

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**Monday, December 17, 2018***Generated by Julie Erickson***Members present**

Rev. Eric Mack, Mrs. Kate Darby, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Mr. Todd Garrett, Ms. Joyce Green, Mr. Kevin Hollinshead, Ms. Priscilla Jeffery, Mr. Michael Miller

1. Opening Items**Procedural:** A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Eric Mack at 1:00 p.m. with six Board members present (Mack, Darby, Coats, Garrett, Green, Hollinshead).

Action: B. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Action: C. Election of Committee of the Whole Chairperson

Motion to nominate Todd Garrett for Committee of the Whole Chair

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Abstain: Cindy Bohn Coats

Mr. Garrett presided over the rest of the meeting.

Action: D. Approval of Minutes - November 12, 2018

Motion to approve minutes of the November 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Eric Mack

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Kevin Hollinshead, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Ms. Jeffery arrived at 1:07 p.m.

2. Presentation

Information: A. An overview of the Charleston Shared Future: A Community Scenario Project on the Future of Education in Charleston County was presented by Reos Partners via Zoom. The final presentation will be made during the January 28 Board Meeting.

3. Executive Session

Action: A. By unanimous consent, the Board convened Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. to consider the following items covered by attorney-client privilege:

Action: B. Legal Matter - D2 Rezoning pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(2)

Action: C. Contractual Matter - Charter School Contracts pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(2)

Information: D. Personnel Matter - Position Title Change pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(1)

Information: E. Legal Update on Litigation pursuant to SC 30-4-70(a)(2)

Mr. Miller arrived at 2:10 p.m. Rev. Collins arrived at 2:30 p.m.

4. Open Session Reconvened**Action:** A. Reconvene Open Session

Open Session was reconvened by unanimous consent.

Information: B. Visitors/Public Comments

No visitors addressed the Board.

5. Strategic Education Committee**Information:** A. Career Technology Education Offerings in CCSD

Cindy Ambrose and Rich Gordon gave a presentation on Career and Technology Education programs and Centers for Advanced Studies. Information was shared regarding each area of CCSD along with many new options and pathways for students to take that will better prepare them for college and the workplace.

Instructional programs that address and exceed key performance indicators have been identified from consolidated recommendations of groups and individuals who have worked on initiatives related to the North Charleston and West Ashley Centers

for Advanced Studies. Background research and development included but was not limited to the CCSD Strategic Plan, a review of the South Carolina Department of Education's Career Clusters, guidance from the Office of Career and Technology Education, CTE Advisory Council, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce workforce data, structured field studies at secondary and post-secondary education institutions, District 4, 9, 10, and 23 education leaders, advisement from college and university faculty and staff, local business and community input, United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, historical student data based on thousands of Individual Graduation Plans, and policy and practice recommendations of the SC Department of Education.

Offering the selected instructional programs at the West Ashley and North Charleston Centers for Advanced Studies will provide rigorous and relevant academic, technical and employability training and prepare our future secondary students for the high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage occupations of the 21st century global economy. After about 50 minutes of discussion, the Board commended Mr. Gordon on this innovative work.

Information: B. Ensuring Equity in Instructional Programming, K-12

Cindy Ambrose and the level executive directors (Michelle Simmons, Joseph Williams, Sharon Randall) presented on what optimal instructional programs would look like in the future at elementary, middle, and high schools. The Clemson Diversity and Inclusion Study recommendations included these two strategies for ensuring equitable opportunities for all students:

1. Define the program of instruction by grade and school level, that all students in the Charleston County Schools should receive, and determine the funding necessary for delivery, and
2. Identify optimal school enrollment ranges to ensure delivery of the defined program of instruction.

Learning Services, Finance, and Operations have worked collaboratively to develop a draft planning document designed to address these recommendations. This was an effort to inform the board that this work is being done and road maps will be presented after the first of the year.

Action: C. Magnet Choice Options

Terri Nichols and Cindy Ambrose presented on this work which ties into the Clemson Diversity and Inclusion Recommendations and the Reos Partners work.

The Clemson University Equity and Inclusion Report made some specific recommendations about the need to "reform the system to ensure access to quality schools." Additionally there was a 1998 report issued to the CCSD Board of Trustees from Harvard University entitled "Equity and Excellence: A Plan for Educational Improvement of the Charleston County Public Schools."

