

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(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, August 10, 2020

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Members present

Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, and Mr. Chris Fraser attended in person. Rev. Chris Collins, Ms. Joyce Green, and Ms. Priscilla Jeffery attended virtually. Mr. Kevin Hollinshead was absent.

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Chris Fraser

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

2. Public Comments

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

Twenty-three public comments were received online and provided to Board members prior to the meeting. All comments will be posted on the district website.

3. Strategic Education Committee

Action, Information: A. Safe School Restart Plan Update

Dr. Postlewait and team presented the most up-to-date Safe School Restart Plan as follows:

- Revisit Metrics - Incidence Rates in Charleston Area
- Review Parent Enrollment Choice and Teacher Intent polling results.
- School Safe Restart Enrollment Capacity (when conditions permit full in-person instruction)
- September 8 Restart Information

Survey Results as of August 8:

PARENTS: A little over 60% of parents responded to the School Enrollment Choice query by August 5.

- 64% prefer in-person instruction.
- 35% prefer virtual instruction.
- 1% do not plan to enroll their children in CCSD this year.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL:

There were 3,167 "teachers" listed on CCSD rolls on July 29. The *teacher* category includes classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors and instructional coaches. It appears that approximately 85% of teachers responded. The survey was sent to "instructional personnel," which includes paraprofessionals and school leadership teams.

- 85% of instructional staff indicated that if Covid-19 rates continue to decline they are willing to return to teach small groups of students in person.
- 14% are not comfortable returning to teach students in person.
- 1% have medical conditions that limit their ability to work with students at this time.

It appears we may be able to provide more in-person instruction to students than anticipated as soon as conditions permit. As we begin working with each school regarding specific situations, leaders and teachers may discover that they are able to bring more than 25% of their normal building capacity (approved on an individual school basis) back to school for in-person, full-time or alternating days, dependent on the following conditions:

- A trend of improved Covid-19 infection data and medical experts' advice;
- The school facility's student capacity considering established social distancing protocols;
- The availability of staff;
- The preference of parents.

Motion: Allow staff to have flexibility to do percentage increases when it is safe to increase in-person attendance at schools.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Priscilla Jeffery, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Nay: Chris Collins

Information: B. Learning Services Instructional Update

Karolyn Belcher, Chief Academic Officer, and the Learning Services Team provided additional instructional updates regarding:

- Plans for in-person instruction
- Temporary remote learning for students whose parents want them to return to school as soon as conditions improve
- CCSD Virtual Academy Plans: Quarter or Semester instructional delivery
- Professional development plans for teachers
- Social/emotional support update

Action: C. Revised Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year

Learning Services presented information regarding the need to revise the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. Due to the current COVID-19 levels the start date for the 2020-2021 school year has been adjusted to Tuesday, September 8, 2020. As such, the previously approved 20-21 academic calendar has been adjusted to account for the 180-day instructional days. Emilie Woody worked with representatives of the Parent Cabinet and the Honor Roll Teachers of the Year on August 5. The proposed calendar is supported by both groups.

Motion to approve the recommended academic calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Chris Fraser, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Priscilla Jeffery, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green, Chris Fraser

Nay: Chris Collins

4. Other Board Committees

Information: A. Audit & Finance: Committee Meeting Review - Information

The following items were approved August 4 by the Audit and Finance Committee and are recommended for submission to the Board:

Action Items:

D20 Archer Budget Reallocation
2020 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Information Items:

Monthly Capital Projects Report
Monthly Financial Report
Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Report

Action: B. Policy & Personnel: Policy ADD - Face Covering - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the new policy and include that all visitors must be required to wear face coverings when on campus. Also, staff is to provide additional language for consideration at second reading.

Motion by Chris Fraser, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

5. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

August 10, 2020 - Special-Called Board Meeting - To be held at 75 Calhoun, with an option to participate virtually
August 24, 2020 - Board Meeting - To be held at 75 Calhoun, with an option to participate virtually
September 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:33 p.m. The special-called board meeting will follow after a short, five-minute break.