transportation Committee. 3. Ms. Pat Cline thanked the Board and staff for the recent planning of the District 9 Fall Festival. Also, she thanked staff for repair work that has been done at Angel Oak and mentioned a roof leak in the conference room. 4. Ms. Megan Fink addressed the board in support of the request to allow Carolina Voyager to utilize temporary space at St. Andrews Middle School. 5. Ms. Stephanie Robinson addressed the board in support of the request to allow Carolina Voyager to utilize temporary space at St. Andrews Middle School. 6. Ms. Judith Peterson addressed the Board about the magnet/choice school timeline recommendation on tonight's agenda. 	
VI.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Superintendent of Schools</p>	
	6.1:	<p>A. Superintendent's 90-Day Entry Plan Review The superintendent reviewed progress to date against the twenty deliverables that were established in the 90-Day Entry Plan.</p> <p>Dr. Postlewait asked the board for input on her 90 Day Entry Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Darby said the superintendent is doing a phenomenal job. She went on to say she received emails from teachers who said Dr. Postlewait is really listening. Mrs. Darby suggested working toward having a productive relationship between the board and superintendent to reach the Level-Five Leadership mentioned in the <i>Good to Great and the Social Sectors</i> book that was recently reviewed by the board. Mr. Garrett agreed with Mrs. Darby. • Mr. Ducker, Mr. Staubes and Mr. Wiles said they were pleased with the work the superintendent has done thus far. <p>The superintendent will bring plan for the next 90 days to the Board on November 9th.</p> <p>Dr. Postlewait recognized district staff members present and said it's a team effort.</p>
		<p>B. DRAFT Annual Board Calendar The Board received the Draft Annual Board Calendar as information.</p> <p>Dr. Postlewait asked the board to review the calendar. She plans to review the annual calendar with the board on November 9th.</p> <p>Mr. Ducker inquired about revisions discussed at the October 20, 2015 Board Workshop about meetings with Constituent Board members and quarterly updates to receive data from staff. Dr. Postlewait said after the November Committee of the Whole meeting she would review the calendar with the Board and Committee Chairs.</p>
		<p>C. Updates The Board received updates in Executive Session. However, no action was taken.</p>
VII.	<p>COMMITTEE REPORT(S)</p>	
	7.1:	<p>Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Todd Garrett</p>
		<p>A. Zero Based Budgeting Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the timeline for Zero-Based Budgeting for implementation in specific areas of the District in FY2017. Prior to implementation, the areas and</p>

		processes would come before the board for approval in March 2016. The vote was 7-0.
		<p>B. Naming of Charter School for Voyager Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the recommendation, subject to being able to meet all building code, safety and occupancy requirements that Voyager Charter be provided the opportunity to enter into a mutually acceptable Building Use and Facility Rental Agreement as an occupant of a part of the former St. Andrews Middle School and Campus for three years; 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. The vote was 7-0.</p> <p>Mr. Ducker stated for the record that other charter schools, Charleston Developmental Academy, PACE, and Gregg Mathis, are also looking for space. Letters from these schools were given to the board at the October 20, 2015 Board Work Session.</p>
		<p>C. Funding Request for Expanded Learning Pilot Sites No action was taken since the funding request was withdrawn.</p>
	7.2:	Strategic Education Committee – Rev. Chris Collins
		<p>A. Magnet/Choice Schools – Mrs. Mary Runyon Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve items A-L outlined in the board agenda packet with the understanding that the work identified in Phase II will be brought back to the board for discussion at a later date. The vote was 7-0.</p> <p>Mrs. Runyon announced that a Choice Fair will be held at West Ashley High School on January 9, 2016. Having the fair at West Ashley High would allow more space for increased attendance. CCSD Technology Staff members will be on hand to support parents wishing to submit applications at the time.</p>
VIII.	TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE – Mr. Michael Miller	
	8.1:	<p>A. Transportation Ad Hoc Committee to form a Transportation Standing Committee – Mr. Michael Miller Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles, to approve the recommendation to create a charter for a Standing Transportation Committee. The charter is to be brought to the Board for approval no later than December 14, 2015. The vote was 7-0.</p> <p>Mr. Ducker suggested oversight committee members, mentioned earlier by Mr. Bowers, also be considered.</p>
IX.	POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	
	9.1:	<p>A. Financial Minutes of October 12, 2015 Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the financial minutes of October 12, 2015. The vote was 5-0-2. (Darby and Garrett abstained).</p>
X.	CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE (CAE) UPDATE	
	10.1:	<p>Student Achievement Results – Dr. Laura Donnelly, Mrs. Kristen Brittingham, and Mrs. Lauren McCauley The Board received information on student achievement. The information is included in the agenda package.</p> <p><i>Questions:</i> Rev. Mack asked what measures would be implemented to close the gap of all ethnicities. Ms. Bossard spoke about the development of the continuum of learning and development of the indicators for readiness that would be used to determine which 3rd graders would be ready for college. Ms.</p>

		<p><i>Brossard said more formative assessments may need to be done earlier to identify the problem beforehand. Using curriculum maps would allow students to have a lot of practice.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Staubes spoke about their (Mrs. Darby and Rev. Mack) visit to the Meeting St. Academy at Brentwood. He suggested the district replicate what they are doing. Ms. Brossard said staff is currently examining research-based evidence. The Read-to-Succeed meeting is only looking at research-based evidence to see what is working. She plans to bring the continuum information to the board in March.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Postlewait said changes are being made now. The goal is that every child will be in an environment where he/she is achieving. Evidence-based practices are not in place. The plan is to bring the brutal facts and solutions at every meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Garret thanked staff for the analysis provided. He said the board did not receive this level of information last year. He also asked that information be simplified to focus on the resources.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Ducker said he and Mr. Miller have been asking what could be done at Burns for years. He looks forward to learning about the plan to correct Burns.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Coats said she didn't expect a drop in percentages next year.</i></p>
	<p>10.2:</p>	<p>Personalized Learning Progress Report – Mrs. Kristen Brittingham The Board received a progress report on Personalized Learning. The information is included in the agenda package.</p> <p><i>Questions:</i> <i>Mr. Ducker said this is a win-win for CCSD. Then he asked if personalized learning should be done across the district and the cost. Ms. Brittingham said the restructuring the district and working with resources available should be considered first. Dr. Postlewait added that the plan was too complicated, given the current budget issues.</i></p>
<p>XI.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
	<p>11.1:</p>	<p>Payroll/HR Audit The recommendation from four board members (Coats, Darby, Ducker, and Wiles) for the Payroll/HR audit was pulled.</p>
	<p>11.2:</p>	<p>Appointment of Board Representative to the District Procurement Review Panel Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles, to appoint Mr. Tom Ducker to serve on the District Procurement Review Panel. The vote was 7-0.</p>
<p>XII.</p>	<p>WRAP-UP COMMENTS The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by consensus.</p>	