

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**Monday, March 9, 2020**

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Members present

Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Ms. Joyce Green, Mr. Kevin Hollinshead (via telephone), Ms. Priscilla Jeffery (via telephone)

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

2. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments - Agenda Items

1. Sarah Simpson Dress Code
2. Lisa Kucinich Dress Code
3. Kat Martin Dress Code
4. Kathy Moore Dress Code

3. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Textbook Adoptions

In December, 2019, the South Carolina Board of Education adopted a recommended list of instructional materials (textbooks) for the 2020–2021 school year for K-5 Math, 6-8 Math, 3-5 Social Studies and 7th grade Geography. In accordance with policy IJJ-R, CCSD initiated a process to review and recommend materials for use in local schools. Alignment of the curriculum standards is a major element of the review process. The following steps were taken to ensure adequate and equal opportunities for parents, community members, and teachers to review and comment on materials.

- Textbook Committees formed and led by instructional specialists, January 3-13
- School Review Period, January 13-February 26
- State Caravan event with publishers, February 19
- Textbook Open Houses and Community Review Sessions, February 1-26
- Community Review at Charleston County School District Board Room, February 25

Motion to approve the instructional materials recommended for use in Charleston County School District by the Chief Academic Officer and textbook selection committees for the subjects in the recommendation and justification document.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Chris Fraser

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Information: B. Focus on Student Achievement - Acceleration Schools Update

Karolyn Belcher, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the strategy for improving student achievement in the 14 Acceleration Schools and provided information regarding an estimated initial investment required to support these schools.

Information: C. University of Virginia (UVA) Report

In preparation for our partnership, UVA conducted school visits and produced a diagnostic report based on interviews with leaders across CCSD. The report was shared with the Board, and Karolyn Belcher, CAO, discussed how the district plans to move forward with consideration of UVA's recommendations.

Information: D. Early College High School Calendar Consideration

Ms. Belcher reported that Vanessa Denney, Early College High School principal, recommends aligning the Early College High School calendar more closely with the Trident Technical College calendar. This proposal has been discussed with and has received overwhelming approval of school leadership, faculty, staff, students (84% in favor) and parents (91% in favor).

The main rationale for aligning calendars is to increase opportunities for CCSD students enrolled at Early College High School to enroll in Trident Technical College courses offered at any campus. Currently, ECHS students are limited to enrolling in courses that Trident Tech creates uniquely for Early College students. This proposal would also make it possible for ECHS students to enroll in Trident's "Maymester" courses. Increasing access to courses would likely increase the Associate's Degree completion rate.

Challenges yet to be overcome include:

- Clarifying that the State Department of Education would permit students who attend Early College High School to maintain enrollment in their home high schools even though they observe a different school calendar;
- Working out transportation, school food services, and supervision arrangements for Early College High School students who may be attending Trident Tech classes on days when other CCSD schools are closed.

The administration hopes to resolve these issues in time to bring a recommendation to the Board for consideration at the March Board of Trustees meeting.

4. Other Board Committees

Information: A. Audit & Finance: Committee Meeting Review

Committee Chair Todd Garrett reviewed the following items from the March Audit and Finance Committee. These items will be considered for action on the March 23 Board meeting agenda:

- Spring 2020 Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) - D. Kennedy
- 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax - Capital Maintenance Budget Reallocation - R. Kramps
- Reallocation of Real Estate Funds - A. Barnette

Mr. Jeffrey Borowy, Chief Operating Officer, and other key staff provided an update on CCSD Coronavirus Precautionary Measures. Steps have been taken to establish protocols for schools and buses. Ellen Nitz, Director of Nursing, described the proactive and preventive measures that have been put in place. Frequent updates will be provided through the Communications Department to keep employees, parents, and community members apprised.

Action: B. Policy & Personnel: Policy GCCB - Teacher and Employee Retention incentive Program (TERI) - First Reading

Action: C. Policy & Personnel: Policy GCO - Evaluation of Administrative Staff - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of deletion of Policy GCCB - Teacher and Employee Retention incentive Program (TERI) and revision of Policy GCO - Evaluation of Administrative Staff. The conclusion of the TERI program on June 30, 2018, has rendered the first policy and the sixth paragraph in the second policy irrelevant.

Motion by Chris Fraser, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: D. Policy & Personnel: Policy JICA - Student Dress/Uniforms - Second Reading

Motion to approve second reading of the revised policy (containing changes printed below from page 2) as recommended by staff and passed first reading by the Board on 12/16/19:

- shall permit any parent/legal guardian to ~~submit a request to~~ exempt his/her child from the uniform policy by ~~written application completing the Application for exemption~~ **Exemption** from ~~uniform program~~ **the Student Uniform Requirement** and complying with the procedures set out in ~~the~~ administrative rule. **The application will be reviewed by a school-based committee for approval or denial. In the event the application is denied, the parent/legal guardian may appeal to the Executive Director for a final decision.**

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Chris Collins to approve second reading of the revised policy as written (containing his suggested changes in PURPLE print). This motion died for lack of a second.

5. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

6. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

March 23, 2020 - Board Meeting

April 20, 2020 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 27, 2020 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting - The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:15 p.m.