

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 27, 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. Miller motioned, seconded by Mrs. Darby to convene into Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION	
4:30 p.m.	
Staff members Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Dr. Charles D'Alfonso, Dr. Dena Davis, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, 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. Ruth Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.	
1.1: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson	
1.2: East Cooper Montessori Charter Renewal – Mr. John Emerson	
II.	CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Coats called the Open Session meeting of April 27, 2015 to order at 5:36pm. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
III.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the April 27, 2015 agenda. The vote was 9-0.
IV.	SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications
	A. Stall HS Volunteer Recognition The Board recognized Mr. Bruce Kiriloff for being an outstanding contributor to the Stall Boys and Girls Track & Field and Cross County teams.
	B. PBIS Recognition The Board recognized PBIS coaches and leaders for their work in partnership with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry to protect the rights of students.
V.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Michael Bobby, Acting Superintendent of Schools Acting Superintendent Mr. Michael Bobby shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a brief update on community bell time forums Mr. Bobby noted that information is being compiled from the meetings and the community surveys to bring to the board at the May 11th meeting. • A brief update was provided on the district's Diversity and Inclusion work to date. The Rigor and Diversity Task Force has met three times. There are approximately 60 members on the Task Force. The district will hopefully hire a new Director in 30 days. • Mr. Bobby shared highlights from the following events: Trident United Way's new African American Leadership Council, the Employee Recognition Banquet, Teacher of the Year Emilie Woody, Senator Marlon Kimpson's essay contest which will allow three student winners to attend the DIG South Conference, Comcast Cares Day at Mt. Zion Elementary, the Jefferson Awards Foundation's Students in Action and School of the Art's regional win last week, Wando ProStart Management Team's national win, the Wando Boys' Lacrosse state championship win, and the Literacy Roundtable Celebration and Home Reading Awards. • Mr. Bobby also announced the following events: a free concert at Burke this Thursday at 7 p.m. featuring the Burke Concert Band and a Band from a school in Ontario, Canada; the Superintendent's Cup Tennis Tournament which is May 2; Lowcountry Giving Day which is May 5; the Wellness Achievement Celebration which is May 12; and the Retirement Recognition Banquet which is May 13; The IZLC Academic Banquet which is May 15; and the CPN End of Year Celebration which is May 21.
VI.	VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

	<p>Mr. Staubes read policy BEDH.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. LuAnn Rosenzweig, a Charleston Area Justice Ministry representative, addressed the board in support of the district's response to their request to address issues related to early childhood needs and reducing suspensions 2. Ms. Sarah Johnson and Mr. Peter Smyth expressed concerns about state testing. Ms. Johnson suggested that testing hurts high risk students. 3. Mr. Jeremy Gilbert and Ms. Stella Tuten addressed the Board about the Middle School bell time proposal and the impact it would have on elementary students. Ms. Tuten urged everyone to visit their FaceBook page 4. Rev. Charles Glover, the District 23 Constituent Board Chair, addressed the Board about a request they made about personnel matter to the County School Board. He urged the Board to act on the request before a serious matter occurs in District 23. He went on to say he will address his concerns at a Edisto District Conference. They will hold CCSD accountable if something happens 5. Ms. Stella Tuten addressed the Board in opposition of the proposed Middle School Bell time. She urged everyone to visit their <u>FaceBook page called No Bell Time Change for CCSD</u>. 6. Mr. Louis Jefferson, a representative with the Cage Group, addressed the Board about property near Laing that CCSD has requested an easement for. While they are not against the easement, they disagree with the track because it runs through the middle of their land. He urged staff to contact them about a right-in/right-out near Bull Rush Drive. 7. Mr. Richmond Brown, Ms. Allie Bucknam, Ms. Danielle Daniels, Mr. Derek Duncan, Ms. Christina Holtz, Ms. Mary Rader, and Ms. Sandra Reed, addressed the Board in support of the Kaleidoscope program. 8. Ms. Bonnie Cleaveland, Ms. Amy Kay, and Ms. Vanessa Hew addressed the Board about the MS Bell Time proposal. She urged the Board to consider all families when considering bell times. 9. Mr. Chris Cason urged the Board to consider having a conversation with individuals in the community to talk about district related issues. 10. Mr. Thomas Dixon addressed the Board about the Diversity and Inclusion information posted on the district's website and the definition that defines diversity as it relates to input from parents and community members. 11. Dr. Kendall Deas urged the Board consider the pros and cons of charter schools and consider other options to improve Burke HS instead of considering a charter school. 	
VII.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS	
	7.1:	<p>A. Open Session Minutes of April 13, 2015 Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the open session minutes of April 13, 2015. The vote was 9-0.</p>
		<p>B. Open Session Minutes of April 6, 2015 - Special Called Meeting Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the open session minutes of April 6, 2015. The vote was 8-0.</p>
		<p>C. Open Session Minutes of April 8, 2015 - Special Called Meeting Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the open session minutes of April 8, 2015. The vote was 8-0. Mr. Miller was out of the room.</p>
	7.2:	<p>Executive Session Action Items of April 27, 2015 The Board considered the following executive session action items of April 27, 2015.</p>
		<p>Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson The Board received a legal update. However, no action was taken.</p>
		<p>East Cooper Montessori Charter Renewal – Mr. John Emerson Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the ten year charter renewal and facility use agreement Montessori expansion, funding of the primary program is subject to approval during the budget process. The vote was 9-0.</p>
	7.3:	<p>A. Financial Minutes of the April 6, 2015 – Special Called Meeting Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the financial minutes of April 6, 2015. The vote was 9-0.</p>
		<p>B. Financial Minutes of the April 8, 2015 – Special Called Meeting Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the financial minutes of April 8, 2015. The vote was 9-0.</p>
		<p>C. Financial Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the financial minutes of April 13, 2015. The vote was 9-0.</p>

