

**CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONIC  
MEETING**

Thursday, January 7, 2016  
75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401  
**Minutes**

**I. OPEN SESSION  
3:30p.m.**

A special-called telephonic meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 75 Calhoun Street. The following CCSD board members participated: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes – Vice Chair, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Tom Ducker and Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles were absent.

Dr. Lynda Davis was the only senior level staff member present.

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

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Then she announced that Executive Session was listed on the agenda only to allow the board to go into executive session if a board member wanted to discuss personnel related matters attached to this issue. Otherwise, the board would just address the policy issue. Mrs. Darby suggested the board only address the policy issue at this time.

Mrs. Coats said board members received their agendas electronically. Then she shared details that led to her receiving a call from Dr. Postlewait about issues related to policy IKAA – Testing and Examination.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Staubes shared details from the district's policy that says superintendent may exempt from final examinations only students enrolled in courses earning a full Carnegie unit both first and second semesters for high school diploma credit, who have an average of 93 or above for the second semester course and who have no unexcused or unlawful absences.

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes to suspend policy IKAA – Testing and Examination for the 2015-16 school year and authorize the superintendent to execute the policy as written in the student handbook at the beginning of the school year or handle as she deems appropriate. The vote was 8-0.

Dr. Postlewait said all high schools students would be notified by 5pm today that the directions outlined in their handbook would be recognized, if the board's motion was approved.

Mr. Miller suggested the board reconvene at a later date to address any possible personnel issues related to this matter.

The special called meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. by consensus.