

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, January 11, 2021

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Members present

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

1. BOARD WORKSHOP 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Information: A. Purpose of Two-Hour Facilitated Workshop and Agenda

- To build common understanding and agreement on the unique challenges and opportunities of the district,
- To identify possible high-leverage, priority actions, and
- To build common ground for Board and district joint leadership over the next 2 years.

Darrin Goss, Coastal Community Foundation, facilitated the workshop.

Workshop Agenda:

- Ground Rules and Introductions
- Grounding and Context Setting
 - Where have we been? A look at the District's goals over the last two years
 - Where are we now? A look at how the Pandemic may impact student success
- Where are we going?
 - A facilitated discussion on how and what to focus on over the next 3 years
- Wrap-up and next steps

Board members identified several areas as possible priorities and indicated they want to convene again as soon as feasible to complete this work.

2. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda, adding public comments as Item 4-B, and identifying Item 7-D as an action item.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Abstain: Kristen French

Not Present at Vote: Eric Mack

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

By unanimous consent, the Board convened executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege at 3:21 p.m.

3. Executive Session

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

Information: B. Personnel Matters pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

4. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Motion to reconvene open session at 4:52 p.m. carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

5. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Covid-19 Update

Pertinent information was compiled over the weekend for presentation at the Committee of the Whole: Covid-19 positive cases, attendance information, operational decisions, notifying elementary parents, vaccinations for personnel who work directly with students. A conference call with elementary principals is scheduled for tomorrow morning to discuss possible changes in parent

notification process in elementary schools. The board is to be updated when a plan for notification of parents of preschool and elementary schools students has been developed.

6. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Locally Board Approved Courses 2021-2022

Each year schools submit locally designed elective courses and new honors level courses to the local board for approval in the coming school year [Regulations 43-234]. The proposed middle school and high school courses have been reviewed by Learning Services and are being submitted for Board approval.

Motion to approve all proposed courses for SY 2021-2022

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Information: B. Update CCSD Collaboration with Local Community Partners for Learning Pods

To support students learning remotely, CCSD is collaborating with community partners to offer safe, established Learning Pods hosted within partners' facilities. Students participate in their virtual classes with a CCSD staff member who ensures that they log in successfully, stay focused and engaged in their lessons. Additionally, the students receive assistance with assignments, and are able to play or socialize with each other safely during meals and breaks.

At the request of the Board, staff provided a detailed update on the Learning Pods prior to the holiday break. The time on today's agenda was provided primarily for Board members to ask any questions about the initiative.

7. Other Board Committees

Action: A. Policy BE - Board Meetings - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policy with removal of references to other board policies.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Action: B. Policy GBAA - Sexual Harassment (employee) - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policies GBAA and JIA

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Not Present at Vote: Eric Mack

Action: C. Policy JIA - Sexual Harassment (student) - First Reading

(See action on Item 7-B.)

Action: D. Policy CFA - School Principals, Building Administrators - First Reading

Move to approve first reading, adding the bullet regarding employment of school level professional staff under Prime Responsibilities of the Principal and to remove any reference to other policies.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Action: E. Policy CFC - Assignment and Transfer of School Principals, Building Administrators - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revision with red lines but without reference to other policies.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

8. Other Business

Information: A. Board Ad Hoc Committee - Legislative Liaison

Chairman Mack appointed an ad hoc committee that will be tasked with examining options for legislative advocacy for Charleston County Schools and making a recommendation to the full Board regarding the most effective way to proceed. Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Courtney Waters, and Mrs. Lauren Herterich agreed to serve. The committee will be chaired by Ms. Coats. Rev. Mack asked the committee to plan to provide a recommendation to the full Board at the meeting in February (rather than March as stated in the agenda).

Action: B. Determine items moving to potential consent agenda

Motion to move the following items to potential consent agenda on January 25: Item 6-A and Items 7-A through 7-E.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

9. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

January 13, 2021 - School Visitations (Board members will likely not enter classrooms)

January 25, 2021 - New Board Member Orientation Session (Operations and Finance)

January 25, 2021 - Board Meeting

February 8, 2021 - New Board Member Orientation Session (Learning Services, part 2)

February 8, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

February 22, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:06 p.m.