

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, January 25, 2021

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Members present

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

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Committee of the Whole and the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2020, and the Committee of the Whole of January 11, 2021

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

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

Action: D. Convene in Executive Session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege
Motion to convene in executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to convene executive session.

2. Executive Session

- Action: A. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)
- Action: B. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)
- Action: C. Student Transfer Appeals 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. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Dr. Frazier left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session - Open Session reconvened by unanimous consent at 5:42 p.m.

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

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Action: A. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)
Motion to deny a charter school amendment submitted tonight and ask the charter school to submit a new proposal to be considered on February 8.

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

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

Action: B. Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)
Motion to table this item until the February meeting so the board may consider other options for facility opportunities the school may bring forward

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Lauren Herterich
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: C. Student Transfer Appeals pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to uphold the constituent board decision

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Kristen French

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

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

Motion to uphold the constituent board decision as long as the student remains virtual through the end of the current school year

Motion by Kristen French, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

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

Motion #1 to uphold the constituent board decision

Motion by Kristen French, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion failed.

Aye: Erica Cokley, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Nay: Eric Mack, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Joyce Green

Abstain: Courtney Waters

Motion #2: 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.

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, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Abstain: Kristen French

5. School Board Recognition Month

Information: A. "School Board Strong" - Official Signing of Ethical Principles

The South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) is celebrating School Board Recognition Month in January.

A proclamation declaring January as School Board Recognition Month was read aloud, and each board member was asked to sign an ethical principles poster which will be framed and displayed. The theme for School Board Recognition Month this year is "School Board Strong."

Rev. Mack offered personal thanks to each CCSD Board member for their dedication and service.

The Board made a special presentation recognizing 92-year-old Lala "Bea" Fyall for her decades of services to the district, as an educator, substitute teacher, and constituent district board member in District 4.

6. Online Public Comments

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

The Board received 39 public comments submitted online. All comments are posted on the District's website. Ms. Waters thanked the public for being patient as the district navigates the pandemic. She said the board is currently looking at options to arrange for sharing comments publicly. She said she hopes the board will be ready to consider this matter during February meetings.

7. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Postlewait gave an update on the current COVID-19 numbers associated with schools in the district, an outline of potential priorities for the district in the 2021-2022 school year, and a process that would determine the feasibility of adjusting the current school year to end prior to June 18. Staff will elicit input from teachers, parents, and principals regarding calendar options.

8. Action & Information Items - Strategic Education Committee

Information: A. Buist Third Grade Criteria

Information regarding criteria for third graders entering Buist was shared with the Board in July. It is now time to implement these criteria for the additional third and sixth grade classes that will be opened at Buist in 2021-22. Because Board members may receive questions regarding eligibility and seating preference for Buist, the administration is reviewing these criteria with the Board prior to the opening of the School Choice window. Entrance criteria and selection processes for all academic magnet schools will be reviewed at the end of the school year so that the board can determine whether school choice processes are meeting the board's goals.

9. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Information: A. Audit & Finance - Committee Meeting Review

Ms. Green and Mr. Kennedy reviewed the items that were approved on January 12 by the Audit and Finance Committee and are recommended for submission to the Board:

Action Items:

1. Head Start/Early Head Start FY22 Funding Application
2. Audit & Finance Committee Charter

Information Items:

1. FY22 Budget Development Calendar (Detail & Summary)
2. Minority Business Enterprise Disparity Study Scope of Work
3. Monthly Financial Report
4. Capital Projects Report

Action: B. Head Start/Early Head Start FY22 Funding Application

Motion to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Funding Application for the grant period June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022.

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, Joyce Green, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: C. Audit & Finance Committee Charter

Motion to approve the updated Audit & Finance Committee Charter

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Information: D. FY22 Budget Development Calendar - Detail & Summary - received as information

Information: E. Minority Business Enterprise Disparity Study Scope of Work - received as information

Information: F. Monthly Financial Report - received as information

Information: G. Capital Projects Report - received as information

10. Action Items - Policy Committee

Action: A. Policy IMG – Service Animals - Second Reading

Motion to approve second reading of Policy IMG

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, Joyce Green, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

11. Consent Agenda Items

Consent Action: A. Locally Board Approved Courses 2021-2022

Motion to approve all proposed courses for SY 2021-2022

Consent Action: B. Policy BE - Board Meetings - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policy

Consent Action: C. Policy GBAA - Sexual Harassment (employee) - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policy

Consent Action: D. Policy JIA - Sexual Harassment (student) - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policy

Consent Action: E. Policy CFA - School Principals, Building Administrators - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading, adding the bullet regarding employment of school level professional staff under Prime Responsibilities of the Principal and to remove any reference to other policies

Consent Action: F. Policy CFC - Assignment and Transfer of School Principals, Building Administrators - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revision with red lines but without reference to other policies

12. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

February 8, 2021 - New Board Member Orientation (Learning Services)

February 8, 2021 - Committee of the Whole & Special-Called Board Meeting

February 10, 2021 - School Visits with Board Members

February 22, 2021 - Board Meeting

March 8, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

March 10, 2021 - School Visits with Board Members

Action: B. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:51 p.m.