

A special called meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the board room at 75 Calhoun Street. The following CCSD board members were present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes – Vice Chair, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Todd Garrett arrived at 4:07pm. Rev. Eric Mack called in but arrived at 5:38pm. Mr. Tom Ducker was absent.

The following staff members were present: Dr. Lynda Davis, Mrs. Alicia Kokkinis, and Ms. Maggie Dangerfield.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting. However, no representatives were present.

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to go into Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

## II. CALL TO ORDER

## III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 3.1: Contractual Matter

The Board considered a contract to implement the district's strategic plan. However, no action was taken.

## IV. OPEN SESSION

The Charleston County School District Board of Trustees held a public hearing for Prestige Preparatory Academy at 5:30pm on January 4, 2016, 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. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Tripp Wiles and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary were present. Mr. Tom Ducker was absent.

News media was notified and represented.

### 4.1 Executive Session Action – January 4, 2016

#### A. Charter School Hearing for Prestige Preparatory Academy

Mrs. Coats called the hearing to order at 6:00pm in the Board Room. The district was represented by Ms. Alice Paylor of Rosen, Rosen and Hagood. In her opening statement, Ms. Paylor advised the Board of staff's recommendation to conditional approve Prestige's charter application based on the following timeline:

#### By February 29

- Identification of facility
- Revised educational plans/curriculum including curriculum map and assessments for K-4
- Revised goals
- Professional development plan
- 90 letters of interest

#### March 31

- Realistic, balanced, detailed revised budget with detailed line items to be approved by Financial Services adequate to open and operate the school
- Facility lease

#### July 1

- Certificate of Occupancy from OSF
- Teaching staff hired
- Curriculum for grades 5-8

Ms. Paylor said if Prestige was not able to meet the recommendations by the deadline, the application would automatically roll over for the board's consideration of an August 2017 school opening, instead of opening in August 2016.

Ms. Joyce Coleman led the presentation on Prestige's behalf. A brief recess was offered to allow time for Ms. Coleman and others to confer regarding staff's recommendation.

After reconvening, Ms. Coleman presented a PowerPoint to the Board showing a day in the life of a Prestige student. Ms. Coleman was asked by Ms. Coats whether she felt Prestige could meet the recommendations requested of the charter school by the dates requested. She responded yes. All board members were allowed to ask questions of the charter school and of the district staff members Dr. Valerie Harrison, Chief Academic Officer and Mr. Glenn Stiegman, Interim Chief Financial Officer.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5.1: Contractual Matter**

The Board discussed the charter application for Prestige Preparatory Academy.

**VI. OPEN SESSION**

**6.1 Executive Session Action – January 4, 2016**

**A. Prestige Preparatory Academy**

After a short deliberation, the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees approved a recommendation for conditional approval of the Prestige Preparatory Academy's charter application based on the above listed staff recommendation. The vote was 8-0.

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 7:45pm.