

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 23, 2015, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street. The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes – Vice Chair, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles and Mr. Michael Bobby, Acting Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Staubes motioned, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to go into Executive Session to discuss the agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:30 p.m.

Staff members Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Dr. Charles D'Alfonso, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mrs. Anita Huggins, Mr. Ron Kramps, Mr. Lou Martin, Mr. John McCarron, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

1.1: Legal Update

1.2: Property Purchase for Future East Cooper High School Campus

1.3: Workers' Compensation Claim

1.4: Workers' Compensation Claim

1.5: Student Transportation Request for Proposal

1.6: Student Transfer Appeal

OPEN SESSION

5:15 p.m.

II.	<p>CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Coats called the Open Session meeting of March 9, 2015 to order at 5:16pm. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
III.	<p>ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the agenda with following amendments. The vote was 9-0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Darby suggested moving agenda item 11.1 A - Head Start/Early Head Financials & 11.1 B - Inclement Weather immediately following the Special Recognitions section on the agenda. • Mr. Mack suggested moving agenda item 1.5 - Student Transportation Request for Proposal from the agenda.
IV.	<p>SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications</p>
	<p>A. EPA Energy Star Awards Mr. Sean Hughes, the Director of Energy Management, called to the Board's attention the four Energy Star Schools—Ellington ES, Stiles Point ES, Mitchell ES, and Mt. Pleasant Academy for their reduction of energy consumption, their energy efficiency, and their certification from the Environmental Protection Agency. These schools reduced energy by at least 35%.</p>
	<p>B. SeaPerch Champions CE Williams MS and West Ashley HS students were recognized for their performance in the SeaPerch Underwater Robotics completion. Both teams will participate in the national competition at the University of Massachusetts-Darmouth campus in May.</p>
	<p>C. Basketball Lower State Champions Mr. David Spurlock called the Board's attention the Burke HS Bulldog Team for being the 2015 Basketball Champions after winning the Class A South Carolina State Championship on Saturday.</p>
	<p>D. Mark Cobb Scholarship Mr. Ron Kramps, the Executive Director of Asset Management, recognized corporate sponsors—GCA</p>

		Services, SC School Plant Management Association, South Carolina Electric & Gas, Spartan Chemical, Thompson Turner Construction, Control Management, Inc., Jumper Carter Sease Architects, Roush CleanTech, Durham School Services, Bonitz Flooring, and Clean Masters for their support of the Mark Cobb Memorial/Ron McWhirt Scholarship Fund. Dr. Ron McWhirt and Mrs. Tammy Cobb presented a check in the amount of \$14,749.37 to staff.
V.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Michael Bobby, Acting Superintendent of Schools	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bobby commended the Burke Boys Basketball Team for their victory last weekend. He applauded them for their commitment to the game and the classroom. • The South Carolina State Superintendent, Molly Spearman, visited schools in Charleston County last week. During her visit, the Girls Summit, the Gene Machine Mobile Science Lab STEM, CTE, and other programs were all showcased. At the State Superintendent Roundtable meeting after her visit to Charleston, she mentioned all the great things she saw in Charleston. Mr. Bobby thanked the Board members that took time to visit with the state superintendent. • Mr. Bobby congratulated the Pinckney and Cario teams for being the State Chess Champs. • Dr. Lisa Herring was commended for being the keynote speaker at the recent Girls Summit. • The five District Teacher-of-the-Year finalists were announced. 	
VI.	VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Mohammed Idris expressed concerns about the district office being in close proximity of the JC Calhoun statue at Marion Square. 2. Ms. LaToya Gambell, President of the East Side Development Corporation, questioned why no funds have been identified for the stand-alone middle school at Burke. She also suggested that trade education be returned to Burke HS. 3. Ms. Hallie Siebel, an Academic Magnet HS (AMHS) parent and founder of the AMHS foundation, spoke about proposed changes to the magnet school admissions policy. She suggested the proposed changes in the policy would diminish the hard work already done at AMHS. Then she volunteered to serve on the Admissions Task Force. 4. Ms. Charlesa Pugh said she was happy to see the Diversity Leader position posted. Then she suggested magnet schools be expanded to areas outside of Charleston County and said no school should represent only one race of students. 5. Mr. Joe Bowers addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. Thomas Colleton, the District 1 Constituent Board, who could not attend the meeting because his mother is sick. He spoke about funds allocated to renovate the middle school for Lincoln. Then he requested the middle school at St. James Santee be removed from the wave list. 6. Mr. Patrick Hayes said he was pleased to learn that teachers would not be required to make up the inclement day. He went on to say that there is no state law requiring staff to make the day up. Mr. Hayes submitted an \$18 invoice to the Board for the 30 minutes which was spent reading emails related to this matter. 7. Mr. Eduardo Curry addressed the Board about equal access, diversity and sensitivity. He mentioned the recent tweet from a School of the Arts student that was racial. He urged the Board to diversify. 8. Ms. Darlene Rawls asked the Board to consider engaging School Improvement Committee members to help find a solution to diversity issues. She volunteered to serve on the Diversity Task Force. 9. Mr. John Segals, a former Academic Magnet HS 2014 graduate, said the student body at AMHS is diverse. Then he suggested that some students at AMHS could not survive elsewhere. He said the school was designed to be a magnet school for those who are qualified and the admissions process is racially blind. 10. Mr. Tony Lewis expressed concerns about bullying of students in several CCSD schools. He said smart students experience retaliation when other students that cause problems receive a pat on the back. Mr. Lewis said a copy of a plan he had would be sent to the Board electronically. 	
VII.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	
	7.1:	A. Open Session Minutes of February 23, 2015 Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the open session minutes of February 23, 2015. The vote was 9-0.
		B. Open Session Minutes of March 3, 2015 Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the open session minutes of March 3, 2015. The vote was 9-0.
	7.2:	Executive Session Action Items of March 9, 2015 The Board voted on the following executive session action items of March 9, 2015.
		1.1: Legal Update The Board received a legal update. However, no action was taken.

