

**CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board Meeting**

December 11, 2017

Stall High School

3625 Ashley Phosphate Road, North

Charleston SC 29418

**Minutes**

A meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 11, 2017, in the Performing Arts Center at Stall High School.

The following CCSD board members were present: Mrs. Kate Darby – Chair, Rev. Eric Mack – Vice Chair, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Kevin Hollinshead, Mrs. Priscilla Jeffery, Mr. Michael Miller, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Chris Staubes was absent.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, and Mrs. Erica Taylor.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

**OPEN SESSION**  
**Immediately following Executive Session**  
**Approximately 5:15 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Mrs. Kate Darby called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Then she called for a Moment of Silence, Presentation of Colors, and entertainment by Charleston Development Academy.

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Presentation of Colors - Stall High School Air Force JROTC**
- **Entertainment - Charleston Development Academy**

**II. Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to adopt the agenda and approve the Consent agenda items. The vote was 8-0.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**3.1 A. Open Session Minutes – November 27, 2017**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the November 27, 2017 minutes and financial impact statement. The vote was 8-0.

**IV. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve a student transfer. The vote was 8-0.

**4.1 December 11, 2017 Executive Session Agenda Items**

1. Contractual Review (Diversity Study) – Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the contract for Clemson University to conduct a Diversity Study for the District. The vote was 8-0.
2. Contractual Matter – (Charter Schools)

A. Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to send written notice to charter school as discussed in executive session. The vote was 5-3 (Collins, Hollinshead and Miller opposed).

B. Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to send a written notice to charter school as discussed in executive session. The vote was 5-3 (Collins, Hollinshead and Miller opposed).

3. Project Funding Reallocations – Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to approve the funding reallocations to execute projects as outlined in the document provided. The vote was 8-0.
4. Contractual Matters
  - a. District 4 – Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to direct staff to complete and close the contract in District 4. The vote was 8-0.
  - b. District 9 – Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to direct staff to enter into the option contract in District 9. The vote was 5-3 (Collins, Garrett, and Hollinshead opposed).
  - c. Cellular Equipment Lease – Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to direct staff to enter into the contract for the Cellular Equipment Lease. The vote was 7-0-1 (Collins abstained).
  - d. Other – No action taken on this item.
5. Constituent Board Concern – No action was taken.
6. Pending Litigation Discussion – Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to authorize counsel to execute litigation order. The vote was 8-0.

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

**5.1 A. Strategic Priorities**

Dr. Postlewait presented information to the board.

**B. Principal Presentations at Strategic Education Committee Meeting**

Mr. Miller requested staff consider having 3 to 4 principals present information to the board.

**C. Scheduling January Workshops - Board's Strategic Priorities; Superintendent Evaluation Goals**

A workshop will be held to determine goals and discuss superintendent’s evaluation on January 8 and January 22, if needed from 2-4:00 p.m.

**D. Other**

A yellow sheet was included in the board agenda packet asking board members to call in to ask questions before board meetings. However no one called. Staff will attempt to do this once more. Also, Dr. Postlewait said she was willing to move call in to Fridays.

**E. Financial Report**

The report was received as information. Also, Jacquelyn Carlen, the new Executive Director of Finance was introduced to the board.

**VI. Visitors/Public Comments\***

No one addressed the board at this time.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**Strategic Education Committee**

**7.1 December 11 SEC Action Items**

The Board approved the following action items from the Dec. 11 Strategic Education Committee that were not placed on the Consent Agenda, shown below.

**A. Strategic Priorities**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Darby to approve the strategic plans and identify goals in January. The vote was 7-1 (Miller opposed).

- Mr. Miller expressed concerns about the district’s ability to execute and deliver by the due date.
- Mrs. Darby stated for the record that the strategic plan has been in place for a while (18 months). Also, Mrs. Darby spoke about all the efforts made to receive input on the strategic plan--a large number of community members that attended meetings and listening sessions, school visits scheduled by staff to improve the plan, input from CCSD principals, etc.
- Dr. Postlewait said in January 2018 the board will identify the goals.

## **B. Grade Configuration and Zoning – Lucy Beckham High School**

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the grade configuration proposal start 9-10<sup>th</sup> grades and phase in 11 -12<sup>th</sup> grades and send to January 22 Board meeting for final approval. The vote was 8-1 (Garrett opposed).

### **Policy & Personnel Committee**

#### **7.2 A. December 11 P&PC Action Items**

The Board took action on the following item from the Dec. 11 Policy & Personnel Committee that was not placed on the Consent Agenda.

#### **B. Policy IKA**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the second reading of Policy IKA. The vote was 8-0.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

#### **VIII. 8.1 Consent Agenda Items**

The following items were identified by the Board during the December 11 Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### **A. Policy BEDM – Electronic Participation in Board Meetings (first reading) –**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats to amend Policy BEDM, to only approve the first paragraph. The vote was 8-0.

#### **B. Policy JFAB – Nonresident Students (first reading)**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats to revise Policy JFAB to update language to current District process and add clarifying information. The vote was 8-0.

### **Other Business**

#### **IX. 9.1 A. School Community Task Force – Mack, Garrett, Coats and Darby**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to direct the superintendent to establish School Community Task Force Committees in District 23 to explore options to improve academic performance and bring a recommendation to the Board for consideration for 2018-19 implementation. The vote was 8-0.

Rev. Mack said the approach is to look at D23 academic options and ways to improve it since it is a remote area where schools are far apart, possibly choice options, looking based on the number of students enrolled.

Mrs. Coats asked staff to provide the formal policy about establishing School Community Task Forces.

### **Other Agenda Items**

#### **X. 10.1 Upcoming Meetings**

- January 8, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- January 8, 2018 Workshop to discuss goals and format for superintendent's evaluation, 2:00-4:00
- January 22, 2018 - Workshop to discuss goals and format for superintendent's evaluation, 2:00-4:00
- January 22, 2018 - Board Meeting

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Mrs. Darby moved, seconded Mr. Rev. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.