

The Charleston County School District Board of Trustees participated in a Special Called Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016, 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, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Tripp Wiles, and Mrs. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary were present. Rev. Eric Mack participated telephonically. Rev. Chris Collins arrived at 3:00 p.m.

The Audit & Finance Community Members: Joe Grech, Bret Johnson and Susan Leadem were also present.

Staff members: Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mrs. Sandy Brossard, Dr. Lynda Davis, Dr. Valerie Harrison, Mrs. Anita Huggins, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Ms. Cathy Milne, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Mary Runyon, Mr. Glenn Steigman, Mrs. Erica Taylor and Mrs. Ruth Taylor.

News media was notified. However, no news media representatives were present.

OPEN SESSION
1:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m. Then she called for a motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to adopt the March 14, 2016 agenda. The vote was 7-0. Mr. Miller was out of the room and Rev. Collins had not arrived.

II. 2.1: Overview of FY 2016-2017 Budget Status

The board received an overview of the FY 2016-2017 budget status. No action was taken.

Dr. Postlewait shared written statements prepared by staff in relations to the 2016-2017 budget status. Then she provided an overview of the shortfall discovered last fall when an error was discovered resulting in a declined fund balance.

Then, Mr. Steigman presented a slide on the Budget Process & Timeline and said the vote today on the allocation formulae was an important issue for today's meeting.

2.2: Approve FY 2016-2017 Staffing Allocation Formulae

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby to approve a recommendation to approve the FY 2016-2017 Staffing Allocation Formulae. The vote was 7-1 (Miller opposed).

2.3: Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School Request to Raise Funds – Mr. Jeff Borowy (Coats, Ducker, Staubes and Wiles)

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to a recommendation to approve a fundraising effort for the design and renovation of the Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School gym, subject to the district's facilities construction and use policy. The vote was 8-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Approximately 3:30 p.m.

III. 3.1: A. Forensic Audit

Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker to convene in Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the findings of the Forensic Audit. The vote was 9-0.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

IV. 4.1: Vote on Executive Session Items

The board reconvened in Open Session at 4:51 p.m. At that time, the forensic auditors provided a brief overview of their findings.

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett to accept the Forensic Audit as information. The vote was 8-0 (Miller abstained).

Mr. Ducker stated for the record that the Forensic Audit was for the period of July 2012 – June 2015.

V. 5.1: The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. by consensus.