As an extension of these reports and the recommendations, stakeholder groups were formed to give participants an opportunity to discuss the current school choice system and provide input, feedback, suggestions and potential recommendations.

There were three meetings with principals and five meetings with various parent groups. All of the feedback was captured. There were some recurring themes and ideas that emerged across groups and overwhelming agreement that access to quality schools for every child in Charleston County School District was a goal well worth pursuing.

Motion to approve listed recommendations:

1. For magnet schools with entrance criteria - (a) to avoid the appearance of bias, use outside judges/adjudicators, including teachers from other schools (b) ensure that entrance qualification expectations/rubrics are communicated to all parents and teachers
2. Examine all partial magnet school applicants and consider eliminating programs with low enrollment and/or applications.
3. Choice Application process - add a "paper option" to the online process, and provide assistance to parents as needed
4. Expand the "choice fair" to include all schools
5. Develop a standard for courses to be offered at all middle schools
6. Strengthen the "core curriculum" at every school - budget for and provide additional support to help prepare talented, students from high poverty schools to audition for schools with entrance criteria (arts and academics)
7. For schools with entrance criteria and high waiting lists of qualified applicants, consider expanding to a second campus to add opportunities for qualifying students.
8. Review practices at all magnet schools and make changes as warranted to practices such as (but not limited to) class size, continuation, re-auditioning.
9. Consider the 1998 recommendation from the Harvard study that stated "magnet schools which require a standardized test as part of the admissions process should use a minimum acceptance score which is not greater than the 65th percentile. Accommodating the top third of the students in the school system as eligible for the magnet school enrollment would not harm the admissions process"
10. Examine all magnet and choice transportation plans to ensure that all eligible students receive transportation as needed.

Motion by Kate Darby, second by Eric Mack

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Priscilla Jeffery, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Not Present at Vote: Chris Collins, Kevin Hollinshead, Michael Miller

Action: D. Honors Framework Approval for Marching Band

This is the second step of a two-step process for CCSD to offer the Marching Band (for PE requirement) course at both the CP and Honors level. While awaiting the South Carolina State Department of Education to provide the course number based on the CCSD submission of the innovative course application for Marching Band, High School Band Directors, principals, and district office staff collaborated to complete the honors framework for those schools currently offering band at the honors level.

Motion to approve Honors Framework for the Locally Designed Subject Area Course "Marching Band."

Motion by Todd Garrett, second by Eric Mack

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Priscilla Jeffery, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Not Present at Vote: Chris Collins, Kevin Hollinshead, Michael Miller

6. Operations Committee

Action: A. Ad hoc Transportation Committee

The Transportation Ad hoc Committee will convene in January, 2019, and dissolve on or about December, 2019. Tasks this committee will address include:

- Analyze comparative advantages of district-owned vs. privatized transportation system.
- Explore transportation options utilized by districts similar to CCSD and recommend the best course of action for CCSD for 2020-2021 school term.
- If continued privatization is recommended, review RFP from previous bid process and suggest modifications for the 2019 solicitation.
- Complete Ad hoc committee tasks and bring a recommended course of action regarding CCSD's Student Transportation System to the full board by June, 2019.

Motion to convene a Transportation Ad hoc Committee with 12 representatives as follows: 2 community (one appointed by the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively); 2 parents; 1 student; 3 school-based; 2 Operations Department; and 2 County Board members, and per board background information, the completion date will be June of 2019.

Motion by Eric Mack, second by Kate Darby

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cindy Bohn Coats, Eric Mack, Kate Darby, Priscilla Jeffery, Todd Garrett, Joyce Green

Nay: Chris Collins, Kevin Hollinshead, Michael Miller

Information: B. Transportation Report for October 2018

The report was received as information.

Information: C. Capital Projects Report for October 2018

The report was received as information.

7. Audit and Finance Committee

Information: A. Multi-Year Budget Forecast

Mr. Kennedy presented the report which was received as information.

Information: B. Kronos Update - Consequences for Non-Compliance

Mr. Kennedy presented the update which was received as information.

8. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment - By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.