

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 live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel for the public.)

Monday, August 9, 2021

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Mrs. Kate Darby, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Erica Cokley (via Zoom), Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, Ms. Joyce Green (via Zoom; arrived in person at 2:25), Mrs. Lauren Herterich (via Zoom), and Ms. Courtney Waters

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Eric Mack

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

2. Annual Reports from Constituent Boards

Information: A. Annual Reports from Constituent Boards

Constituent Board Chairs (or designee) presented individual annual reports per CCSD Policy BBAAAA (Constituent Board Powers and Duties). Ten minutes were allocated for each presentation with five minutes for transition between each one.

District 1 - St. James-Santee

Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chair (Rev. E. J. Milligan, Vice Chair, to present for D1 on behalf of Mr. Colleton)

District 4 - Cooper River

Ms. Carla Gadson, Chair

District 3 - James Island

Ms. Katy Calloway, Chair

District 2 - Moultrie

Ms. Pamela Jouan-Goldman, Chair

District 9 - St. John's

Ms. Monica Smith, Chair

District 10 - St. Andrew's

Mr. Rodney Lewis, Chair

District 20 - Peninsula

Ms. Diana Yarborough, Chair

District 23 - St. Paul's

Rev. Dr. Arthur Holmes, Chair

3. Public Comments

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

There were 30 individuals signed up to speak in person for today's meeting per the sign-up link; however, only the following were present and addressed the Board: Lynz Piper-Loomis, Jim Alderman, Tara Palubicki, and Eliza Varadi.

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

There were 125 comments submitted by today's deadline (two attachments were submitted via email as well).

4. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Postlewait shared updates on the following:

1. Opening 2021-2022 School Year
2. Back-to-School Update
3. Goals Update (Deferred) - Brief commentary regarding 2021-22 goal granularity will be provided Aug 9.
4. ESSER III Update

Some key information shared:

1. Important content in the presentation slides, particularly the briefing about ESSER III planning progress.

2. A copy of the Academic Recovery Plan, developed around the Board's 2021-23 goals, which district staff was required to submit to the State Department of Education this spring. The initial ESSER III plan must align with the components of the Academic Recovery Plan for expenditure of 20% of the funds.
3. Graphic representations that show the ESSER III expenditure areas various engagement groups felt were most important.
4. Another copy of Superintendent Spearman's memo about Proviso 1.108, which prevents local districts from mandating or enforcing mask wearing for staff or students. Recently, the SDE provided updated guidance, indicated that districts can require face masks on buses. State and local funding comprise the General Operating Fund. [In response to a question that has been posed: it is not possible to separate funds in order to pay designated staff from only local funds so that they might mandate and enforce mask wearing.]

5. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Achieve Charleston

Ms. Courtney Waters, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for The Charleston Promise, presented on behalf of the committee (Erica Cokley and Lauren Herterich).

This initiative is now referred to as ACHIEVE CHARLESTON.

Board Goal #1 is "to establish the CCSD Promise [now ACHIEVE CHARLESTON], an initiative that ensures the opportunity of quality career preparation and/or college education of every student." The overarching readiness goal, PK-12 is that increased percentages of students will meet college and career readiness expectation levels in reading, math, workplace skills, and on-time graduation as they exit elementary, middle and high school.

The ad hoc committee has held several meetings with leaders representing 2- and 4-year postsecondary institutions, and Charleston County Schools, and engaged Robert Tagorda, a consultant who was instrumental in launching the successful Long Beach Promise program, to assist with this initiative's design and proposal.

Motion was made to proceed with approving the initiative.

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Eric Mack
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Helen Frazier

Abstain: Erica Cokley, Kristen French

Information: B. Indicators of Student Progress

In June the administration presented one data set--district indices for students in grades K-8. Other data, most of which is still embargoed by the state or national testing organizations, will be presented at a later date. This item was included on the agenda in the event any board member has follow-up questions regarding the information that was presented in June.

6. Other Board Committees

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

The following items were approved August 3 by the Audit and Finance Committee and are recommended for submission to the Board.

Action Items:

1. Fall Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)
2. Contractual Matter - Charter School Administrative Fees (Executive Session)
3. Contractual Matter - Lincoln Campus (Executive Session)

Information Item:

1. FY 22 SWMBE Plan (D. Kennedy)
2. Monthly Capital Projects Report (J. Costello)
3. Contractual Matter - McClellanville Campus (Executive Session)

7. Other Business

Information: A. Legislative Update

Normally the board receives an update on legislative matters and any other pertinent action pending before governing bodies monthly. There is nothing of significance to report this month, other than the following:

- The SC Education Oversight Committee retreat will begin this Sunday, August 8th, and Dr. Postlewait will be participating in a Superintendents panel from 3-5 p.m.
- The State Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, August 10th.

Action: B. Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Superintendent's Evaluation Process for 2020-21 Evaluation
I move that, consistent with the terms of the Superintendent's contract, the Board conduct the Superintendent's evaluation for the 2020-21 school year by convening in executive session at an upcoming Board meeting with each Board member prepared to comment on their overall assessment of the Superintendent's performance based on the Board member's review and assessment of the Superintendent's progress summary presented to the Board on June 28, 2021, and that an outside party be present to facilitate the Board's discussion. The Board will then make any necessary motions in open session regarding the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

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. Decision Regarding Governance Training with the Council of the Great City Schools
Motion to approve the contract with the Council of the Great City Schools for board training.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Nay: Erica Cokley

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Information: D. ESSER III Advisory Team

Charleston County Schools will receive approximately \$163 million under the American Rescue Plan. These funds are commonly referred to as ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund). The district administration must comply with rigorous state and federal reporting, oversight, and monitoring regulations, as well as communicate closely with communities regarding the use of these funds. The district administration, in an effort led by Steve Hamer, will engage community representatives in an advisory capacity, and the superintendent has recommended that the Audit and Finance Committee serve in a program oversight role.

In addition, board officers recommend establishing a small Advisory Team of 5-7 individuals who will report to the Board at least once a semester for purposes of:

- Creating more visibility to the public regarding ESSER III;
- Ensuring community and educator input has been considered in ESSER III fund allocations;
- Reporting progress on program implementation and impact; and
- Providing board members with an opportunity to suggest revisions or refinements to the approved ESSER III plan.

Rev. Mack asked board members who were interested to submit suggested names to Julie Erickson by August 13. The item will be placed on the August 23 board meeting agenda for action.

Information: E. Board Schools of Innovation Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

Rev. Mack reported that Ms. Courtney Waters will replace Dr. Helen Frazier on the committee after Dr. Frazier withdrew from serving.

Information: F. School Visitation Schedule

A schedule of school visits for September was shared so that interested Board members may plan to join.

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

No items were moved to potential consent agenda; however, the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Superintendent's Evaluation will be requested to be moved to the Special Called Board Meeting Agenda immediately following this Committee of the Whole

8. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

August 9, 2021 - Special Called Board Meeting (immediately following Committee of the Whole)

August 23, 2021 - Board Meeting

September 13, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

September 27, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment of Meeting - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:00 p.m.