

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 22, 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. Tom Ducker, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mrs. Sandy Brossard, Dr. Lynda Davis, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Valerie Harrison, Mrs. Anita Huggins, Mr. Ron Kramps, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Mary Runyon, Mr. Glenn Steigman, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Taylor and Mrs. Michele English-Watson.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:15p.m.

- I. 1.1: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson
- 1.2: Student Expulsion Appeal

OPEN SESSION

5:15p.m.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Coats called the February 22, 2016 meeting to order, followed by a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Coats stated for the record that Rev. Collins' Policy BID/DKE was inadvertently left off the February 22, 2016 agenda. That item will be placed on the March 21st board agenda.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Coats noted the following:

- 9.4B – Policy BE - March Meeting Dates would be pulled from the Potential Consent Agenda and placed in the Policy and Personnel Committee due to date modifications.
- 9.5B - Spring Bond Anticipation notes would also be pulled from the Potential Consent Agenda and placed under the Audit & Finance section at the request of the district, due to downward adjustment in bond account.

The following items were also pulled:

- Mr. Ducker requested agenda item 8.4A - Stono Park Project be pulled with the understanding that topic will be discussed at the March 14th Board Workshop with a recommendation coming to the board March 21st.
- Mr. Ducker requested agenda item 9.4M - Naming of a School be pulled. This item will be moved to the Policy & Personnel Committee section of this agenda for further discussion.
- Mr. Miller requested agenda item 9.3A be moved to the Strategic Education Committee section of the agenda to allow him to change his vote on that item.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to adopt the amended agenda and approve the potential consent agenda items voted on earlier in board Committee of the Whole meeting with exception of the items listed above. The vote was 9-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

4.1: A. Open Session Minutes of January 25, 2016

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes. The vote was 9-0.

4.2: Approval of Executive Session Items

1.1: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson

General Counsel briefed the Board on legal matters. However, no action was taken.

1.2: Student Expulsion Appeal

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to overturn the District 23 Constituent Board's student transfer decision thereby supporting administration's position. The superintendent was asked to work with the student's home district (Dorchester 2) for testing options and provision of services to keep the student in a school setting in her home district. The vote was 9-0.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

5.1: A. Mark Cobb/Ron McWhirt Foundation Presentation

The Board recognized Dr. Ron McWhirt, Mrs. Tammy Cobb, corporate sponsors and members of the golf tournament committee. A check in the amount of \$16,360 was presented to the district. The funds raised will be used for scholarships for five CCSD students.

B. Summer Reading Awards

Ms. Solange Brewer presented summer reading awards to student and faculty winners from Stiles Point ES, Pinckney ES, Moultrie Middle, Ashley River Creative Arts School, C.E. Williams Middle School, and West Ashley High School.

VI. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mayor Tecklenburg commended board members and staff for their work and said he looks forward to working with the board and staff to improve schools in Charleston County. He asked the board to consider rebuilding Stono Park ES which was listed on the 2010 Bond Referendum due to the resurgence in West Ashley du-wap area instead of just renovating the facility.
2. Ms. Jamilia Frasier, Mr. Jerod Fraser, Ms. Frances Waite, Ms. Dale Aaron, Mr. Tony Lewis, Alexandra Rhosas, Ms. LaToya Bennett, Rev. Christen and Mr. King David Childress addressed the board in support of rebuilding Stono Park Elementary School.
3. Mr. Terry Walker thanked the board for allowing Carolina Voyager Charter to share swing space with Stono Park Elementary.
4. Ms. Ashley Ewing, a Meeting St. at Brentwood parent, spoke about the progress her children made since they were transferred to Meeting St. at Brentwood.
5. Ms. Carmen Nash urged the board to rebuild Stono Park Elementary School or at least fund renovations for Stono Park Elementary at the level of Angel Oak Elementary renovations.
6. Mr. Chris Jones expressed concerns about budgetary issues as it relates to the rebuilding of Stono Park Elementary School. Mr. Jones also announced his plans to run for the CCSD Board of Trustees in November 2016.
7. Steven Copia-Shabeka, Education Chair of the Charleston Branch NAACP, applauded the board for its effort to increase diversity at Academic Magnet High School. He urged the board to consider the same for the Charleston County School of the Arts.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Superintendent of Schools

7.1: A. Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Gerrita Postlewait shared a list of community members that have been asked to serve on the

Strategic Education Committee. A recommendation will be brought forward for the board's consideration.

B. Budgeting the Plan – Areas of Focus, 2016-17

Dr. Postlewait announced that approximately \$19 million must be cut from the district's budget. That includes \$4 million to go back in the Fund Balance, to avoid a reduction in fund ratings. Below is a summary of other topics the superintendent mentioned.

