

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, August 23, 2021

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Members present

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

1. Opening Items

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

Action: B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to add to the agenda an executive session item for receipt of legal advice pertaining to Policy ADD, moving it to be the first agenda item; and adopt the agenda.

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: C. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting of July 19, 2021; the Committee of the Whole and Special Board Meeting of August 9, 2021; and the Special Board Meeting of August 16, 2021.

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, Helen Frazier, Kristen French, Joyce Green, 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 Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

2. Executive Session

Information: Receipt of Legal Advice pertaining to Policy ADD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Open Session Reconvened

Action: A. Reconvene Open Session - Open Session reconvened at 4:42 p.m.

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

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 allow the student to remain for the 2021-22 year and waive tuition.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

Nay: Kristen French

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Green

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

Motion to allow the student to remain for the 2021-22 year and waive tuition.

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, Lauren Herterich

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Green

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

Motion to approve

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, Joyce Green, Lauren Herterich

Abstain: Kristen French

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

Motion to approve seven homeschool applications.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

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

Motion to deny the requests.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

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

Motion to allow student to remain for the 2021-22 school year and waive tuition.

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

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

Motion to approve

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Helen Frazier

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

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

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5. Public Comments

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

Information: B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

We received 197 written comments with 25 in-person comments for the regular meeting. All written comments and attachments are posted to the public website.

6. Superintendent's Report

Action, Information: A. Superintendent's Report

Chairman Rev. Mack made the following statement:

The CCSD Board of Trustees faces great responsibility and a dilemma of keeping our students and staff safe during COVID's rapid growth in our community under the constraints that have been put on us by State Budget Proviso 1.108 passed into law last summer when virus rates were very low. It is our collective opinion that wearing facemasks in school is an important health and safety measure, and just that simple action by each of us could help prevent serious illness or death from COVID. Last week, the Board issued a strong statement that masks would be required for all students, staff, and visitors for the next 60 days in hopes that the COVID transmission rate would diminish at that time. Our hope continues to be that everyone will comply with the mask requirement for the greater good of all. However, we also do not want students to be punished or sent home from school, because we have seen what a year of disruption can do to all students – especially those most vulnerable and at-risk. Given the complexities of this issue pitting health and safety against state law, we as the CCSD Board of Trustees support the following:

- The statement requiring masks for students, staff, and visitors inside all schools stands as a strong and visible message about our belief that facemasks are important in the fight against COVID. We expect students and staff to wear masks in our facilities and hope our collective call to action for the health and safety of our students, staff, and all CCSD families will be answered.
- In accordance with State law, we cannot penalize any student who does not wear a facemask, and we will not deny access to their education even as we implore those students and their parents to consider masking as their responsibility to the greater good.
- We call on the SC General Assembly and Governor McMaster to expeditiously reconsider State Budget Proviso 1.108 in order to allow our Board to make the best local decision for the health and safety of our students and employees.

Dr. Postlewait reviewed the following:

- School Restart Update
- American Rescue Plan - ESSER III Funds

Steve Hamer and Maggie Dangerfield reported on priorities the district is submitting and the process for providing opportunity to constituent communities to provide input and suggestions for refinements.

We had 11 written comments submitted for the ESSER III public hearing portion of the agenda.

Following the presentation, a motion was made to affirm the priorities the district is submitting, with the understanding that each constituent community will have an opportunity to be involved in further refinements to ensure the plan addresses specific needs of every area of the district.

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, Lauren Herterich

Abstain: Erica Cokley

7. Action & Information Items - Strategic Education Committee

Action: A. Achieve Charleston

Motion to proceed with approving the initiative.

Motion by Cindy Bohn Coats, 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

8. Action & Information Items - Audit & Finance Committee

Information: A. Fiscal Year 2022 Minority Business Utilization Plan

The report was received as information.

Information: B. Capital Projects Report

The report was received as information.

Action: C. 2021 Tax Anticipation Note

Motion to adopt the Resolution approving the issuance of the Tax Anticipation Note to meet cash flow requirements.

Motion by Kristen French, 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

9. Other Business

Action: A. ESSER III Advisory Team

Motion to establish a small advisory team of 5-7 individuals to report to the Board at least once a semester.

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

10. Closing Items

Information: A. Upcoming Meetings

September 13, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

September 27, 2021 - Board Meeting

Action: B. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:40 p.m.