

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Regular Meeting

(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, February 28, 2022

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Members present

Rev. Eric Mack, Ms. Courtney Waters, Ms. Cindy Bohn Coats, Ms. Erica Cokley (via Zoom at 4:14 p.m.), Mrs. Kate Darby, Dr. Helen Frazier, Dr. Kristen French, Ms. Joyce Green, Mrs. Lauren Herterich

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Rev. Mack at 4:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green
Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley, Lauren Herterich

Action: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Board Meeting of January 24, 2022 and Committee of the Whole of February 14, 2022.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green
Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley, Lauren Herterich

Action: D. Convene in Executive Session

Motion to convene executive session to consider items covered by attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Courtney Waters, Cindy Bohn Coats, Kate Darby, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green
Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley, Lauren Herterich

2. Executive Session

Information: A. Receipt of Legal Advice for Personnel Matters

Action: B. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: C. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: D. District 1 Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: E. District 9 Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

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

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

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

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

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

Action: K. Constituent District 9 Board Vacancy Recommendation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session

Open session was reconvened by unanimous consent.

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

Rev. Mack announced that the Military Magnet Academy girls basketball team will compete for the state title.

Rev. Mack asked everyone to join in thought and prayer for the Ukrainian people at this difficult time.

He also announced the recent passing of three people connected to CCSD:

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Alston, retired educator and former chair of the CCSD Board of Trustees;

Mrs. Donna Frye, nurse at Midland Park Primary; and

XiaMere Moody, North Charleston High School student.

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Action: A. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the forwarding of a formal complaint to the South Carolina Department of Education related to the attached contract teacher.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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: B. Personnel Matter - Breach of Contract pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the forwarding of a formal complaint to the South Carolina Department of Education related to the attached contract teacher.

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, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Action: C. District 1 Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to list the property on MLS for 90 days

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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: D. District 9 Contractual Matter pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to approve negotiation of real estate purchase contract, following staff recommendation not to exceed \$4.1 million

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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

Motion to allow students to stay tuition free until the end of the school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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

Motion to allow the student to remain tuition free until the end of the school year.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters

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: G. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to overturn the constituent board decision and place the student at Turning Point Academy.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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

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

Motion to uphold the constituent board decision.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Kristen French

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: I. Student Placement Appeal pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to overturn the constituent board decision and place the student at Turning Point Academy, asking DAP to assess Adept services.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

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

Action: J. Constituent District 9 Board Vacancy Recommendation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve the recommendation of the District 9 Constituent Board to fill the vacant seat on the District 9 Constituent Board.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

5. Special Recognitions

Information: A. Special Recognitions

1. Harold Sanders, Riley Institute SCALE (South Carolina Afterschool Leaders Empowered) Fellowship
2. Sharon Beeson, McGraw Hill *ALEKS* All-Star Educator Award for 2022
3. Keerthana Samuel, 3X CCSD Spelling Bee Winner
4. Bryant Nowicki, JROTC J-100 Scholarship Recipient
5. Dr. Christopher Selby, South Carolina Music Educators Association Hall of Fame Induction
6. Kenneth Turner, National Band Association Citation of Excellence Award

Information: B. Special Recognition - Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, Dr. Taylor presented pictures of several events held at schools. Also, the board honored Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Alston by acknowledging her many accomplishments in CCSD as well as the wider community and presenting a memorial gift to her husband.

6. Public Comments

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

The following made comments in person:

1. Jamie Cooper - Communities in Schools
2. Maggie Marlow - board oath of office and face masks
3. Victoria Finneran - enforcement of face masks and policies
4. Denice Hilty - face masks and public health
5. Amy Black - face mask issues
6. Frank Beylotte - mental health importance
7. Mark Flannery - mask policy and harms
8. Cava Compton - face masks and liability

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

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

7. Superintendent's Report

Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kennedy and senior staff presented on the following:

1. Covid update
2. ESSER update

8. Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Academic Calendar for 2022-2023

Motion to approve Option 2 with one revision as the 2022-23 Academic Calendar, moving the early release day from May 5 to May 12.

(Note: Dr. Frazier left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Courtney Waters

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: B. Health Advisory Committee: Review and Recommendation of Heritage Keepers SRAE Curriculum

Motion to approve the recommendations set forth by the Health Advisory Committee for Heritage Keepers SRAE curriculum to remain on the District's approved curriculum list of resources.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Eric Mack, Cindy Bohn Coats, Erica Cokley, Kate Darby, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Nay: Courtney Waters, Kristen French

Information: C. Update on Mental Health Services

Jennifer Coker and Karolyn Belcher presented a detailed report on mental health services and resources available in CCSD schools.

Information: D. MAP and Fastbridge Winter Data

Buffy Roberts and Karolyn Belcher provided a high level overview of 2021-22 fall-to-winter MAP and Fastbridge data, as well as current actions and next steps for accelerating student learning outcomes. Additional information will be shared at the March Committee of the Whole.

9. Audit & Finance Committee

Action: A. Spring 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs)

Motion to approve the Spring 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes in the amounts of not exceeding \$63,000,000 Series 2022A, not exceeding \$78,000,000 Series 2022B, not exceeding \$85,000,000 Series 2022C and not exceeding \$1,500,000 Taxable Series 2022D to fund the following:

1. The amount of approximately \$6,350,000 for the June 1 installment payment for the tax-exempt alternative financings based on our long-term debt structure and commitments. -Series 2022A
2. The amount of approximately \$51,000,000 to support the Fixed Cost of Ownership Capital Program for FY 2023 and land acquisition in District 9. -Series 2022A
3. The amount of \$3,390,000 to fund advance design for Morningside Middle, AC Corcoran Elementary and Deer Park Middle. -Series 2022A
4. The amount of approximately \$76,000,000 to retire, together with sales tax collections on hand, the Series 2021B Bond Anticipation Note for the Phase IV Sales Tax Program. -Series 2022B
5. The amount of approximately \$15,037,000 to retire the Series 2021C Bond Anticipation Note for the Phase V Sales Tax Program. -Series 2022C
6. The amount of approximately \$61,000,000 to provide cash flow funding for Phase V Sales Tax early out projects and the amount of approximately \$7,000,000 to provide cash flow funding for Phase V early out Capital Maintenance. -Series 2022C
7. The amount of approximately \$1,300,000 for the June 1 installment payment for the taxable alternative financing based on our long-term debt structure and commitments. -Taxable Series 2022D

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Cindy Bohn Coats

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Action: B. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY23 Project List

Motion to approve the prioritized list of projects under the Fixed Cost of Ownership FY23 Project List as submitted.

Motion by Joyce Green, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Information: C. Monthly Capital Projects Report

The report was received as information.

Information: D. Monthly Financial Report

The report was received as information.

10. Other Business

(Note: This item was moved up on the agenda and took place early in the meeting.)

Action: A. Policy ADD - Face Coverings

Motion to suspend Policy ADD, Face Coverings; end the mask requirement; and refer the policy back to the Policy Liaison and Legal Team for review.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Lauren Herterich

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Erica Cokley

Information: B. Superintendent Search

Mr. Mazyck provided board members with information regarding various firms for review and consideration.

11. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

March 14, 2022 - Committee of the Whole

March 28, 2022 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:18 p.m.