		NOTE: Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 7:00pm.
VIII.	CAE UPDATE	
	8.1:	<p>Academic Updates – Mrs. Latisha Vaughn Brandon, Dr. Chuck D’Alfonso, Dr. Laura Donnelly, Mrs. Susan Holiday, Mrs. Elizabeth Reidenbach</p> <p>Academic Updates <i>Mrs. Latisha Vaughn Brandon represented Dr. Lisa Herring, Deputy Superintendent of Academics. The following updates were provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Updates • Accountability Update • South Carolina Read to Succeed • Diversity Task Force Update
	8.2:	<p>Expanded Learning Update (Kaleidoscope & Community Education) – Mr. Jason Sakran Mr. Jason Sakran highlighted Community Education services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage all short term facility rentals in the district. Last year, we processed about 500 (external entity) short term facility rental agreements. This does not include internal requests. • Manage all adult evening classes in the district. Last year, we offered over 75 different evening classes to the community. • Manage all after school/expanded learning activities in the district. Last year, we served over 4,200 students, adding about 2.5 million hours of structured enrichment time. • Write and manage all 21st Century After-School Grants to Title 1 schools. Currently, we serve about 400 students in this program. These grants allow students to participate in a free academically focused after school program at their school. • Manage and coordinate summer programs in 20 schools serving about 3000 students annually. • Manage all student enrichment providers in our elementary schools. For example, karate, Bricks for Kids, art classes, music classes, gymnastics, computer coding, and robotics just to name a few. Last year, we coordinated over 500 student enrichment offerings for our students. (This is in addition to our traditional after school programs). • Play a lead role in coordinating community-wide events such as Hootie’s Homegrown Roundup, Charleston Marathon, Kids Fair, and Reading on the Circle just to name a few.
IX.	MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)	
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	10.1:	<p>Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Todd Garrett - 2014-15 Accountability Update</p>
		<p>A. Audit & Finance Committee Update <i>The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:</i> -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board; -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and -What is needed to move the item forward?</p>
	10.2:	<p>Policy & Personnel Committee – Mr. Tripp Wiles</p>
		<p>A. Policy Committee Update <i>The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:</i> -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board; -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and -What is needed to move the item forward?</p>
		<p>B. Policy JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests – 2nd Reading Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles, to return policy JIH to the Policy Committee. The vote was 8-0.</p>
		<p>C. Policy GCQC – Resignation of Teachers – 1st Reading Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the first reading of policy GCQC. The vote was 8-0.</p> <p>Mr. Emerson handed out a revised copy of Policy GCQC to replace the one in the Board packet because</p>

	of a typographical error. Rev. Collins requested that the Board be advised of all staff resignation. Mrs. Darby said a quarterly update of teachers resigning before the end of their contract would be sufficient.
	D. Policy DFAC – Fund Balance – 1st Reading Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the first reading of policy DFAC. The vote was 8-0.
	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> -Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board; -Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and -What is needed to move the item forward?
	B. Textbook Adoption Ms. Solange Brewer Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the Textbook Adoption. The vote was 8-0.
XI.	POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
XII.	NEW BUSINESS Mrs. Coats reminded the Board to respond to the memo from Mr. Bobby regarding the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Miller said he wanted a citizens committee that would work parallel to the Education Oversight committee with a representative from each constituent board to address their transportation concerns. Mr. Bobby suggested the Board consider having an ongoing governance to receive feedback from community leaders that offer expertise to improve services. He didn't think the committee with constituent members would be broad enough. He said the oversight committee would look at improving and monitoring the ongoing work with transportation. Mr. Miller said if moving in that direction, there should be committee minutes of each meeting. Mrs. Coats requested an update of the Citizens Oversight Committee's role before determining if this is the direction the Board wants to go in. Mr. Mack said it would be great to have someone from Durham on the committee to answer questions. Mrs. Coats added that the Citizens Oversight Committee is not a voting body.
Since there weren't any further business to come before the Board at 8:28pm, Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes to adjourn the April 27, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.	