

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Note: Board members, essential CCSD staff, and a limited number of the general public including media representatives were offered the option of attending the meeting in person, subject to the capacity of the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street, using social distancing protocols. The meeting was also provided via Zoom and lived streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel for the public.)

Monday, December 13, 2021

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Erica Cokley (via Zoom), Mrs. Kate Darby, Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, Ms. Joyce Green, and Mrs. Lauren Herterich

1. WORKSHOP - ACCELERATION SCHOOLS - 1:00 p.m.

Information: A. Acceleration Schools Update - 1 hour workshop

Ms. Karolyn Belcher, Chief Academic Officer, and the Acceleration Schools team gave an update on the Accelerations Schools. The report focused on the investments in talent, improving instruction, and student and community engagement. The team addressed questions from board members.

2. Opening Items - 2:00 p.m.

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., following the one-hour workshop.

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Action: C. Election of Committee of the Whole Chair

Motion to elect Kate Darby as Committee of the Whole chair

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

3. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comments made in person according to Public Comment Policy:

1. Lisa Ruda, Charleston Rise, in support of Reimagine Schools initiative
2. Cheryl Cromwell, Charleston Rise, in support of Reimagine Schools initiative
3. Beatrice Bernier re: Early College HS auxiliary building concerns
4. Tony Daniell re: Harbor View traffic flow and need for multiple points of entry to the school
5. Joy Brown re: concerns with Reimagine Schools proposal
6. Francis Beylotte re: Reimagine Schools proposal, concerns with not complete enough

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted to PUBLICCOMMENTS@charleston.k12.sc.us

Additional public comments submitted in writing were provided to board members and posted on the district webpage.

4. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Paper and Pencil Assessment Waiver

CCSD has submitted the request for paper/pencil assessment administration to the SCDE annually to ensure all students have access to an environment and mode conducive to testing.

Motion to approve the SCDE Waiver for Assessments

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich
Nay: Kristen French

Information: B. FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Student Well-Being

Karolyn Belcher, CAO; Jennifer Coker, Department of Alternative Programs; and Lokia Johnson, School Psychologist, presented. While office-referred discipline incidents for the first quarter were down from rates prior to the pandemic, our district is seeing an increased level of severity of incidents as well as other indicators emphasizing the need for additional ways to support students, teachers and schools. Staff shared data on students' well-being and mental health and our approach to addressing student needs.

Action, Information: C. Reimagine Schools Concept

Darren Goss, CEO, presented regarding the Coastal Community Foundation concept. The Coastal Community Foundation (CCF) has developed a concept to capitalize on unique opportunities to seek to improve a number of schools in four distinct school feeder

patterns in CCSD over the next ten years. CCF recommends forming Community Innovation Commissions to design key recommendations for the board to consider. Designated feeder pattern schools in Districts 4, 9, 20, and 23 would be provided an opportunity to participate. As a result of the Commissions' work, a participating school/feeder pattern could opt to:

- Continue improvement efforts in collaboration with CCSD;
- Lead their own "School of Innovation" effort with permission from CCSD and the SC Board of Education. This option would provide schools with greater decision-making authority and waivers of specified policies;
- Partner with a non-profit organization in a "School of Innovation" effort, if approved by the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees and the SC Board of Education.

A Board vote would authorize CCSD to begin the community commission process immediately.

Motion #2:

Motion to consider today at the Board meeting to recommend the Coastal Community Foundation as the convener in the establishment of innovation commissions for D9 and D23 (jointly), D20, and D4. In addition, fund commission and convener costs of \$805,000 and set aside up to \$31.1 million for the full implementation of Reimagine Schools with the understanding that Coastal Community Foundation will raise additional funds to support and sustain the effort. A formal MOU will be established to detail the terms of Reimagine Schools that are outlined above.

Motion by Helen Frazier, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion failed.

Yea: Helen Frazier, Lauren Herterich

Nay: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Kristen French, Joyce Green

Motion #1:

Motion to schedule a special board meeting on January 10 to consider approving the Coastal Community Foundation as the convener in the establishment of innovation commissions for D9 and D23 (jointly), D20, and D4. In addition, fund commission and convener costs of \$805,000 and set aside up to \$31.1 million for the full implementation of Reimagine Schools with the understanding that Coastal Community Foundation will raise additional funds to support and sustain the effort. A formal MOU will be established to detail the terms of Reimagine Schools that are outlined above.

Motion by Lauren Herterich, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Nay: Erica Cokley, Helen Frazier, Kristen French

5. Other Board Committees

Information: A. Audit & Finance - Committee Meeting Review - Information

The following items were approved December 7 by the Audit and Finance Committee and are recommended for submission to the Board. Much more detailed information about each item can be viewed online in the December 7 Audit and Finance Committee meeting.

Action Items:

1. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO FY22) Budget Reallocation
2. Phase V Capital Maintenance Plan
3. Adoption of 2021 School District Procurement Code

Information Item:

1. Monthly Capital Projects Report
2. 2010-2016 Capital Building Program (Phase III) Sales Tax Substantial Close Out
3. Monthly Financial Statement
4. 45-Day Enrollment Counts

6. Other Business

Information: A. Legislative Update

The Board received from Darrell Campbell an update on legislative matters and other pertinent action pending before governing bodies whose actions impact CCSD.

Information: B. SCSBA Withdrawing Membership from NSBA

The South Carolina School Boards Association recently withdrew membership from the National School Boards Association. Dr. Frazier reported that she understands this may not be a permanent move. She would still like to attend the NSBA Legislative Advocacy Institute in January in Washington, D.C. The Board took previous action to approve her attending and reiterated that they still approve even though the district will pay nonmember registration fees.

Action: C. Determine Agenda Items Moving to Potential Consent Agenda

No action was taken to place any items on the Consent Agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting.

7. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

- December 13, 2021 - Board Meeting
- January 10, 2022 - Committee of the Whole
- January 24, 2022 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.