

A special-called meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the board room at 75 Calhoun Street.

The following board members were present: Mrs. Cindy Coats – Board Chair, Mr. Chris Staubes, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Kate Darby, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Todd Garrett, Rev. Eric Mack, Mr. Michael Miller, and Mr. Wiles participated by telephone. Dr. Gerrita Postlewait was also present.

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

**Immediately Following the 4:30 p.m. Board Workshop  
OPEN SESSION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Coats called the Special-Called Meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Mack, to adopt the May 2, 2016 agenda, with one amendment. The agenda was revised to include a section for Public Comments. The vote was approved 9-0.

**III. 3.1: Policy BEDB – Agenda – Second Reading**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve the second reading of policy BEDB with the following revisions: 1) that three members must agree to remove an item from the potential consent agenda and 2) agenda items must receive a majority vote of the board members in attendance. The vote was 8-1 (Miller opposed).

- Mr. Staubes offered a friendly amendment suggesting the policy say a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote versus a unanimous vote. Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Darby accepted the friendly amendment.
- Rev. Collins offered a second friendly amendment suggesting that the policy say “3 board members must agree to remove an item from potential consent” instead of “the board must agree”. After Mr. Garrett said “sometimes new evidence may come forward that may warrant taking items off the Potential Consent Agenda section of the agenda” then he accepted the friendly amendment. The board voted on Rev. Collins’ amendment. The vote was 5-3 (Coats, Garrett, and Wiles opposed).

**3.2: Policy BID – Board Member Travel Expenses**

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the second reading of policy BID. The vote was 6-3 (Coats, Garrett and Wiles opposed).

**3.3: 2016-2017 Early Budget Decisions**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby, to approve salaries and benefits budgets for teachers for 2016-17. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. The motion was approved by consensus.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IV. 4.1: Personnel Matter**

**OPEN SESSION RECONVENED**

**4.2: Vote on Executive Session Item**

**4.3: Public Comments**

1. Mr. Chris Bates addressed the board in support of closing Lincoln Middle/High since half of students zoned for school are enrolled in other schools and due to the lack of opportunities at the school.
2. Mr. Jon Hale, a member of the Quality Education Project, spoke about Sanders Clyde, Lincoln, and Morningside School and the negative aspects of Public-Private Partnerships. Mr. Hale also mentioned Act 388.
3. Mr. Kendall Deas spoke of the 2016 budget mentioning the lack of progress the district has made. He encouraged the board to look at education finance and how efficiently spend money.
4. Mr. Tony Lewis reminded board members of their responsibility to kids. He also expressed concerns a letter he received from staff.
5. Ms. Rebecca Cisco addressed the board about budget cuts at Morningside Middle School to include the loss of a special education teacher, student resource officer, and other positions.
6. Rev. John Paul Brown thanked Dr. Postlewait for her efforts. He expressed concerns about closing Lincoln Middle/High School. He suggested the board consider generating funds from other entities and said the community is waiting for the superintendent to request their assistance.
7. Ms. Erma Harrell, a District 1 Constituent Board member, expressed concerns about the board continuing to approve transfers that reduces the number of students attending Lincoln.
8. Ms. Robin Smith, a CCSD Reading Interventionist, asked the board to support the work interventionists do in CCSD schools.
9. Ms. Susan Floyd and Ms. Barbara Bolger expressed concerns about the elimination of the Middle Grade Academy Literacy program and Reading Interventionist Program in CCSD schools.
10. Ms. Carolyb Kyzzer, expressed concerns about the elimination of Morningside Middle Intervention Program. She spoke about the previous school board that refused to raise the tax rates. She urged the current school board to consider raising the tax rate to fix the problems.
11. Ms. LaToya Gamble, a Sanders Clyde parent and community representative asked the board to stop shuffling students around.
12. Ms. Marvetta Daniels, an East Side Community Representative, requested the superintendent promote transparency.
13. Ms. Shakima Greene, a Lincoln parent, expressed concerns about the recommendation to close schools.
14. Ms. Kristin Clark addressed the board in support of the MGA/PGA Academies suggesting the board to remove Literacy Intervention from schools in Mt. Pleasant. She also urged the board to consider increasing the millage.
15. Ms. Rebecca Kutcher, a CCSD teacher, urged the board to consider increasing the millage rate.
16. Ms. Emily Woody, a CCSD teacher, addressed the board in support of increasing the millage rate, as done in other counties to ensure students a world class education.
17. Mr. Tom Colleton shared historical information related to Lincoln High School and said the reason why there is a proposal to close Lincoln is because of the things that were left undone.
18. Mr. Jason Slade invited community members to a meeting at Sanders Clyde at 5pm on Thursday. Then he spoke about efforts to remove blacks to accommodate affluent Caucasian members.
19. Mr. Muhiyidin El Amin spoke about resources available to improve education in the community to assist schools like Sanders Clyde and Morningside Middle.
20. Ms. Mellicent Brown said the board did not address concerns or used experience from the past in regards to race and racism. She also spoke about resources that are needed to help CCSD.
21. Ms. Shamika Green spoke about funding issues in relations to her daughter being told by a band teacher that she won't get her diploma or march because she hasn't paid her band fee.

The board reconvened in Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

Since there were no motions from Executive Session, Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett to adjourn the meeting.