- Allocation formula for instruction
- A projection of 1400 new students next year
- Focus on programs that accelerate student learning
- Targeting 3-4 schools for intensive learning
- The cost to run all sites would be reviewed closely for board input at the March 14th board workshop.
- February 23, 2015 is the deadline for receiving information for the March 7th Committee of the Whole meeting.
- The new process for Constituent Boards is working well. Board members are asked to direct constituent calls directly to Ms. Julie Erickson. If the issue isn't responded to in 24-48 hours, a call to the superintendent would be appropriate.

Mr. Ducker stated for the record that the issue with the district's fund deficit isn't connected to the Capital Program. The Capital Program budget has been audited and it is in great shape.

C. Other

7.2 Financial Report – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

Mr. Stiegman share the following

- The statement provided at the February 8, 2015, Committee of the Whole meeting is the only report available at this time.
- The tax collection was less than the previous year. Today staff received additional information that would be shared in the near future.
- \$1.4 million would be shared with the charter school due to a better allocation formula.
- CCSD will receive \$2.1 million more in state formula this year.

Finally, Mr. Stiegman said he intends to bring a balanced budget to the board this year.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation Committee Meeting

8.1: See #IX – Potential Consent Agenda Items

Strategic Education Committee

(See #IX – Potential Consent Agenda Items)

8.2: A. Admission Protocol for 9th Grade at Academic Magnet High School – Mr. Jerod Bishop & Mrs. Mary Runyon

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve a recommendation coming from the Strategic Education Committee to extend an invitation to the two (2) highest ranking students in each CCSD 8th grade program to apply for a seat at Academic Magnet High School with an understanding that they must meet the admissions criteria of scoring 13 or higher on the current rubric. (Additional recommendations will be brought forward in March – April). The vote was 9-0.

Rev. Collins suggested the next student on the list be considered if the top two students do not qualify. Dr. Postlewait said it could be considered.

Policy & Personnel Committee

8.3: See #IX – Potential Consent Agenda Items

8.4: A. Stono Park Project – Mr. Jeff Borowy

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to reallocate additional funds for Stono Park Elementary. The vote was 9-0.

The Board workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. Stono Park will be discussed at 4:30 p.m.

B. Head Start/Early Head Start Extension Application

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start extension application budget. The vote was 9-0.

POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Note: Potential Consent Agenda Items were approved earlier during the Adoption of the Board Agenda, agenda item III, with exception of agenda items listed below. These were voted on separately. Please see individual items for details.

- 9.3A - Recommendations regarding Burns Elementary
- 9.4B - Policy BE – School Board Meetings (Change in March meeting dates)
- 9.4M - Naming of Second High School in Mt. Pleasant
- 9.5B - Spring 2016 Bond Anticipation Notes

IX. 9.1: A. Financial Minutes – January 25, 2016 – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The Board voted to approve the January 25, 2016 Financial Minutes. The vote was 9-0.

9.2: A. Community Montessori Transportation – Mr. Jeff Scott

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Transportation Committee to only provide transportation for Community Montessori students residing in Constituent Districts 10 and 23 at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. The vote was 9-0.

B. Review of February – June Calendar; Consideration of “Operations” Committee

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Transportation Committee to consider including all Operations items for consideration during the Transportation Committee time frame to evenly distribute the workload among the four committees and liaisons; and, if effective, in March consider revising the charter of the Transportation Committee to reflect the expanded scope. The vote was 9-0.

9.3: A. Recommendations regarding Burns Elementary School – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the expansion of the district’s partnership with Meeting Street Schools through an addendum to the CCSD Meeting Street Memorandum of Understanding for phased-in services to students zoned for Burns Elementary. The vote was 7-2 (Collins and Miller opposed).

B. Recommendation by HAC to Adopt State-Approved Curriculum to Implement Erin’s Law – Dr. Valerie Harrison & Mrs. Sandy Brossard

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Strategic Education Committee and the Health Advisory Committee to adopt the state-approved curriculum, Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Unites and Resources for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention to support Erin’s Law on January 4, 2016. The vote was 9-0.

C. Pilot Program Evaluation and Applications for Continuation and New Courses – Dr. Valerie Harrison & Mrs. Sandy Brossard

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Strategic Education Committee to approve new pilot program courses, as well as, continuation of previously approved pilot courses. The vote was 9-0.

D. 2016-17 Academic Calendar – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Dr. Valerie Harrison, & Mr. Bob Olson

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Strategic Education Committee to approve the

Transportation Committee

Strategic Education Committee

2016-2017 academic calendar. The vote was 9-0.

