

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, April 19, 2021

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Members present

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

Ms. Erica Cokley was absent.

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 Lauren Herterich, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Green

2. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Temporary Public Comment Policy
One person registered to address the Board in person but did not show.

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted to PUBLICCOMMENTS@charleston.k12.sc.us
One written comment was submitted and read aloud by Ms. Waters. It was from Jennifer Saunders, teacher at R. B. Stall, who asked the Board to consider making the day after vaccine administration an additional e-learning day.

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.

Information: B. Board Priorities, Goals, and Administration's Strategies - Format Refinement
Dr. Postlewait reported that the administration continues to refine strategies, metrics/measures, and cost estimates for the recently approved 2021-22 CCSD Board Priorities and Goals. She reviewed responsibilities and duties of the Board as well as the Superintendent and staff.

4. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Focus on Student Achievement: Recommendation for C. E Williams North, 2021-22

Maite Porter, C. E. Williams North (6th grade) Principal, and Kevin Smith, C. E. Williams South (7th-8th grades) Principal, each made very brief remarks regarding their recommendation for West Ashley Middle School operations for the 2021-22 school term.

Motion to continue with the current configuration for middle schools in D10, with 6th grade scholars housed on the C.E. Williams North campus and 7th and 8th graders housed on the C.E. Williams South campus, until a committee can be formed during the 2021-2022 school year to discuss the future configuration for middle school scholars in D10.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters
Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Action: B. 2020-2021 Virtual Academy Options, K-8

The Learning Services Department is seeking board approval to partner with other Low Country school districts (Berkeley, Dorchester 4, Dorchester 2 and Colleton) through the Low Country Education Consortium (LCEC) to provide virtual options for interested families during the 21-22 school year. This partnership with other districts will allow CCSD the opportunity to share resources and harness the collective expertise to provide a high-quality K-8 virtual option and extend course offerings for our 9-12 students. This shared service model includes access to a robust catalog of supplemental courses for grades 6-12; a full-time high-quality K-8 virtual program; and technical assistance to support virtual learning for all participating families K-12.

Other benefits of the partnership include the following:

- Leverages purchasing power for supplemental services;
- Allows districts to reach economies of scale to reduce staffing and program costs;
- Districts share costs for professional learning offerings.

Motion to approve Charleston County entering into a partnership with other Low Country school districts through the Low Country Education Consortium to offer a high quality K-8 virtual academy and supplement our 9-12 course offerings.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats, Helen Frazier, Kristen French

Information: C. Rubric for School-Specific Waivers

The Board asked Learning Services to determine under what conditions a school can be approved by the Board to apply for state waivers. Learning Services proposes that schools may apply for state waiver(s) if the waiver is a critical component of the school's improvement strategy. The staff would use the presented evaluative rubric to review applications and make recommendations to the Board.

Information: D. Board Support of CCSD Settlement with the U. S. Civil Rights Division

Board members Dr. French and Ms. Cokley submitted this agenda item for information. Staff reported on work already being done to satisfy requirements of the settlement agreement.

5. Other Board Committees

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

Ms. Green and Mr. Kennedy reviewed the following items that were approved in committee to move to the full Board on April 26:

Action Items:

1. 2021-2022 Head Start COLA Supplement Application (K. Foxworth)
2. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY21 Reallocation (J. Borowy)
3. Phase V Construction - 8 percent Capacity Analysis (J. Borowy/D. Kennedy)
4. Audit & Finance Community Volunteer (D. Kennedy)

Information Item:

1. Procurement Audit (CliftonLawsonAllen)
2. FY20 SWMBE Report/FY21 Summer Update (D. Kennedy)
3. Monthly Capital Projects Report (J. Costello)
4. Monthly Financial Report (D. Kennedy)
5. Update on FY22 Budget - Multi-Year Financial Plan (D. Kennedy)

Action: B. Policy GBGAA - Accommodation for Breastfeeding Mothers - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of Policy GBGAA

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

6. Other Business

Information: A. Legislative Update

Ryan Butler, associate with Campbell Consulting Group, provided a report on behalf of Darrell Campbell.

Information: B. SCSBA - Call for Nominations, Resolutions, and Amendments

Information from the South Carolina School Boards Association was provided for information.

Action: C. Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022

Motion to approve the proposed schedule of Board meeting dates from July, 2021 through June, 2022.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Information: D. FY20 SWMBE Report & Summer Facilities Expenditures

A Board member asked for a report showing construction and facilities expenditures with minority firms. The report for FY20 went to the board in October and was re-sent in January. The report was provided for information. Also provided was a report from Operations showing SWMBE expenditures for Facilities work this past summer which are not shown in the October report (two different fiscal years).

Action: E. One-day Board Retreat/Workshop

Motion to approve a half-day retreat/workshop on board governance on May 26 (lunch at 12:00; workshop 1:00-4:30).

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion to move Items 4-A, 5-B, 6-E and the 4 action items from A&F to Consent Agenda on April 26, 2021.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion Carried.

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

7. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

April 26, 2021 - Board Meeting

May 10, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

May 24, 2021 - Board Meeting

May 26, 2021 - Board Retreat/Workshop

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carried unanimously.