

Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

The meeting was held at 75 Calhoun Street and live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel. News media representatives were notified and were present.

Monday, October 23, 2023

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Members present

Carlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

1. Opening Items https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=151s

Procedural: A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01PM

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to override the decision of the Chair to remove Item 11B.

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun

Nay: Carlotte Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Motion to adopt the agenda which includes the approval of Consent Agenda Items with agenda items 12C and 12E moved to Items 11D and 11E and add Item 8H - Request for update on investigation from Attorney Allan Holmes.

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Edward Kelley

2. Convene Executive Session https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=1388s

Action: A. Convene in Executive Session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege

Motion to convene executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotte Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

3. Executive Session

Action: A. Out-of-County Request to Enroll pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: B. Homeschool Application pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: C. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: D. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: E. Constituent District 9 Board Vacancy Recommendation

Action: F. Personnel Matter - Teacher Breach of Contract and Discussion of whether to refer to state department of education for certification revocation 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: G. Board Member Conduct

Information: H. Request for update on investigation from Attorney Allan Holmes

4. Open Session Reconvened https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=8368s

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session (not prior to 5:15 PM)

Motion to reconvene in open session to conduct the regular business meeting

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotte Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: B. Approval of September 25, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 Board Meeting, October 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole, October 12, 2023 and October 17, 2023 Special Called Board meetings.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotte Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Courtney Waters

Action: C. Approval of October 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Action: D. Approval of the October 12, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Action: E. Approval of the October 17, 2023 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Procedural: F. Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Board Pledge

5. Special Recognition https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=8755s

Information: A. St. John's High School Campus Centennial Recognition

6. Acting Superintendent's Report https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=9034s

Information: A. Acting Superintendent's Report

7. Public Comments https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=11602s

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Public Comment Policy

Kate Selvitelli - ban of library books

Adrienne Lett - Board conduct and personnel matters

Dylan Rhyne - Ban of school library books

Owen Russell - Ban of school library books

James Gergen - Board transparency

Suzanne Hardie - School Board

Rev. Rebecca Hinds - Democratic Process

Lisa Ross - Health Advisory Committee

Lou Mello - Rotary Youth Exchange

Frank Hardie - Oath of Office Beliefs

Merrill Towns Chapman - Be Kind

Thomas Dixon - Board Behavior

Nelson Rivers - Board

Hillary Hutchinson - CCSD Board Function Finances

Bonnie Cleaveland - Love

Joy Brown - FOIA and Policy

Stacie Gregory - Board Conduct

Ronda Seay - Rotary Exchange Students

Jared Hove - Superintendent Leave

Penn Doucher - Health Advisory Committee Removal

Ronald Malcom - Health Advisory Committee, transparency

Elsie Seay - Allow Two Rotary Students in Lucy Beckham

Rob Seay - Rotary Youth Exchange

Sydney Van Buick - Transparency

Katherine Freligh - Teacher Librarian

Elvin Speights - Board Conduct

Jennifer Gomez - Teacher Librarian

Rev. Benton - Recent BOT Decisions

Andre Johnson Sr. - Accountability

Tara Wood - Book Ban

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

8. Possible Action of Executive Session Items https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=14664s

Item 8H - Request for update on investigation from Attorney Allan Holmes was added during the adoption of the agenda.

Action: A. Out-of-County Request to Enroll pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to allow the out of county enrollment request to attend Jane Edwards ES with confirmation of space and parental transportation. Staff will consult with Colleton County for student funding.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carol Tempel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: B. Homeschool Application pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the homeschool application for the 2023-24 school year.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: C. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to overturn the Constituent Board decision and place the student at Daniel Jenkins Academy until successful completion.

Motion by Daron Calhoun, second by Carol Tempel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: D. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to uphold the Constituent Board's decision.

Motion by Daron Calhoun, second by Carol Tempel.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: E. Constituent District 9 Board Vacancy Recommendation

Motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Jerai Green to the District 9 Constituent Board to fulfill an unexpired term ending 2026.

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Daron Calhoun.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: F. Personnel Matter - Teacher Breach of Contract and Discussion of whether to refer to state department of education for certification revocation 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve forwarding a formal complaint to the South Carolina Department of Education related to the referenced contract teacher.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotta Bailey.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: G. Board Member Conduct

Motion to remove Carlotta Bailey from her positions of Strategic Education Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Early Head Start liaison.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Darlene Roberson.
Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun
Nay: Carlotta Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: Motion to censor Carlotta Bailey and make an public apology.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Daron Calhoun.
Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun
Nay: Carlotta Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Information: H. Request for update on investigation from Attorney Allan Holmes

