

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Regular Meeting

The meeting was held in person at the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies, 4066 Wildcat Boulevard, Charleston, and was also livestreamed via the district's YouTube channel. The public and news media were duly notified.

Monday, May 23, 2022

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Mrs. Kate Darby, Dr. Helen Frazier (left at 4:26 pm) , Dr. Kristen French, Ms. Joyce Green, and Mrs. Lauren Herterich were present.

Ms. Erica Cokley left prior to start of the meeting.

Dr. Erica Taylor, Chief of Staff, represented Mr. Donald Kennedy, Interim Superintendent.

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - Rev. Mack called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda and approve consent agenda, with moving Item 12A from consent to be placed in the regular agenda as Strategic Education Committee Item 9C.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Board meeting of April 25, 2022; the Special Board Meeting of April 28, 2022; the Emergency Special Board Meeting of April 29, 2022; the Committee of the Whole and Special Board Meeting of May 9, 2022.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Procedural: D. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Convene Executive Session

Action: A. Convene in Executive Session

Motion was made and unanimously carried to convene in executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege.

3. Executive Session

Action: A. Student Transfer Appeals pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: B. D4 Contractual Matter – Disposition of Hursey Montessori Campus pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: C. Constituent District 23 Board Vacancy Recommendation

Action: D. Out of County Request to Remain pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: E. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WAHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: F. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WAHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: G. Foreign Exchange Student Request (AMHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: H. Foreign Exchange Student Request (AMHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: I. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: J. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: K. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: L. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: M. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

(Note: Dr. Helen Frazier left the meeting at 4:26 p.m. during executive session.)

4. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

By unanimous consent, open session reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

5. Special Recognitions

Information: A. Special Recognitions

The following were recognized:

- 2022 South Carolina Scholastic Journalist of the Year
- Spring Athletic Champions

- Teacher of the Year & Rookie Teachers of the Year
- Academic Magnet #2 High School in the Nation
- Inell Greene, CCSD Retired Teacher

6. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Action: A. Student Transfer Appeals pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to reverse constituent board decisions: 1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24;
reverse and place 3, 4, 8, 10, 17, 25, 26, 27;
and uphold decisions on 6, 9, 11, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Action: B. D4 Contractual Matter – Disposition of Hursey Montessori Campus pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to dispose of the property per staff recommendation with minimum bid at appraisal.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: C. Constituent District 23 Board Vacancy Recommendation

Motion to approve Candidate No. 1 to fill the vacant seat on the District 23 Constituent Board.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: D. Out of County Request to Remain pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the student staying through the 2021-22 school year and deny the request to remain enrolled for the next two years.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: E. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WAHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll into West Ashley High School for the 2022-2023 fall semester.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: F. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WAHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll into West Ashley High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: G. Foreign Exchange Student Request (AMHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to attend alternative schools (not AMHS) in the district.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: H. Foreign Exchange Student Request (AMHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to attend alternative schools (not AMHS) in the district.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: I. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll in Wando High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: J. Foreign Exchange Student Request (WHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)
Motion to approve the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll in Wando High School for the 2022–2023 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: K. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve, following Policy JFABCA, the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll at LBHS for the 2022–2023 fall semester.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: L. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve, per Policy JFABCA, the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll at LBHS for the 2022–2023 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: M. Foreign Exchange Student Request (LBHS) pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve, per Policy JFABCA, the request to allow a foreign exchange student to enroll at LBHS for the 2022–2023 school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

7. Public Comments

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

One person, Ms. Jean Howard, addressed the board in person regarding language arts scores for African American students and the need to provide more data and accountability.

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

One written comment was received and posted on the district website.

8. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

On behalf of Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Erica Taylor presented updates on the following:

- District Highlights
- Covid Update

9. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Annual Waiver Renewal Requests

Motion to approve the waiver requests for submission to the South Carolina Department of Education, SCDE, and State Board of Education, SBE.

Motion by Lauren Herterich, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Information: B. School Choice Update: Buist Academy

Michelle Simmons provided an update on the Mission Critical Item regarding Buist Academy.

Action: C. Mission-Critical Item: District 10 Middle School Way Ahead

Motion #1: I move to approve that the C.E. Williams 6th grade Academy program be maintained; to replace the existing C.E. Williams North facility with a new 600 student, 900 student core MS building; and to expand C.E. Williams South by 8 classrooms.

Motion by Kristen French, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion failed.

Yea: Kate Darby, Kristen French

Nay: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Motion #2: Motion to maintain the current 6th grade academy; replace the existing CE Williams North facility with a new 600 student, 900 student core facility; allow Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education, PACE, to fund and design a co-located facility with CE Williams North; and expand CE Williams South by 8 classrooms.

Motion by Lauren Herterich, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

10. Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. 2022-2023 Head Start/Early Head Start COLA and Quality Improvement Supplemental Applications
Motion to approve the Head Start, Early Head Start Funding COLA Supplement and Quality improvement Applications for the grant period June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023.

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

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

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

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: C. Approval of Projects greater than \$250,000

Motion to approve projects on the attached list.

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: D. First Reading FY 23 Budget

Channa Williams, Interim Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation and responded to questions regarding first reading of the FY23 budget.

Motion to approve Scenario #4 of the 2022-23 budget with a 6.3 mill increase and ask staff, once revenue is settled, to review cost savings that wouldn't negatively impact classrooms or use more fund balance, to allow for teachers and non-teachers to go to Step 30 in the second reading of the budget.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Motion carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

Information: E. 2023-2028 Capital Program (Phase V) Sales Tax Early Out Projects

The report was received as information.

Information: F. ESSER III Initiatives

The report was received as information.

Information: G. Monthly Capital Projects Report

The report was received as information.

Information: H. Monthly Financial Report

The report was received as information.

11. Policies

Action: A. Policy IG - Curriculum Development, Adoption and Review - First Reading

Motion to approve first reading of the revised policy.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Cindy Bohn Coats

Action: B. Policy FBA - Capital Maintenance Plan - Second Reading

Motion to approve second reading of the revised policy.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Joyce Green

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

12. Consent Agenda

Consent Action: A. Policy FF - Naming of Facilities - JICHS Baseball Field and JICHS Gymnasium

Motion to approve the recommendation of the naming committee for the baseball field at James Island Charter High School to be named Tom Hatley Field and the gymnasium at James Island Charter High School to be named Millie Kennedy Gymnasium. (This item was approved at the beginning of the meeting.)

13. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

- June 8, 2022 - Special Board Meeting (via Zoom)
- June 13, 2022 - Committee of the Whole
- June 27, 2022 - Board Meeting

Also, Mrs. Herterich reported that the board governance training with Council of Great City Schools is planned for June 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Location has not been determined.

Action: B. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m.