

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, October 26, 2020

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser (virtually), Mt. Todd Garrett, Ms. Joyce Green, and Mr. Kevin Hollinshead (virtually).

1. Opening Items

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

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

Motion to adopt the agenda and approve consent agenda items, moving Items 8.A (Calendar Revision), 9.B-G (Three Budget Reallocations; Committee Membership; Capital Maintenance Plan; Capital Information Technology Plan), and 10.A (Policy BID - Board Member Compensation) to consent agenda with a request from Mr. Fraser and Mr. Garrett to record their votes against Item 10.A (Policy BID - Board member Compensation).

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

Not Present at Vote: Kevin Hollinshead

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting of September 28, the Committee of the Whole and Special Board Meeting of October 12, 2020.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Todd Garrett

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Not Present at Vote: Kevin Hollinshead

Action: D. 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 Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Not Present at Vote: Kevin Hollinshead

Mrs. Coats left before Executive Session began.

2. Executive Session

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

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

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

Information: D. (Information Only) Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: E. Contractual Matter- Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

3. Open Session Reconvened

Mrs. Coats rejoined the meeting briefly and then left the meeting prior to any votes being taken.

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Motion to reconvene open session at 4:35 p.m. was made, seconded, and unanimously carried.

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 amend the current Facilities Lease Agreement with Carolina Voyager Charter School at the St. Andrews Campus to end June 30, 2022.

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats recused herself from voting on this item.

Action: B. Student Transfer Appeals pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to uphold the District 9 Constituent Board decision

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Todd Garrett
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser
Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: C. Out of County Request to Remain pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to approve the parent's request that the student remain enrolled as an out-of-county resident for the current school year only and that tuition be waived. At the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year the student may reapply for consideration for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Todd Garrett
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Chris Fraser
Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green

Information: D. (Information only) Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: E. Contractual Matter- Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to suspend Policy CBI and find the superintendent's performance Satisfactory for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Kate Darby
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser
Abstain: Kevin Hollinshead
Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats

Chairman Mack stated that the Ad Hoc Committee to review the superintendent's evaluation process will meet with Dwayne Mazyck serving as advisor. The committee will develop and report a timeline for completion of recommendations at the next Board meeting.

5. Special Recognitions

Recognition: A. The following Special Recognitions were made:

1. Lowell Milken Center Discovery Award (Nicholas Turco-student)
2. Parker Refuel Partnership and Donation
3. Special Recognition of outgoing Board Member Todd Garrett after eight years of service (2012-2020)

6. Online Public Comments

Information: A. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted to PUBLICCOMMENTS@charleston.k12.sc.us
All public comments received online were provided to board members for 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. A total of six comments were received.

7. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent and district leaders updated the Board regarding:

- One Quarter at a Time: Preparing for the Second Nine Weeks - Gerrita Postlewait
- Learning Pods Update - Don Kennedy
- Expanding Communication: New CCSD App - Erica Taylor
- Update: DHEC Two-week Metrics for Charleston County - Jeff Borowy
- Operations Staff Recognition: The Process of Preparing Schools for 5 Days per Week Restart - Jeff Borowy

8. Action Items - Strategic Education Committee

Consent Action: A. Calendar Revision - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to revise the academic calendar to provide five collaborative planning days throughout the year for teachers via the use of e-Learning Days.

9. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. Recruiting and Retaining Top Talent

Motion to adjust current salaries of all employee groups to move to no less than 98% of market salaries in next year's budget and no less than 100% of market salaries in the following year's budget, if conditions permit.

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Kate Darby
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Kate Darby, Chris Collins, Eric Mack, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats

Consent Action: B. 2010-2016 Capital Building Program (Phase III) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve reallocation of funds.

Consent Action: C. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation – Mitchell ES - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve reallocation of funds.

Consent Action: D. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve reallocation of funds.

Consent Action: E. Committee Membership - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve appointing Kent Griffin to the Audit & Finance Committee for two additional years.

Consent Action: F. Capital Maintenance Plan 2017-2022 - Year 5 (2021) Update - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve the updated Capital Maintenance Six-Year Plan for 2017-2022.

Consent Action: G. Capital Information Technology Plan 2017-2022 (Year 5) Update - This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting.
Motion to approve the updated Capital Information Technology Six-Year Plan for 2017-2022.

10. Action Items - Policy & Personnel Committee

Consent Action: A. Policy BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses - Second Reading
Motion to approve second reading.

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda and approved earlier in the meeting with the request from Mr. Fraser and Mr. Garrett to record their votes as against this item.

11. Consent Agenda Items

Consent Action: A. Audit & Finance: Two Percent Administrative Fee on State Appropriations to Charter Schools
Motion to recommend that, in the District's FY22 budget, the state allowed two percent administrative fee be applied to state appropriations to charter schools, except for Education Improvement Act categorical funds.

Consent Action: B. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - Camp Road Middle School Gymnasium
Motion to approve the recommendation of the naming committee to name the new gymnasium serving all Camp Road Middle School students the David Parler Gymnasium.

Consent Action: C. Policy DE - Tax Increment Financing Policy Update - Second Reading
Motion to approve second reading of Policy DE.

Consent Action: D. Policy DFAC - Fund Balance Policy Update - Second Reading
Motion to approve second reading of Policy DFAC

12. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings
November 9, 2020 - Committee of the Whole
November 16, 2020 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:40 p.m.

October 26, 2020

Rev. Dr. Eric Mack
Chair, CCSD Board of Trustees
75 Calhoun Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Chairman Mack:

Please enter this letter into the October 26, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. I am recusing myself from discussion on Board Agenda Action Item 2A., staff recommended motion to amend the current Facilities Lease Agreement to end June 30, 2022 at the St. Andrews Campus with Carolina Voyager Charter School.

Chris Staubes has been retained by Carolina Voyager Charter School to advocate for reconsideration of the board action of March 23, 2020; specifically, "Motion to deny request and direct staff to enter into conversation with a charter school, Carolina Voyager." Mr. Staubes indicated today that he began discussions with board officers approximately two weeks ago, and this was confirmed by you via email today. However, the board officers chose not to bring that information forward to the board, and then placed an action item on today's agenda without providing any information in the board packet indicating that Carolina Voyager had retained an attorney to advocate on their behalf, or that this attorney had "officially requested the board reconsider their request for a one-year extension" as stated today by Dr. Postlewait.

Without knowing the facts and necessary information to understand my role as a board member, I twice engaged in informal conversations with Mr. Staubes regarding the board decision of March 23, 2020 that included mine and his opinions of that decision.

Furthermore, staff inserted a twenty-five-page document into the board packet today that includes a letter raising issues with CCSD's failure to follow the South Carolina Charter Schools Act of 1996, and indicates that the board approved changes to the Carolina Voyager Charter School charter sometime between September 2019 and January 2020. I am simply unable to review and prepare for a discussion on this important document, given staff's refusal to provide it in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bohn Coats

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CCSD Board Member