

OPEN SESSION

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Coats called the AIM Charter School Public Hearing to order at 10:40 a.m.

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, Mr. Michael Miller, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Rev. Eric Mack and Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles were absent.

**II. 2.1: AIM Charter School Application Public Hearing**

Mr. Ducker began by advising the board that he had been in contact with an AIM Charter School representative and learned that they had not been provided a copy of the rubric provided to board members. He asked that AIM be provided a copy. He moved that from this point on, applicants from charter schools be provided a copy of the rubric provided to the board. Mr. Ducker offered to recuse himself from the hearing if anyone saw this as appropriate. Ms. Coats said the change Mr. Ducker had requested should be handled through a policy change addressed at the next board meeting. She said she didn't think the rubric request required a board vote. Ms. Coats inquired of the AIM representative whether he had the rubric. He responded yes. She asked whether he would like some time to review the rubric. He responded he wanted to move forward with the school's presentation. Mr. Chris Staubes asked whether the rubric is something charter schools would normally receive. Mr. John Emerson responded that no rule required the district to provide a copy of the rubric to charter schools. He said the document was used internally.

Dr. Gerrita Postlewait said the charter school would have twenty (20) minutes to present their information to the Board. The board would then have ten (10) minutes to ask questions of the charter school. The District would then be given twenty (20) minutes to make their presentation.

Mr. Mark Roberts, AIM Charter School's Program Director, asked the members of the charter's board to introduce themselves. He provided a copy of a Powerpoint that he discussed. Mr. Roberts concluded his presentation within the twenty minutes allowed.

Mr. John Emerson presented on behalf of the district. He discussed the law related to charter schools. Dr. Valerie Harrison and Mr. Glenn Stiegman were on hand to discuss specific concerns related to AIM's application. Dr. Harrison briefly discussed the academic concerns of the district. Mr. Stiegman discussed the financial concerns of AIM's application. The board asked Mr. Stiegman to respond to finance related questions. The board also asked questions of the AIM Charter officials. During the questioning of AIM Charter, Mr. Bill Moser with Kelly Moser Consultants responded to some of the financial concerns. Ms. Mary Carmichael of the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina, spoke on behalf of the charter school. She said some of the concerns noted were subjective. She said that if AIM knew there were so many concerns, they would have reached out to the district for assistance.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett to convene in Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. to discuss the AIM Charter application.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### III. 3.1: **AIM Charter School Application**

The board discussed the AIM Charter School application.

## RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

### IV. 4.1: **AIM Charter School Application - Decision**

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:19 p.m.

Ms. Kate Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Todd Garrett, to decline the application and ask staff to draft an order. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 7-0 (Wiles and Mack absent).