

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Regular Meeting

(Note: Board members, essential CCSD staff, and a limited number of the general public including media representatives were given the opportunity 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, April 26, 2021

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters (via Zoom), Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Erica Cokley (via Zoom), Mrs. Kate Darby, Ms. Joyce Green, 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 4:17 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion to adopt the agenda and approve Consent Agenda items, removing Items 12-A and Items 12-D, 12-E, 12-F, and 12-G from Consent Agenda since these Audit and Finance items were not reviewed at the Committee of the Whole, and to separate the Morningside action item (Phase V Construction) from the other three items with Morningside becoming Item F and the other items, Deer Park, Midland Park Elem, A.C. Corcoran, becoming Item H.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Board meeting of March 22, 2021; Special Called Board Meeting of April 1, 2021; Procurement Workshop of April 15; and Budget Workshop, Committee of the Whole, and Special Called Board Meeting of April 19, 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

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

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

2. Executive Session

Action: A. Annual Renewal of Contracts for 2021 – 2022 for All Certified Staff pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Information: B. Discussion of employee compensation issue pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1)

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

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Open session was reconvened by unanimous consent at 5:05 p.m.

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

Rev. Mack offered condolences and a moment of silence for the following students and one teacher who recently passed away:

- Qwantasia Jenkins, Baptist Hill student;
- Shaundrea Smalls, Charleston School of the Arts student;
- Vinny Talerico, Charles Pinckney Elementary School student; and
- Dennis Jones, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School teacher.

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Action: A. Annual Renewal of Contracts for 2021 – 2022 for All Certified Staff pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the issuance of contracts for the 2021-2022 school year based on contractual obligations and/or budgeted allocations for certified staff as recommended.

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: B. Homeschool Applications pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to approve two homeschool applications

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

5. Special Recognitions

Information: A. Special Recognitions

This year, building on the increased visibility of nurses' contributions, National Nurses' Week has been expanded to Nurses' Month in May. CCSD wishes to take this opportunity to acknowledge the phenomenal service provided by nurses across Charleston County Schools during this extraordinary year.

6. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Temporary Public Comment Policy
The following pre-registered to provide public comments in person regarding topics identified:

Jessica Zeigler - schools (masks)

Maggie Marlow - in person

Blake Adams - mask wearing in schools

Katie Chowdhury - unmasking our children

Margaret Rodenberg - public comments (masks)

Kay Walker - SEL survey

Heather Sullivan - masking children

Tara Wood - children wearing masks in school

Kasondra Turner - to speak

Bridget Price - mask requirement for 21-22

Minde Herbert - unmask our children

Casey Schwartz - end the masks

Kristen White - make face masks optional in our schools

Scott Stamps - mask policy change requested - James Simons Elementary

Alison Guerriere - CDC guidelines

Marilyn Dombey - unmasking our children

Farin Doran - masks

Katie Sokohn - children and masks

Dakota Sears - please remove mandatory masks for children

Mark Flannery - masks in schools

William Mahar - children being required to wear masks 2021-2022 school year

Ruth Zheltov - please unmask our children

Nicole Drennen - unmask our children

Oliver Winebrenner - student health concerns related to mask wearing

Ana Maria Blevins - mask policy

Mary Tocco - mandatory mask

Wendy Braddu - stop use of masks at school

Matt Whisnant - masks harm children

Amber Hoover - making masks optional

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

A total of 39 online public comments were received and provided to Board members. Names and comments have been posted to the district website.

7. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Postlewait and senior leaders reviewed the following and responded to questions from the Board.

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Senate Bill 704 (Temporary Version attached)
3. Federal Funds for COVID-19 Recovery Effort

8. Action & Information Items - Strategic Education Committee

Information: A. Focus on Student Achievement: Acceleration Schools Update

Staff updated the Board regarding efforts underway in CCSD Acceleration Schools and the partnership with the University of Virginia. Jacqueline Haynes, Executive Director, and Tonya McIntyre, Instructional Specialist for Acceleration Schools, presented along with Principal Michael White from Morningside Middle School. They described the partnership and vision: "Charleston County School District will empower teachers and school leaders to close the opportunity gap. We will equip scholars with the skills needed to thrive and make an impact in the world, while prioritizing equity, with a bold and ambitious vision, as we sustain success over time and ensure endless possibilities for all scholars. WE WILL EXCEL!!!"

Action: B. 2020-2021 Virtual Academy Options, K-8

Motion to approve Charleston County entering into a partnership with other Low Country school districts through the Low Country Education Consortium to offer a high quality K-8 virtual academy and supplement our 9-12 course offerings.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Erica Cokley

9. Action Items - Policy Committee

Action: A. Policy JFABC - Student Transfers - Second Reading

Motion to approve second reading of Policy JFABC

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

10. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Information: A. Fiscal Year 2020 Procurement Audit Report

The report was received as information.

Information: B. FY20 SWMBE Report, FY21 Summer Update

The report was received as information.

Information: C. Monthly Capital Projects Report

The report was received as information.

Information: D. Monthly Financial Report

The report was received as information.

Information: E. Update on FY22 Budget - Multi-Year Financial Plan

The report was received as information.

11. Other Business

Action: A. Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022

Motion to approve the proposed schedule of Board meeting dates from July, 2021 through June, 2022.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

12. Consent Agenda Items - *Note some items were removed from Consent Agenda and discussed before action was taken.*

Action: A. *(Removed from Consent Agenda)* Recommendation for C. E Williams North, 2021-22

Motion to continue with the current configuration for middle schools in D10, with 6th grade scholars housed on the C.E. Williams North campus and 7th and 8th graders housed on the C.E. Williams South campus, until a committee can be formed during the 2021-2022 school year to discuss the future configuration for middle school scholars in D10.

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Consent Action: B. Policy GBGAA - Accommodation for Breastfeeding Mothers - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of Policy GBGAA

Consent Action: C. One-day Board Retreat/Workshop

Motion to approve half-day retreat/workshop on board governance on May 26 (lunch at 12:00; workshop 1:00-4:30).

Action: D. *(Removed from Consent Agenda)* 2021-2022 Head Start/Early Head Start COLA Supplement Application

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

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: E. *(Removed from Consent Agenda)* Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY21-Budget Reallocation

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

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: F. (*Removed from Consent Agenda*) Phase V Construction – 8 percent Capacity Analysis
Motion to approve Option 2 for funding of Morningside Middle School

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green
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: G. (*Removed from Consent Agenda*) Audit & Finance Community Volunteer
Motion to approve the appointment of Velma Stamp as an Audit & Finance community volunteer through April 2023.

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Lauren Herterich

Action: H. (*Added agenda item - not Consent Agenda*) - Phase V Construction – 8 percent Capacity Analysis
Motion to consider three items (Deer Park, Midland Park Elementary, A. C. Corcoran) at the June Board meeting and ask staff to provide further explanation on the scope of work for these three projects and to review if there are any schools on the master list with severe safety needs the Board should consider for 8 percent funding.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

Abstain: Erica Cokley

13. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

May 3, 2021 - Special-called meeting (Rev. Mack scheduled a special meeting on May 3 via Zoom to consider a bonus for CCSD employees as well as student transfer appeals.)

May 10, 2021 - Committee of the Whole preceded by Budget Workshop

May 24, 2021 - Board Meeting

May 26, 2021 - Proposed One-half day (PM) Board Retreat/Workshop

June 14, 2021 - Committee of the Whole preceded by Budget Workshop

Action: B. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 p.m.