

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Special-Called Meeting (following 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, June 14, 2021

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Members present

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

Ms. Erica Cokley was absent.

1. Opening Items and Special Recognitions

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda and move special recognitions to the end of the meeting in order to give everyone a chance to connect via Zoom.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Recognition: C. Special Recognitions (*As stated above, this item took place at the end of the meeting.*)

The following were recognized in a video presentation:

Spring Athletic Champions

During the spring sports season, Charleston County School District schools combined to win a total of 15 team, individual, and relay South Carolina High School League state championships. With the help of athletic directors and coaches, the Division of Strategy and Communications produced a highlight video to honor these most deserving and talented CCSD athletic state champions.

Sixth District Congressional Art Competition Winner

Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) senior, Enrique Boyd, won the 2021 Sixth District Congressional Art Competition, and his work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol as a part of the national art exhibition. Boyd's piece is called "Cedric."

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model Program School

West Ashley High School's school counseling program has met the criteria to become a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) by the American School Counselor Association. The RAMP designation is valid for five years (through the 2025-2026 school year) and involves a 12-step application process using at least one academic year's worth of data to demonstrate a commitment to delivering data-informed school counseling program. The application process looks at the school's vision, mission, school counseling program goals, ASCA mindsets and behaviors for student success, annual agreement, advisory council, calendars, school counseling core curriculum action plan and lessons, school counseling core curriculum results report, small-group responsive services, closing-the-gap results report, and a program evaluation reflection.

2021 Top Five Teacher of the Year Finalists

On May 5, 2021, Charleston County School District (CCSD) officials surprised five unsuspecting teachers today by announcing their selection of the Top 5 Finalists for 2021 Teacher of the Year.

The finalists are:

- Coach Candace Bare (PE Teacher) from Ladson Elementary School
- Coach Adam "AJ" Barnes (Social Studies Teacher) from West Ashley High School
- Abby Best (Third Grade Teacher) from James B. Edwards Elementary School
- Kathryn "Katie" Johnston (PLTW Engineering Teacher) from East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies
- Vicki Klatt (Third Grade Teacher) from St. Andrew's School of Math and Science

One of those finalists will take over the reins from the district's current Teacher of the Year, Lakevia Mills (St. John's High School).

Action: D. Convene in Executive Session to Consider Items Covered by Attorney-Client Privilege

Motion carried by unanimous consent to convene in executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege.

2. Executive Session

Action: A. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Action: B. District 2 Constituent Board Vacancy Recommendation
Action: C. Health Advisory Committee - Selection of New Committee Members

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Motion to reconvene open session; take a 10-minute recess, and reconvene at 4:20.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French

Nay: Joyce Green

Not Present at Vote: Lauren Herterich

Rev. Mack recognized today (June 14) as Flag Day which commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777.

Rev. Mack recognized upcoming "Juneteenth," also known as Freedom Day or Liberation Day. It is the longest running African American holiday celebrating the emancipation of African Americans who had been enslaved in the United States. It kicks off today here in the Lowcountry and will culminate with a Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 19, the official day of celebration.

Rev. Mack offered condolences for Insley Augusta Horn, a third grade student who attended Stiles Point Elementary School and unexpectedly passed away June 6, 2021. Condolences were also offered for long-time CCSD member, Mr. Cornelius Richardson, who passed away last Friday. Mr. Richardson served over 40 years in several capacities as Principal of Jane Edwards, teacher/Coach of Lincoln High School and agriculture and horticulture teacher at Haut Gap Middle School and St. Johns High School. He retired from the District, June 30, 1981. Mr. Richardson was 95 years old.

Action: B. North Charleston High School - School of Innovation Application

Motion to approve North Charleston High School to qualify as a School of Innovation, per the proposal unanimously approved by the Board on March 22, 2021 with the condition the board receives bi-annual reports to monitor impact and assess opportunities to expand and enrich program offerings.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Aye: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Joyce Green, Helen Frazier, Lauren Herterich

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats, Kristen French

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Action: A. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to uphold decision of constituent board

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Kristen French

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: B. District 2 Constituent Board Vacancy Recommendation

Motion to approve the recommendation to fill the vacant seat on the District 2 Constituent Board by Jennifer Bilbro.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Abstain: Joyce Green

Action: C. Health Advisory Committee - Selection of New Committee Members

Motion to appoint a candidate for each vacant Health Advisory Committee spot for which applications were submitted as follows: Katherine Thygesen (community), Jeremy Rutledge (clergy), and Miranda Stonecipher (teacher).

Motion by Kristen French, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

5. Closing Item

Action: A. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:40 p.m.