

Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

The meeting was held at 75 Calhoun Street and live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel. News media representatives were notified and were present.

Monday, February 26, 2024

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Members present

Charlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM**1. Opening Items** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=43s>

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Invocation/Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Action: C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Charlotte Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: D. Approval of the January 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Board meeting,

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Charlotte Bailey, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Not Present at Vote: Carol Tempel

Action: E. Approval of the February 5, 2024 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Special Called Board meeting

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Charlotte Bailey, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Abstain: Courtney Waters

Not Present at Vote: Carol Tempel

Action: F. Approval of the February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Keith Grybowski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Charlotte Bailey, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Not Present at Vote: Carol Tempel

2. Special Recognition <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g>

Information: A. School Spotlight of Black History Month Celebrations

3. Public Comments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=562s>

Added Motion: Move to suspend the policy BE - Board Meetings.

Motion by Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), second by Courtney Waters

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Public Comment Policy

Rev. Cynthia Smalls - The process

Penn Doucher - The Superintendent Hiring Process

Parker Ussery - The Superintendent Hiring Process

Catherine Nagel - Public Comment Process

Dr. Harry Walker - Carolina Voyager Charter

John Kabel - Carolina Voyager Charter

Frank Hardie - Supporting the proposal for 3 year mileage

Rev. Willette Scott Ash - Support of Superintendent/Budget
 Carl Blum - Ethics Principles
 LaTisha Vaughn - Board Violating Own Policies
 Craig Logan - Contract to Process
 Anthony Bryant - SC Attorney General's Office, Budget, Public Health & Public Safety
 Rev. Nelson Rivers - Contract and Process
 Cal Boyce - Superintendent Decision
 Susan Fender - Recent School Board Actions
 Rebecca Hinds - The Budget
 Kyndra Luce - Policy

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

4. Superintendent's Report <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=3227s>

Information: A. Superintendent's Report
 The report was reviewed as information.

5. Strategic Education Committee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=6203s>

Information: A. Monitoring Report: Interim Goal 1.2 - African American/Black & Hispanic Kindergarten earlyReading Readiness and Overall Kindergarten FastBridge earlyReading/earlyMath Winter Progress
 The report was reviewed as information.

Information: B. North Charleston High School Conflict Resolution, Career Development, Mentoring, and College Tour Update

6. Audit & Finance Committee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=9330s>

Action: A. Spring 2024 Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs)

Motion to approve the Spring 2024 Bond Anticipation Notes in the amounts of not exceeding \$70,000,000 Series 2024A and not exceeding \$160,000,000 Series 2024B to fund the following:

- 1) The amount of approximately \$6,700,000 for the June 1 installment payment on the alternative financings based on our long-term debt structure and commitments. (Series 2024A)
- 2) The amount of approximately \$61,000,000 to support the Fixed Cost of Ownership Capital Program for FY 2025. (Series 2024A)
- 3) The amount of approximately \$128,600,000 to retire the Series 2023B Bond Anticipation Note for the Phase V Sales Tax Program. (Series 2024B)
- 4) The amount of approximately \$20,000,000 to provide cash flow funding for Phase V Sales Tax projects and Phase V Capital Maintenance. (Series 2024B)

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: B. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY24 - Budget Reallocation

Motion to approved the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: C. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY25 Project List

Motion to approve the prioritized list of projects under the Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY25 Project List as submitted

Motion by Pamela McKinney, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney
 Nay: Edward Kelley

Action: D. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY24 - Budget Reallocation - Transportation

Motion to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Pamela McKinney.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: E. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax - Capital Maintenance Budget Reallocation

Motion to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: F. 2023-2028 Capital Program (Phase V) Sales Tax - Capital Maintenance Budget Reallocation
Motion to approve capital maintenance budget reallocation as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Pamela McKinney.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: G. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY24 - Budget Reallocation (Information Technology)
Move to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Pamela McKinney.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: H. 2023-2028 Capital Program (Phase V) Sales Tax Budget Reallocation
Motion to approve the reallocation of funds as shown on the attached Resolution

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Carol Tempel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: I. Donation Greater Than \$10,000.00
Motion to approved donations in excess of \$10,000.00 as listed.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Pamela McKinney.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Abstain: Daron Calhoun (via Zoom)

Action: J. Purchases and Contracts Greater Than \$250,000
Motion to approve the list of purchases and contracts greater than \$250,000 through January 25, 2024

Motion by Pamela McKinney, second by Carlotta Bailey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Information: K. ESSER Update

The report was reviewed as information.

