

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Special Called 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, September 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, Mrs. Lauren Herterich

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m.

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, 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

Not Present at Vote: Helen Frazier

Action: C. Convene in Executive Session

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

2. Executive Session

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

Action: B. JICHHS Enrollment Capacity Waiver Request pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: C. Homeschool Application pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action: D. Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Action, Information: E. Receipt of Legal Advice regarding the COVID-19 Response

Action, Information: F. Receipt of Legal Advice regarding Policy BCC - Addressing Board Member Violations

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session - Open Session was reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

4. Possible Action on Executive Session Items

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

Motion to approve

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, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley

Action: B. James Island Charter High School (JICHHS) Enrollment Capacity Waiver Request pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2)

Motion to approve

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

Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley

Action: C. Homeschool Application pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

Motion to approve one homeschool application

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, Kristen French, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley

Action: D. Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(1)

After reviewing Dr. Postlewait's report on the district's progress summary presented to the Board and considering the Board member comments regarding Dr. Postlewait's performance, I move that we conclude as a board that Dr. Postlewait receive an overall good evaluation for the 2020-21 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, Helen Frazier, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich
Nay: Kristen French
Not Present at Vote: Erica Cokley

Action: E. Policy ADD - Face Coverings - Second Reading

Motion to approve and reinstate Policy ADD, Face Coverings, on Second Reading with updated language, with enforcement to be achieved without any funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly's 2021-2022 Appropriations Act, through October 15, 2021.

Motion by Courtney Waters, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Rev. Mack read the following official statement on behalf of the Board:

The CCSD Board of Trustees has mandated and will now ENFORCE the wearing of facemasks in all CCSD schools and buildings. This mandate and enforcement are for ALL persons on district property or on district transportation.

It is our intent to enforce this policy without using funds appropriated by the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act, which in our opinion, will keep us in compliance with State Budget Proviso 1.108.

The mandate's compliance will commence on September 20, 2021, and at this time, conclude on October 15, 2021. Accordingly, the Board will affirm the conclusion date before October 15 and reserves the opportunity to make changes depending on the COVID-19 transmission rate in our school communities.

It remains our collective opinion that wearing facemasks in school is an essential health and safety measure. Just that simple act of each of us will help prevent severe illness or death from COVID and reduce the number of students who are forced to quarantine.

The Board hopes that the COVID transmission rate will diminish between now and October 15. It is also our hope that everyone complies with the mask requirement for the greater good of all.

We will plan to come before you again later this week with additional details.

Thank you.

Action, Information: F. Receipt of Legal Advice regarding Policy BCC - Addressing Board Member Violations

Motion to ask board officers to meet with Cindy Bohn Coats next week to discuss issues related to Policy BCC.

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

5. Other Business

Action: A. Board Resolution

Motion to adopt the board resolution urging the South Carolina General Assembly to repeal the 2021-2022 Budget Proviso 1.108

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, 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

6. Closing Item

Action: A. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:30 p.m.