		1.2: Property Purchase for Future East Cooper High School Campus Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the purchase of a 5.3 acre parcel of property adjacent to the future East Cooper High School not to exceed \$2.5 million. The vote was 9-0.
		1.3: Workers' Compensation Claim Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve a Workers' Compensation Settlement Claim. The vote was 7-2 (Ducker and Staubes opposed) .
		1.4: Workers' Compensation Claim Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a Workers' Compensation Settlement Claim. The vote was 7-2 (Ducker and Staubes opposed)
		1.5: Student Transportation Request for Proposal - PULLED This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.
		1.6: Student Transfer Appeal Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve a Student Transfer Appeal. The vote was 9-0.
	7.3:	A. Financial Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the financial minutes of February 23, 2015. The vote was 9-0.
		B. Financial Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the financial minutes of March 3, 2015. The vote was 9-0.
VIII.	CAE UPDATE	
IX.	MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)	
X.	COMMITTEE REPORT(S)	
	10.1:	Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Todd Garrett
		A. Audit & Finance Committee Update <i>The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:</i> <i>-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;</i> <i>-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and</i> <i>-What is needed to move the item forward?</i>
		B. Head Start Funding Application – Mrs. Ruth Taylor Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to return the Head Start/Early Head Start Funding Application for the June 1, 2015 – May 21, 2016 grant period back to committee for further details. The vote failed 4-5 (Collins, Darby, Mack, Miller and Staubes opposed). Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve recommendation at the 2014-15 budget, contingent upon staff requesting a waiver to extend the application at least until March 24 th to allow staff to work on it further. The vote was 9-0.
		C. Formation and Funding of Middle School Football Program – Mr. Spurlock Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve a recommendation to create a system for middle school District sponsored football, understanding that the final approval will occur at the point where in the District's budget has been approved and the funding for the middle school sports program is included within the budget. The vote was 8-1 (Coats opposed). Rev. Collins offered an amendment to include sports for girls. However, no one seconded the motion.
		D. Spring 2015 Bond Anticipation Note Resolution – Mr. Michael Bobby Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to adopt the Resolution approving the Spring 2015 Bond Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$48,500,000 for Series 2015A; \$51,500,000 for Series 2015B; and \$25,500,000 for Series 2015C. The vote was 9-0.
		E. E-Rate Budget Resolution – Mr. John Lowe Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the E-Rate Resolution for CCSD FY2016 to enable applications per governing regulations. The vote was 9-0.
		F. CD & Head Start Classroom Renovations – Mr. Ron Kramps Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to authorize staff to award and enter into a contract with Stenstrom & Associates in the amount of \$195,000 for CD & Head Start classroom renovations. The vote was 9-0.

		G. West Ashley Middle School – HVAC Additions – Mr. Ron Kramps Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve a recommendation to authorize staff to award and enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder at a not to exceed (NTE) amount of \$300,000 for West Ashley Middle School gym HVAC additions. The vote was 9-0.
		H. Invitation to Bid B1508 Comprehensive Roof Maintenance Program – Mr. Ron Kramps Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to award Bid B1508, Comprehensive Roof Maintenance Program, to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., at a five-year award cost of \$2,196,221.00 (annual cost of \$439,244.20). The vote was 9-0.
		I. Capital Maintenance Program & Design – Mr. Ron Kramps Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve \$2M advanced funding (Spring BAN) for early designs and early execution of projects under the Capital Maintenance Program. The vote was 9-0.
		J. Request for Approval by CCSD Nutrition Services for Community Eligibility Provision – Mr. Walter Campbell Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the CCSD Nutrition Services to apply for approval from the State Department of Education for the Community Eligibility Provision. The vote was 9-0.
	10.2:	Policy & Personnel Committee – Mr. Tripp Wiles
		A. Policy Committee Update <i>The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:</i> <i>-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;</i> <i>-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and</i> <i>-What is needed to move the item forward?</i>
		B. Second Reading – Policy JRA – Student Records Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the second reading of Policy JRA. The vote was 9-0.
		C. Second Reading – Policy GBED – Tobacco-Free Schools – Employees/Visitors Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the second reading of Policy GBED. The vote was 9-0.
		D. Second Reading – Policy JICG – Tobacco-Free Schools – Students Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the second reading of Policy JICG. The vote was 9-0.
		E. Second Reading – Policy JFAA – Admission of Resident Students Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the second reading of Policy JFAA. The vote was 9-0.
		F. Second Reading - Policy BEDN – Technical and Communication Support for the Board Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the second reading of Policy BEDN. The vote was 9-0.
	10.3:	Strategic Education Committee – Rev. Chris Collins
		A. Strategic Education Committee Update <i>The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:</i> <i>-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;</i> <i>-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and</i> <i>-What is needed to move the item forward?</i>
XI.	POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	
	11.1:	A. Head Start/Early Head Financials Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start financial report for the ending period, January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015. The vote was 9-0 .
		B. Inclement Weather Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett , to forgive the inclement weather day on February 24, 2015 for all staff and direct Mr. Bill Briggman to work with the Leadership Advisory Council of the Teacher Roundtable to make a long term recommendations for weather days to the Policy and Personnel Committee and then to the Board. The vote was 9-0.
XII.	NEW BUSINESS	
There being no further business to discuss, at 8:13pm Mrs. Coats called for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Darby. The meeting adjourned by consensus.		