Information: L. Monthly Capital Project Report - December 2023

The report was reviewed as information.

Information: M. Monthly Financial Update - December 2023

The report was reviewed as information.

7. Convene Executive Session <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=11095s>

Action: A. Convene in Executive Session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege
Motion to convene executive session to consider and receive legal advice on matters involving proposed contractual arrangements, student placement, pending or potential legal claims and/or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Pamela McKinney, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

8. Executive Session

Action: A. Contractual Matter Regarding Charter Renewal for Carolina Voyager Charter School pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: B. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)

Action: C. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)

Action: D. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)
 Action: E. Out of County Transfer Request - West Ashley High School
 Action: F. Request for Additional Year of High School Attendance
 Information: G. Legal Briefing
 Action: H. Legal Advice: Offer of Settlement

9. Open Session Reconvened <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=15655s>

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session
 Motion to reconvene open session

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Edward Kelley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

10. Possible Action of Executive Session Items <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=15698s>

Action: A. Contractual Matter Regarding Charter Renewal for Carolina Voyager Charter School pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to approve the Charter Renewal Application for Carolina Voyager Charter School and to direct legal counsel to negotiate a Ten Year Contract.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom) Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: B. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)

Motion to overturn the Constituent Board's decision and assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Courtney Waters.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Pamela McKinney

Nay: Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Leah Whatley

Action: C. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)

Motion to uphold the Constituent Board decision.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Daron Calhoun.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: D. Student Placement Appeal Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 (a)(1)

Motion to uphold the Constituent Board decision.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Edward Kelley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: E. Out of County Transfer Request - West Ashley High School

Motion to allow the student to be allowed to remain enrolled as an out-of-county resident at WAHS and the tuition is waived, but must apply for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Leah Whatley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Action: F. Request for Additional Year of High School Attendance

No action taken.

Information: G. Legal Briefing

Action: H. Legal Advice: Offer of Settlement

Motion to decline the settlement offer discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Darlene Roberson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Pamela McKinney
Abstain: Leah Whatley

11. Policies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=16208s>

Action: A. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - New D9 Elementary School

Motion to consider the recommendation of the naming committee for the new D9 elementary school to be named Johns Island Elementary School with the caveat of honoring key Johns Island historical figures discussed by the naming committee during the naming process within the school and/or campus including but not limited to: Esau and Janie Jenkins, John and Mattie Washington, Hermaena Traeye, and William "Bill" Saunders.

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Pamela McKinney.

Motion to consider the recommendation of the naming committee for the new D9 elementary school to be named Esau and Janie Jenkins with the caveat of honoring key historical figures discussed by the naming committee John and Mattie Washington, Hermaena Traeye, and William "Bill" Saunders.

Motion by Darlene Roberson, second by Daron Calhoun (via Zoom).

Motion to delay this agenda item until the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Courtney Waters.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

Mr. Kelley stated that it comes back as the amended motion.

12. Other Business <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=17827s>

Information: A. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for Policy

Mr. Grybowski appoints Mr. Kelley, Ms. Bailey, and Mr. Calhoun to the Ad Hoc Committee to help draft a Charter in working with the Committee Chair.

Information: B. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Grybowski appoints Ms. Roberson, Dr. Tempel, and Mrs. McKinney to draft a superintendent's evaluation for consideration of the Board.

13. Closing Items <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIoOng8wU1g&t=17870s>

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Board meeting

Motion by Keith Grybowski, second by Edward Kelley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Carol Tempel (via Zoom), Courtney Waters, Darlene Roberson, Daron Calhoun (via Zoom), Edward Kelley, Keith Grybowski, Leah Whatley, Pamela McKinney

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 10:15 PM

Meeting minutes were approved during the March 25, 2025 meeting.