9. Strategic Education Committee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=16091s

Information: A. D4 ESSER Plan

Information: B. College/Career Readiness Updates

10. Audit & Finance Committee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=19557s

Action: A. 8% General Obligation Bond (GOB) Resolution

Motion to approve Resolution authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023B in the principal amount of not exceeding \$95,000,000 to fund the following:

- 1) The amount of approximately \$29,500,000 for the December 1 installment payments for the 2013, 2014, 2020 and 2023 alternative financing bonds based on our long-term debt structure and commitments.
- 2) The amount of approximately \$64,500,000 to retire (i) the Series 2023A Bond Anticipation Note issued to pay the installment payments made on June 1, 2023 for the tax-exempt 2013 and 2014 alternative financings; to pay Fixed Costs of Ownership; and to fund the cost of design and construction of new schools; and (ii) the Series 2023C Bond Anticipation Note issued to pay the installment payment made on June 1, 2023 for the taxable 2020 alternative financing.

Motion by Daron Calhoun, second by Keith Grybowski.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: B. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax - Technology Replacements & Upgrades Budget Reallocation

Motion to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: C. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY24 - Budget Reallocation
Motion to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: D. Purchases and Contracts Greater Than \$250,000
Approve the list of purchases and contracts greater than \$250,000 through September 20, 2023.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: E. Head Start/Early Head Start FY24 Financial Report (June 2023 – August 2023)
Motion to approve the June 2023 through August 2023 CCSD Head Start/Early Head Start financial report and credit card expenditures.

Motion by Daron Calhoun, second by Keith Grybowski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Information: F. Capital Projects Report – August 2023

Information: G. 2023-2028 Capital Program (Phase V) Sales Tax Early Out Projects

Information: H. ESSER Update

Information: I. FOIA Information

11. Other Business https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fy&t=20382s

Action: A. Foreign Exchange Student Request - Lucy Beckham High School (LBHS)
Motion to consider the Rotary Youth Exchange's request to allow two foreign exchange students to enroll into LBHS for the entire 2024-2025 school year and for two Lucy Beckham students to study abroad.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Darlene Roberson

Action: B. Health Advisory Committee - Request to Reconsider

Motion to reconsider the Health Advisory Committee appointment vote taken on September 25, 2023 at the November 13, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Pamela McKinney, second by Leah Whatley.

Friendly amendment:

Motion to hold a special called meeting before the Committee of the Whole meeting to consider the Health Advisory Committee appointments.

Motion by Carol Tempel, second by Courtney Waters.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun

Nay: Carlotta Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Courtney Waters for the record: I have an issue with voting on this because we should be rescinding the action because it was so out of order. I believe that when we call for a can bring some justification where there was not one provided before. I'm concerned that we're missing the point. The point is that people are in an uproar about the way this was handled. I'm not going to support this reconsideration because I don't believe that it's genuine. After what's happened, this should be rescinded because it's highly inappropriate from the beginning.

Motion to reconsider the Health Advisory Committee appointment vote taken on September 25, 2023 at the November 13, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Pamela McKinney, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Daron Calhoun, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Edward Kelley

Action: C. Health Advisory Committee - Request to Rescind
No action taken.

Action: D. Policy GCB Professional Staff Contracts

Motion to approve the second reading of the updated policy with the removal of the TERI Participant section and revised deadline dates for certified educator annual contract issuance.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Darlene Roberson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: E. Policy GCEC - Posting and Advertising Professional Vacancies
Motion to approve amended policy GCEC for a second reading.

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Courtney Waters for the record: There's nothing that can happen for me to be okay with this because it conflicts with other policies that we have on the books.

If this is postponed and we go back, it needs to come back in a way that does not conflict with policies expressly asking us not get involved in administrative activity.

Motion to postpone second reading of policy GCEC to go back to committee for Dr. Tempel to work with Mr. Kelley and Human Resources.

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Carol Tempel.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun

Nay: Carlotta Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Courtney Waters for the record: We have policy that also requires us to consider all relevant information and data before making a decision. I want that on record before folks vote this down because it's our responsibility to make sure that we have all of the information before making our decision with full knowledge of the impact.

Motion to defer this item 11E pending legal review of this policy with new legal counsel.

Motion by Daron Calhoun, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Carlotta Bailey, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley

12. Consent Agenda Items https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=21896s

Items 12C - Policy GCB Professional Staff Contracts and Item 12E - Policy GCEC - Posting and Advertising Professional Vacancies were moved to Items 11D and 11E during the adoption of the agenda.

Action: A. Paper and Pencil Assessment Waiver

Action: B. Policy ILB - Test/Assessment Administration

Action: D. Constituent Board Pay

13. Closing Items https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiDsyH_C1fY&t=23503s

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32PM

Meeting minutes were approved during the November 13, 2023 Board meeting.