

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, November 16, 2020

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Members present

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

1. Swearing-In Ceremony**Procedural:** A. Oath of Office

Mrs. Natalie Ham, General Counsel, administered the oath of office to the five newly elected CCSD Board members: Ms. Erica Cokley, Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, Mrs. Lauren Herterich, and Ms. Courtney Waters.

Procedural: B. Code of Ethics Commitment Signing Ceremony

Mrs. Ham ask all five new Board members to sign the code of ethics documents from CCSD and the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA).

2. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mack at 4:15 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda to include minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting that were revised to reflect that Cindy Bohn Coats recused herself from one item. Ms. Coats provided a letter to be attached to the minutes. Dr. French asked why the ad hoc committee report referenced in the October 26 minutes was not submitted on the November 16 agenda. Mrs. Darby responded that the ad hoc committee was unable to meet prior to the agenda deadline, but she expects the committee will meet and provide an update on December 14.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2020, and the Special-Called meeting of November 2, 2020.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Kristen French

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: D. Election of Board Chair

Motion to nominate for Board Chair: Eric Mack

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Erica Cokley

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: E. Election of Board Vice Chair

Motion to nominate for Board Vice Chair: Courtney Waters

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Eric Mack

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French

Action: F. Suspension of Policy BDE - Board Committees

Motion to suspend the pertinent sections of Policy BDE, "Board Committees," in order to proceed with the Committee of the Whole Chair election and approval of Audit and Finance Committee Chair and Strategic Education and Policy Committee agenda liaisons on November 16, 2020.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: G. Election of Committee of the Whole Chair

Motion to nominate for Committee of the Whole Chair: Kate Darby
Motion by Eric Mack, no second required

Motion to nominate for Committee of the Whole Chair: Kristen French
Motion by Helen Frazier, no second required

Kate Darby was elected Committee of the Whole Chair.

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats, Kristen French

Action: H. Approval of Audit & Finance Committee Chair and Agenda Liaisons for Board Committees

Motion to approve Chairman Mack's recommendation for appointment to the Audit and Finance Committee: Joyce Green (to serve as chair) and Cindy Bohn Coats.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Erica Cokley

Motion to approve Committee of the Whole Chair's recommendations for appointment of committee agenda liaisons: Head Start Board Liaison - Erica Cokley; Policy Committee Liaison - Dr. Helen Frazier; and Strategic Education Committee Liaison - Lauren Herterich.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: I. Convene in Executive Session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege

The Board convened in Executive Session by unanimous consent at 4:33 p.m.

3. Executive Session

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

4. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Open Session was reconvened by unanimous consent at 4:57 p.m.

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

Rev. Mack asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of three members of CCSD who recently passed away: former CCSD Board of Trustees member Dr. Oliver W. Addison; 16-year-old student James Sweat; and 18-year-old student Tywon Washington.

5. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

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

Motion to allow one student to remain in CCSD through the 2020-2021 school year and waive tuition.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

6. Online Public Comments

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

In order to provide opportunity for public comments during the pandemic, the Board has provided an email where members of the public may submit in writing their comments.

All public comments will be provided to board members for review prior to the start of the meeting. The names of those individuals who submit a comment and the comments themselves will be posted to the CCSD website. Three comments were received for the November 16 board meeting.

7. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. Refinancing of CEEFC's Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds

Motion to adopt the Resolutions authorizing the issuance of Installment Purchase Revenue Refunding Bonds in multiple series to refund all or portions of the callable maturities of the Charleston Educational Excellence Financing Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B and Series 2014 at such times that market conditions exist to provide net present value debt service savings of at least 5.0 percent.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Abstain: Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier

Information: B. Information Items from November Audit & Finance Committee Meeting
The monthly Capital Projects Report and Financial Report were received as information.

8. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Postlewait reported on the following:

1. Covid-19 Metrics Update
2. 2019-20 Status Report - Purpose: to provide context for new members as the board contemplates strategic priorities for the coming two years.
 - The Board established goals for 2018-20 after considering the CCSD Strategic Plan, Harvard recommendations, Clemson Equity and Inclusion Findings, AdvancED Accreditation requirements, Shared Future report, and community Mission Critical groups' recommendations.
 - A summary of progress toward the board directives and priorities provides context regarding the work that was underway and, for the most part, nearing completion when schools closed due to Covid-19 in March, 2020. Board Directives fell into 6 categories:
 - Build a Strong Foundation
 - Accelerate Improvement
 - Provide Equitable Access
 - Offer Quality Choices
 - Develop an Effective Cultural Competency Program
 - Successfully Lead the District through the Covid-19 Pandemic (added in March, 2020)
 - Next steps - Hopefully, by January the board will establish strategic priorities for 2020-2022. These priorities will guide the work of the district over the coming 24 months.
3. CCSD New Board Member Orientation - These are tentative dates. If they do not work for new board members, we will modify the schedule or offer multiple sessions. Meetings will be publicly noticed if a board quorum is present.
 - Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 - 12:00 OR 12:30 - 3:30 PM (Academics and PK-12 Schools)
 - Thursday, December 3, 12:00 - 3:00 PM (Chief of Staff, Legal, Human Resources)
 - Wednesday, December 9, 12:00 - 3:00 PM (Finance/Administration and Operations)
 - Other possible dates, based on board members' availability and interests
4. School Visitations

Because of Covid-19 safety protocols, we must exercise caution, but we would like to reinstate the practice of interested board members' monthly school visits. This will provide an important opportunity for board members to tour facilities, interact with staff, and experience the diversity of communities throughout Charleston County.

- Designate one day per month to visit a few schools per day
- Start in December; end in June
- Caravan in personal autos or ride a school bus

9. Other Business

Action: A. Certification of Delegates for 2020 Delegate Assembly - SCSBA

Motion to appoint Dr. French as the alternate delegate to represent the Charleston County School District at the 2020 Legislative Conference of South Carolina School Boards Association to be held December 4 at the Convention Center in Columbia.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

10. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

December 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

December 14, 2020 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:32 p.m.