

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, May 24, 2021

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters, 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 4:45 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 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: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Board meeting of April 26, Special Board meeting of May 3, Committee of the Whole and Special Board meetings of May 10, and Emergency Special Board meeting of May 12, 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 was made by Mrs. Darby, seconded, and unanimously carried.

2. Executive Session

Action, Information: A. Personnel Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

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

Information: C. Board Chair's Remarks

Rev. Mack reported on the following: May is National Mental Health Awareness Month; also, he designated Strategic Education Committee Chair (Lauren Herterich) and Audit and Finance Committee Chair (Joyce Green) as board representatives on the ESSER III Planning Committee (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief - federal funds).

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Item

Action, Information: A. Personnel Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Move to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a 3-year employment contract with a candidate as the District's Staff Attorney with an annual starting salary not to exceed \$175,000 with a start date to be determined.

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, Lauren Herterich
Abstain: Kristen French

5. Special Recognitions

Information: A. Fall and Winter Athletic State Champions

In the fall and winter sports seasons of the 2020-2021 school year, Charleston County School District schools combined to win a total of 10 team and individual South Carolina High School League state championships.

With the help of athletic directors and coaches, the Office of Communications produced a highlight video to honor these most deserving and talented CCSD athletic state champions. The video was shared at the meeting, and the board congratulated the athletes and coaches.

6. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Temporary Public Comment Policy
There were no requests to make public comments in person.

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted to PUBLICCOMMENTS@charleston.k12.sc.us
The board received 15 written comments which were read aloud at the meeting. Names and comments have been posted to the district website.

7. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Postlewait and staff reviewed the following updates:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. 2021-22 Board Priorities and Goals - Quarterly Update due in June. Annual summary also due in June.
 - Operating schools during Covid-19 - offering 5 days/week in-person instruction from Day 1 plus temporary remote and virtual school
 - Achievement data and other appropriate indices as they are ready to share
 - Implementing primary initiatives from Mission Critical directives such as:
 - Cultural Competence - Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
 - Increased SEL support
 - Memminger Elementary K-5 Advanced Academic Component
 - Buist entrance criteria and reconfiguration
 - Middle school merger in West Ashley
 - Mary Ford Early Learning Center
 - Acceleration Schools
 - Phase V capital program
 - Improved communication with staff and parents
 - Establishing Board Goals and Priorities for 2021-22

8. Action & Information Items - Strategic Education Committee

Information: A. Update on Summer Programs
Karolyn Belcher, John Cobb, and other staff from Learning Services presented the following:

During the summer of 2021, CCSD scholars will have the opportunity to participate in K-8 Summer Enrichment Camps, Read to Succeed Camps for 3rd graders, high school credit recovery and a host of enrichment activities provided by CCSD educators, outside vendors and academic partners. These opportunities are being provided to prevent summer learning loss, to address COVID-related learning loss and to improve academic achievement for scholars.

The Office of Assessment and Evaluation worked with schools to identify scholars for the K-8 Summer Enrichment Camp opportunity. Out of the 5400 scholars identified, 2503 K-5th grade scholars and 610 6th-8th grade scholars chose to participate. High schools used course completion data to identify the 1013 scholars for their summer programs.

The K-8 program has three levers: a reading focus, a math focus and an engagement piece. A planning team has built out curriculum based on grade level standards and data to address the needs of these scholars. In this brief presentation, we will share specifics of this program with the Board.

Information: B. Funds that we anticipate spending for ESSER II
Karolyn Belcher, Michelle Simmons, Dr. Joe Williams, and Don Kennedy provided brief highlights of current planning for next year. We anticipate spending some ESSER II funds to open safely, address COVID learning gaps, and well-position the district to continue to improve instruction.

9. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. First Reading of the 2021-2022 Budget
Motion to approve the first reading of the FY22 Budget using a 3.4 mill increase.

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

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

Information: B. South Carolina Department of Revenue Compliance Audit Report - Charleston County School District Education Capital Improvement Tax
The report was received as information.

Information: C. External Audit Firm Update
The report was received as information.

Information: D. Disparity Study Proposal
The report was received as information.

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

Information: F. Monthly Financial Report
The report was received as information.

10. Other Business

Action: A. Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) 2021 Annual Conference - Atlanta, GA
Motion to approve the expense for board members Erica Cokley and Helen Frazier to attend the CUBE annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in September, 2021.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kristen French
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

11. Consent Agenda Items - Note these items were approved earlier in this meeting.

Consent Action: A. Policy GBGAA - Accommodation for Breastfeeding Mothers - Second Reading
Motion to approve second reading.

Consent Action: B. Policy JI - Students Rights and Responsibilities - First Reading
Motion to approve first reading.

Consent Action: C. Policy GBEB - Employee Conduct - First Reading
Motion to approve first reading.

Consent Action: D. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - Carolina Park Library
Motion to approve the recommendation of the naming committee for the library at Carolina Park Elementary to be named the Carol Cook Library.

12. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings
June 14, 2021 - Committee of the Whole
June 16, 2021 - Board Governance Workshop (12:00-4:30)
June 28, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:15 p.m.