

Board Meeting Recap

This publication is prepared by the CCSD Division of Strategy and Communications as an unofficial recap of actions taken at the most recent meeting of the CCSD Board of Trustees. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the Board's next meeting and posted as the official record.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting: May 24, 2021

THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE:

First Reading of the 2021-2022 Budget

The Board of Trustees approved the [first reading of the FY2022 Budget](#) which includes a 3.4 mill increase. The Budget requires a second reading for final approval.

Policy GBGAA – Accommodation for Breastfeeding Mothers – Second Reading

The Board approved the second (and final) reading of a revision to [Policy GBGAA](#) that incorporates changes made to the SC Lactation Act and brings the policy in line with state requirements.

Policy JI - Students Rights and Responsibilities - First Reading

The Board approved the first reading of a revision to [Policy JI](#) that reflects the Board's commitment to providing a culture which values our diversity by clearly stating that discriminatory language and/or actions are subject to disciplinary consequences.

Policy GBEB - Employee Conduct - First Reading

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Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - Carolina Park Library

The Board approved the recommendation to name the library/media center at Carolina Park Elementary School in honor of Carol Cook, who recently retired. Ms. Cook is being honored for years of dedication and service to CCSD.

Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) 2021 Annual Conference - Atlanta, GA

The Board approved a request for Board members Erica Coakley and Dr. Helen Frazier to attend the CUBE conference (an event sponsored by the National School Boards Association) in Atlanta, GA in September.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

Board Chair Remarks

CCSD Board of Trustees Chair Rev. Dr. Eric Mack highlighted National Mental Health Awareness Month. He also designated Lauren Herterich (Strategic Education Committee Chair) and Joyce Green (Audit and Finance Committee Chair) as the Board representatives for the district's ESSER III planning committee group.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report provided an update on the latest COVID-19 data and progress from the district in meeting the Board's priorities and goals.

Special Recognition

Fall and Winter State Champions

The Board recognized the district's individual and team South Carolina High School League state champions from the fall and winter sports from the current school year. The Office of Communication produced a video to highlight the accomplishments; it played at the [22:28 mark](#) of the Board meeting video.

Academic Magnet Distinction and Presidential Scholar

Students and staff from Academic Magnet High School were recognized by the Board for earning the number two spot on the U.S. News & World Report's 2021 Best High School national rankings; it is the second year in a row they have received that honor. Graduating senior Lily Lassiter was also honored by the Board for becoming the second Raptor in four years to be named a U.S. President Scholar; only 161 students earned that award this year.

Update on Summer Programs

District leaders gave a presentation on the plans for this year's K-8 Summer Enrichment Camps, the Read to Success camps (for third grade students), and credit recovery for high school students.

Funds that we anticipate spending for ESSER II

District leaders discussed how funds from ESSER II will be spent: addressing COVID-19 learning gaps and positioning CCSD to strengthen instruction for all students.

SC Department of Revenue Compliance Audit Report – Charleston County School District Education Capital Improvement Tax

The Board received a report based on an audit conducted by the South Carolina Department of Revenue, analyzing the district's use of the Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax (one-cent sales tax). The audit concluded CCSD is in compliance; the Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax revenue was used only for projects listed on the 2014 referendum or to service general obligation bond debt incurred by the district for those projects.

External Audit Firm Update

The Board received an update on the external audit firm selected by the district's Finance Division. Greene Finney, LLP will conduct external audits and procurement audits for the next five years. The cost for the 2021 external audit and procurement audit is \$96,150; for 2022 - \$98,500; for 2023 - \$101,000; for 2024 - \$103,400 and for 2025 - \$106,000.

Disparity Study Proposal

The Board received an update on the company selected to conduct a study that will aid CCSD in evaluating and improving its current Minority Business Program. Miller Consulting, a minority vendor from North Carolina, earned the bid. The proposed cost is \$333,150 and the estimated completion date is 11 months after the start of work. The District's sales tax program will fund \$200,000 and the remainder will come from general operating funds.

Additional Financial Reports

The Board received their monthly Capital Projects and Financial reports.