

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 of attending the meeting in person, subject to the capacity of the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street, using social distancing protocols. The meeting was also provided via Zoom and live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel for the public.)

Monday, March 8, 2021

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Members present

Mrs. Kate Darby, Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Erica Cokley, Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, Ms. Joyce Green, Mrs. Lauren Herterich (arrived 2:45 p.m.), and Ms. Courtney Waters

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

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

Motion by Kristen French, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Courtney Waters

Not Present at Vote: Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Lauren Herterich

2. Public Comments

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

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

One online comment was received and read aloud regarding a request to remove the requirement for face masks and plexiglass.

3. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Covid-19 Update

This week's Covid-19 DHEC data and other pertinent information were shared with the Board.

Vaccination opportunity for school employees is starting now. CCSD, in partnership with MUSC, will begin Tuesday, March 9. CCSD expects to receive at least 4,000 doses of vaccine through MUSC. The order of school selection for vaccine queue was random. The first of two doses in less than three weeks. Fetter Healthcare is providing vaccinations for 4 schools; East Cooper Medical are also providing vaccinations for one school; pharmacies have offered to vaccinate personnel in 2-3 schools.

Action, Information: B. Board Priorities

Dr. Postlewait and staff presented refined goals and priorities based on feedback from the board, teachers, and principals. Staff members provided budget estimates for some items and flagged initiatives that can be funded with sources other than General Operating Funds (GOF). The board will finalize priorities and goals on March 22. Priorities include:

- Board initiative: Establish "The Charleston County Promise," an initiative that ensures the opportunity of quality career preparation and/or college education to every student.
- Academic improvement and COVID recovery plan
- Recruit, retain talented leaders, educators, staff
- Implement the Phase V Capital Building program
- Improve communication and community engagement

Motion to approve the priorities, goals and strategies for 2021-23 with the understanding that strategy implementation will depend on resource availability. Approval for expenditure of General Operating Funds is not implied in the board's approval of these priorities. Staff is to develop and refine evaluation measures by the end of the fiscal year. A plan to continue addressing cultural competence will be presented, as well.

Motion by Kristen French, 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

4. Strategic Education Committee

Action, Information: A. FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Early College High School Update

Early College High School was founded in August 2017. In partnership with Trident Technical College (TTC), ECHS provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit while simultaneously completing high school diploma requirements. ECHS serves a diverse student body from across CCSD. 78% of current ECHS students report being the first generation in their family to attend college.

In a short time, ECHS has demonstrated high rates of success for all students. ECHS is a nationally recognized AVID school-wide Site of Distinction. The school prioritizes real-time support for all students to ensure that access and opportunity are a reality. Collectively, ECHS students have earned 4,668 college credits. Of the current 10th through 12th grade students, 94% have completed at least one college-level course. 85% of the senior class has earned at least 20 college credits, and 49% of the Class of 2021 will be graduated from high school with a full associate's degree.

Together, CCSD and TTC are committed to the long-term viability of Early College High School and are collaboratively developing a long-term memorandum of agreement to ensure that this opportunity will continue to be available for CCSD students.

Following a brief presentation, the Board was asked to approve the 2021-22 academic calendar for ECHS. It differs from the traditional CCSD calendar in order to align with Trident Technical College's course delivery schedule.

Motion to approve the adjusted 2021-2022 academic calendar for Early College High School

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Eric Mack

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, Information: B. North Charleston High School, Vision 2024

Mr. Henry Darby, Principal of North Charleston High School, presented the proposal developed by the school's leadership team. The leadership team of North Charleston High School believes strongly that their students will realize greater levels of success if they have the latitude to design strategies based upon the North Charleston community's unique needs and context. They are requesting greater autonomy to create more innovative, engaging, and flexible ways of educating the students we serve. In return, they commit to improving student outcomes by:

- Recruiting, retaining, and supporting talent,
- Engaging students and their families, and
- Enlisting partners to provide wrap-around services and supports.

Dr. Postlewait clarified that the exact language of the waivers submitted to the SC Dept of Ed would come back to the board.

Motion to approve the North Charleston High School proposal as presented with the understanding that the board will receive semi-annual reports summarizing student services and success at NCHS.

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

Action: C. 2021-22 Waiver Request for Proficiency-based Education (Primarily via virtual courses)

Motion to approve the waiver requests for submission to the South Carolina Department of Education, SCDE, and State Board of Education, SBE.

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

5. Other Board Committees

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

The following items were approved by the Audit and Finance Committee at their March 2 meeting and will be submitted to the board on March 22:

Recommended for Action:

1. Phase V Capital Program Waves (J. Borowy)
2. FY 22 Facility Use & Rental Guide (A. Barnette)

Information Items:

1. Monthly Capital Projects Report (J. Costello)
2. Monthly Financial Report (D. Kennedy)
3. Update on FY 22 Budget (D. Kennedy)

Action: B. Policy JFABC - Student Transfer Policy - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of Policy JFABC and ask staff to revise the language to provide more clarity by March 22.

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: C. Policy BDE - Board Committees - Second Reading

Motion to approve second reading of Policy BDE

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Joyce Green, Courtney Waters

Nay: Helen Frazier, Kristen French

Abstain: Erica Cokley, Lauren Herterich

Action: D. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - Moultrie Middle Art Room

Motion to approve the recommendation of the naming committee for the art room at Moultrie Middle School to be named the Claire Teuber Art Room

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Not Present at Vote: Helen Frazier

6. Other Business

Information: A. Legislative Update

Mr. Darrell Campbell of Campbell Consulting Group gave an update on legislative matters and other pertinent action pending before governing bodies whose actions impact CCSD.

Action, Information: B. Ad Hoc Committee to Review Legislative Advocacy - Report

Motion to approve recommendations of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee by updating our policy and also allowing for the appointment of a legislative liaison of the board at the March 22 meeting

Motion by Kristen French, second by Erica Cokley

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: C. Board Annual Work Plan

Policy BDAA calls for the Board to establish an Annual Work Plan. Standing Board committee chairs and the full board have had an opportunity to provide suggestions regarding the Annual Work Plan. District staff has worked to align the work plan with both board responsibilities and board priorities, goals, and strategies. Further refinement of SEC "Focus on Student Achievement" components may occur.

Dr. Postlewait indicated that Legal Counsel was preparing a list of regular reports to the board and that this list would be attached to the Board Work Plan for approval on March 22.

Motion to align the annual board committee work plan with Policy BDAA as approved in January 2017 to begin April 2021 through March 2022, and to include a quarterly district operations presentation in March, June, September, and November for staff to update and discuss initiatives, board goals and strategies, partnership operations, and AdvancEd.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kristen French

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Abstain: Joyce Green

Action: D. Determine Agenda Items Moving to Potential Consent Agenda

Motion to move agenda items listed below to the Consent Agenda on March 22, 2021:

3B Board Priorities, Goals, Strategies

4A Early College High School Calendar

4B North Charleston High School Vision '24

4C Waiver request for proficiency-based education

5D Policy FF Naming of Facilities (Moultrie Art Room)

6B Ad Hoc Committee for Legislative Advocacy Recommendations

6C Annual Board Work Plan

Motion by Kristen French, 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, Courtney Waters

Not Present at Vote: Lauren Herterich

7. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

March 10, 2021 - School Visits

March 22, 2021 - Board Meeting

April 19, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

April 26, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:00 p.m.