In addition:

February 18, 2016 (am) – Strategic Thinking Session with Dr. Bill Cook (optional)

February 22, 2016 – Data and Instructional Programming Workshop – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

February 22, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

March 7, 2016 – Committee of the Whole

March 14, 2016 – Budget Work Session – 2 – 4:30pm

March 21, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2016 – Special Called Board Meeting to approve teacher contracts

April 25, 2016 – Capital Programs Workshop

E. Student Transfer Procedures – Mr. Sean Hughes

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Strategic Education Committee regarding new procedure recommendations from the ad hoc committee to ensure efficiency and effectiveness for student transfer appeals. The vote was 9-0.

9.4: A. Legal Opinion on Voluntary Student Transfer

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to pursue a legal opinion on voluntary student transfer issue. The vote was 9-0.

B. Policy BE – School Board Meetings (Change in March meeting dates) – Mr. John Emerson

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to suspend policy BE to allow the March board meeting to be rescheduled from March 28 to March 21 and reschedule the March Committee of the Whole meeting to March 7th. The vote was 9-0.

C. BBAAAA – Constituent Board Powers and Duties – Mr. John Emerson

The board voted on a revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy BBAAAA to clarify the powers and duties of constituent boards. The vote was 9-0.

D. Policy IKAA – Tests and Examinations – Dr. Lynda Davis

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of Policy IKAA. The vote was 9-0.

E. Policy CFA – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of Policy CFA. The vote was 9-0.

F. Policy DA – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DA. The vote was 9-0.

G. Policy DB – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DB. The vote was 9-0.

H. Policy DC – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DC. The vote was 9-0.

I. Policy DD – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DD. The vote was 9-0.

J. Policy DFAC – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DFAC. The vote was 9-0.

K. Policy DFL – Mr. Glenn Stiegman (Revised 2/8/16)

The board voted on a revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the first reading of policy DFL. The vote was 9-0.

L. Teacher Incentive Fund Grant - Mr. Glenn Stiegman & Mr. Bill Briggman

The board voted on a revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve to discontinue the implementation of the Teacher Incentive Grant for the 2016-17 school year. The vote was 9-0.

M. Naming of Second High School in Mt. Pleasant – Mrs. Erica Taylor

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve a revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to approve the naming of the second high school in Mt. Pleasant. The vote was 8-1 (Collins).

N. Renaming of Sewee Academy – Mrs. Erica Taylor

The board voted on a revised recommendation coming from the Policy & Personnel Committee to rename the Seewee Academy. The vote was 9-0.

9.5: A. Workers Compensation Claim – Ms. Dana Henderson

On February 8, 2016, the Committee of the Whole approved a recommendation for the proposed settlement of a workers' compensation claim. The vote was 9-0.

B. Spring 2016 Bond Anticipation Notes – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the revised recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to adopt the resolution approving the Spring 2016 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2016A, 2016B, 2016C to fund identified projects. The vote was 8-0. Rev. Collins was out of the room.

C. Procurement Card Manual Revision – Mr. Wayne Wilcher

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve an update to the procurement card manual. The vote was 9-0.

D. Capital Programs Fund and Project Management – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board voted on a revised recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to streamline the process for approval to reallocate Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) funds. The vote was 9-0.

E. Pattison's Academy Financial Update – Mr. Glenn Stiegman

The board received the financial update coming from the Audit & Finance Committee for Pattison's Academy as information.

F. Disposition of Underutilized Property – Mr. Sean Hughes

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve the property disposition actions for the former Charlestowne Academy, former E.B. Ellington, and former Laing. The vote was 9-0.

G. Utilization of St. Andrews Middle School Campus – Mr. Sean Hughes

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to utilize St. Andrews Middle School campus for both the Carolina Voyager and Stono Park Elementary swing space. The vote was 9-0.

H. Capital Maintenance Plan 2017-2022 – Mr. Ron Kramps

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve the Capital Maintenance Plan for 2017-2022 and the governance structure for the management of the plan/program. The vote was 9-0.

I. Wando High School Retention Pond Repair and Reallocation of FCO FY 16 Funds – Mr. Ron Kramps

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to repair of the retention pond located at Wando High School and the reallocation of funds in the amount of \$67,700. The vote was 9-0.

J. Capital Maintenance – Sinking Fund Reallocation – Mr. Ron Kramps

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to approve the reallocation of savings in the amount of \$413,913 within the “Sinking” fund program. The resolution will be documented in a Board Update with the resolution requesting reallocation of funds. The vote was 9-0.

K. Capital Maintenance – FM & AM 2016 Early Out Reallocation Request – Mr. Ron Kramps

The board voted on a recommendation coming from the Audit & Finance Committee to repurpose early out funds in the amount of \$198,121 to fund the execution of parking, sidewalk, and lighting projects. The vote was 9-0.

X. WRAP-UP COMMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. by consensus.