

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Regular Meeting

(Note: Board members, essential CCSD staff, and a limited number of the general public including media representatives were offered the option to attend the meeting in person subject to the capacity of the Board room using social distancing protocols. The meeting was also provided via Zoom and live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel for the public.)

Monday, December 14, 2020

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters, Mrs. Kate Darby, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Joyce Green, Ms. Erica Cokley (via Zoom), Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, and Mrs. Lauren Herterich

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Motion to adopt the agenda and approve consent agenda items as presented

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2020

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Motion to approve minutes of the New Board Member Orientations of December 2, 3, and 9, 2020, with one date correction of December 3.

Motion by Lauren Herterich, second by Kristen French

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: D. Convene in Executive Session

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to convene executive session at to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege.

2. Executive Session

Information: A. Legal Matter (Information) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: B. Student Placement Appeal 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. Out of County Transfer Request pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

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

Action: F. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: G. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: H. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Information: I. Legal Matter (Information) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened in open session by unanimous consent at 6:00 p.m.

Procedural: B. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Information: A. Legal Matter (Information) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2) - No action was taken.

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

Motion to return the student to the IEP team to determine if placement at Turning Point is appropriate.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

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

Motion that in lieu of expulsion, placement at Turning Point Academy on board probation for a minimum stay of 45 days. Transportation will not be provided. However, student is eligible to receive a bus pass. Student is allowed to return to school on board probation for the remainder of the school year, if he/she successfully completes the program. If student violates the terms of the Code of Conduct, student will be returned to the board for alternative placement options consideration.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

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

Motion to allow the student to remain until end of this school and waive tuition for this school year only.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

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

Motion to allow the student to remain until end of this school and waive tuition for this school year only.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: F. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the forwarding of a formal complaint to the SC Department of Education related to a contract teacher.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich
Abstain: Helen Frazier

Action: G. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to table discussion on this item until the January 11 Committee of the Whole and ask parties to answer questions from Board members.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: H. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to ask Operations to provide a list of usable facilities so the Board may make a more informed decision in January.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Lauren Herterich
Nay: Kristen French

5. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Covid-19 Update

The superintendent and others reviewed up-to-date information regarding Covid-19 data and provide information from the medical experts who consult with CCSD. Drs. Eckard and Richardson from MUSC presented and responded to questions from Board members.

Information: B. Annual Financial Audit Report

Mr. Don Kennedy introduced external auditors from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP who reported the following: Each year, the District's external audit firm issues an audit report and the financial statements for the fiscal year that ends on June 30. Over the last three years the District has reviewed past audit findings and recommendations, developed and/or updated procedures, provided appropriate training to staff, and established specific accountability protocols, all of which were focused on addressing outstanding audit issues and findings. CLA briefed the Board on the results of the FY20 Audit, which reflects the financial results for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The results of the audit indicate no audit findings for FY20, and an increase in fund balance of \$40.3 million.

6. Special Recognitions

Erica Taylor provided information on the following special recognitions:

- 2020 District TOY- Lakevia Mills

- Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Recipient (Angel Simmons-Bocanegr - Baptist Hill MHS)
- AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction Award (Early College HS)
- Special Recognition ~ Former Board Members (Rev. Chris Collins and Mr. Kevin Hollinshead)

7. Online Public Comments

Information: A. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted to PUBLICCOMMENTS@charleston.k12.sc.us

Vice Chair Courtney Waters reported that seven public comments were received via the online process. All were provided to Board members for their review prior to the start of the meeting. The names of those individuals who submitted a comment and the comments themselves will be posted to the CCSD website. Also, Ms. Waters reported that most concerns were addressed during the Board meeting.

8. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax - Capital Maintenance Budget Reallocation
Motion to approve the reallocation of funds.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: B. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation
Motion to approve the reallocation of funds.

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Kate Darby
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Information: C. Monthly Capital Projects Report
The report was received as information.

Information: D. Monthly Financial Report - FY 21
The report was received as information.

9. Consent Agenda

Consent Action: A. Review of Policy BDE - Board Committees and Appointment of Committee Liaisons
Motion to approve Dr. Kristen French as Committee Liaison for the Policy Committee.

Consent Action: : B. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies
Motion to approve the committee's recommendation to officially name the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies.

Consent Action: : C. Policy IMG - Service Animals - First Reading
Motion to approve first reading of Policy IMG.

Consent Action: D. Board Workshop Proposal
Motion to expand the time of the January 11 Committee of the Whole meeting for the Board to hold a facilitated, 2-hour workshop to build common ground toward priority areas over the next 2 years.

Consent Action: : E. Early release on December 18
Motion to grant permission for early release of students and staff on December 18.

10. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

- January 11, 2021 - Committee of the Whole, preceded by Board Workshop
- January 25, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:38 p.m.