

Board Meeting Recap

This publication is prepared by the CCSD Office of Strategy and Communications as an unofficial recap of actions taken at the most recent meeting of the CCSD Board of Trustees. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the Board's next meeting and posted as the official record.

Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting: December 14, 2020

THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE:

Two-hour early release on Friday, Dec. 18:

The Board voted to approve a two-hour early release on Friday, December 18 for all students and staff.

Board committee assignments:

The Board voted to name Dr. Kristen French as the Committee Liaison for the Policy and Personnel Committee, replacing Dr. Helen Frazier who will replace Dr. French on the ad hoc committee for the Superintendent's evaluation.

New school name:

The Board voted to approve the naming committee's recommendation for the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies opening in fall 2021 (which will be the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies).

Policy on service animals:

The Board voted to approve the first reading of an update to Policy IMG - Service Animals to require "medical" documentation of an individual's disability related to the need for a service animal. The current policy does not include the term "medical." A second reading must be approved for the update to become official.

Board to hold priorities' workshop:

The Board voted to expand the January 11 Committee of the Whole meeting to hold a facilitated two-hour workshop to build common ground toward priority goals for the next two years .

2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) sales tax – capital maintenance budget reallocation:

The Board voted to approve the reallocation of \$196,731.63 from savings accumulated from Facilities Management projects to cover design costs for an HVAC project at Morningside Middle School.

2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) sales tax budget reallocation:

The Board approved the reallocation of \$4,085,000 in savings from recently completed projects (C.E Williams Middle School South Campus, Camp Road Middle School, Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies, and District 4 Regional Stadium) to support projects at James Island Charter High School (competitive gym) and Stoney Field (synthetic surface for a track).

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COVID-19:

A report on COVID-19 conditions in CCSD/Charleston County and the District's response and actions to the virus was made by Dr. Allison Eckard (MUSC), Dr. Katy Richardson (DHEC), CCSD Director of Nursing Services Ellen Nitz, and CCSD Chief Operating Officer Jeff Borowy. The recommendation is to continue with the current in-person and virtual learning in CCSD. District administration and high school administrators will discuss the high school winter sports' teams and a possible alteration to their schedules given the higher than normal quarantines of teams recently. The segment from the Board meeting can be viewed on YouTube at the following [link](#) (starts at the 1:34:30 mark of the video).

Annual Financial Audit Report:

The district's audit firm, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) briefed the Board on their [FY2020 Audit](#), which reflects the financial results for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020. The results of this audit indicated "no audit findings" for the FY2020 and noted an increase of \$40.3 million in the district's fund balance.

Special Recognition (virtually):

- Lakevia Mills, a St. John's High School science teacher, was honored for being named the [2020 CCSD Teacher of the Year](#).
- Angel Simmons-Bocanegra, a senior at Baptist Hill Middle High School, was commended for receiving for the [Legion of Valor Bronze Cross](#).
- Early College High School was recognized for being named an [AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction](#).
- Former Board of Trustees members Rev. Chris Collins and Kevin Hollinshead were recognized for their years of services on the Board and to the students, families, and staff of CCSD.