

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday September 14, 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, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Tom Ducker, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Todd Garrett was absent.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Mr. John McCarron, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mrs. Erica Taylor, and Mrs. Ruth Taylor were also in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:30 p.m.

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

1.1: Legal Updates – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

-Pending Cases

1.2: Military Magnet Athletic Field – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

1.3: Frozen IT Positions – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

1.4: Student Transfer Appeals

OPEN SESSION

5:15 p.m.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:31pm with seven members present. Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Then she called for a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to adopt the September 14, 2015 agenda. The vote was 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

4.1: A. Open Session Minutes of August 19, 2015

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the open session minutes of August 19, 2015. The vote was 7-0.

B. Open Session Minutes of August 24, 2015

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the open session minutes of August 24, 2015. The vote was 6-1-0 (Wiles abstained).

4.2: Executive Session Action Items of September 14, 2015

The Board voted on the following Executive Session items:

1.1: Legal Updates – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

-Pending Cases

The Board received legal updates. However, no action was taken.

1.2: Military Magnet Athletic Field – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate

and enter a contract with Rosenblum-Coe Architects to provide design and engineering services for the Military Magnet Academy Athletic Field, in the amount of \$350,000.00. The vote was 7-0.

1.3: Frozen IT Positions – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation for the posting and hiring of nine (9) budgeted Information Technology staff vacancies. The vote was 7-0.

NOTE: Rev. Collins was not in the room, therefore, he did not vote on items voted on earlier during the meeting.

1.4: Student Transfer Appeals

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve student transfer appeals as follows: The vote was 6-2 (Ducker and Miller opposed).

4.3: A. Financial Minutes of August 19, 2015

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the recommendation to approve the financial minutes of August 19, 2015. The vote was 8-0.

B. Financial Minutes of August 24, 2015

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to approve the financial minutes of August 24, 2014. The vote was 8-0.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications

VI VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Dr. Harry Walker, a representative of Carolina Voyager, addressed the board about temporary classroom space in CCSD schools for a period of two years.
2. Mr. Joseph Bowers, a District 1 Constituent Board Member, shared concerns about Board Policy GCF. He said during first reading it was determined that input would be solicited from Constituent Boards. Since this did constituent input wasn't receive, he requested the tabling the policy for a month until input is received from constituent board members.
3. Mr. Tony Lewis, a District 20 Constituent Board member, expressed concerns about Stoney Field.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Superintendent of Schools

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

8.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Todd Garrett

A. Audit and Finance Committee Update – Mr. Todd Garrett

B. Head Start/Early Head Start Financials – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start financial report for June 1 – June 30, 2015. The vote was 8-0.

C. Head Start/Early Head Start Financials – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start financial report for July 1 – July 31, 2015. The vote was 8-0.

D. Transfer of Former Baxter Patrick Property – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve recommendation to authorize the transfer of the former Baxter Patrick property to Charleston County for the James Island Library. The vote was 8-

0.

E. 8% Bond Resolution – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief Finance, Operations & Capital Programs Officer

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to approve the 8% Bond Resolution in an amount not to exceed seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 of Charleston County School District, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceed shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto. The vote was 8-0.

8.2: Policy & Personnel Committee – Mr. Tripp Wiles

A. Policy Committee Update - Mr. Tripp Wiles

Mr. Wiles announce that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 11am.

B. Second Reading - Policy JIH – Student Searches, Interrogations & Arrests

Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Darby, to approve the second reading of policy JIH with the superintendent's amendment of the policy language about administration's documentation of good faith effort, except in incidences of imminent danger; in that case, follow up must be done after the fact. The vote was 5-2 (Collins and Miller opposed).

C. Second Reading – Policy BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics

Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the second reading of policy BCA to only approve the portion highlighted in yellow referencing the act of consolidation. The vote was 8-0.

D. Second Reading – Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring

Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation the second reading of policy GCF with an amendment that says at least three candidates should be recommended the superintendent for a final interview. The vote was 8-0.

8.3: Strategic Education Committee – Rev. Chris Collins

A. Strategic Education Committee Update – Rev. Chris Collins

8.4: Other Committee Reports

IX. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

X. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

XI. CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE (CAE) UPDATE

11.1 2015 Goals – First Draft

The Board received a presentation on 2015 Goals. Mrs. Coats announced that a recommendation would come to the Board for approval on Sept. 28th.

Dr. Postlewait suggested the board consider having a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss in details items they have concerns about so future board meetings could be more fruitful.

She shared her Smart Plan and said the district would know its successful when goals are met. Then she shared highlights from the standards and goals. She asked the board to read through the goals and provide a list their top 5-10 priorities. Principals were also asked to do the same thing. Also, a meeting will be scheduled with teachers to review the same. This would help create the next Strategic Plan for the next five years. A document would be created to define a "stop gap" method. This would allow staff to regularly measure success. Goals from staff and the board would be presented in a workshop setting. This would guide the district's work given the fact that there isn't a strategic plan this year. She requested the board provide the information this year.

Mrs. Darby asked about #5, standard 2. Dr. Postlewait spoke about leadership endorsements. Then she said Ed Leadership that is being used does not meet the needs. She is looking at working with a

local institution to develop a program with components used in master leadership. If this proves valuable enough, funds could be added to the pay scale.

XII. WRAP UP COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Coat spoke about South Carolina School Board Legislative Advocacy Conference identifying Rev. Mack and Mrs. Darby would be the delegates. Rev. Mack would have 8 votes and Mrs. Darby would have 7 votes.
2. Dr. Ducker asked that the Head Start Financials be listed in the Potential Consent Agenda item section in the future. Mrs. Coats said it was her intent to utilize the Potential Consent Agenda more in the future. However, agenda items would still go through the committee as it has in the past.
3. Rev. Mack asked staff from the Office of Communications to share details about the District 9 Festival. Claire Wilson said the intent of the festival is to bring the community together so they could see what is going on in District 9 schools. There would be presentations with a mocked learning classroom to show personalized learning. This is an ongoing marketing strategy that Ms. Taylor is working with Mr. Eric Mack to plan this event on Saturday Oct 3rd – 11am – 3pm.

At 7:12pm, Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.