

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

October 23, 2017

75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401

Minutes

A meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 23, 2017, in the board room at 75 Calhoun Street.

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, Mr. Chris Staubes, and Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary.

The following staff members were present: Mrs. Cynthia Ambrose, Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Mrs. Natalie Ham, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Dr. Joseph Williams, and Mr. Kim Wilson.

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

Mrs. Darby called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Then she called for a motion to convene into Executive Session.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to go into Executive Session to discussion the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:00 p.m.

- I.**
 - 1.1 Student Appeal**
 - 1.2 Home School Application**
 - 1.3 Receipt of Legal Advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to §30-4-70-(a)(2)**
 - 1. Freedom of Information Requests**
 - 2. Personnel**
 - a. Evaluation**
 - b. CFO Search**
 - c. Other**

OPEN SESSION

Immediately following Executive Session

Approximately 5:15 p.m.

- II.** Mrs. Darby called Open Session to order at 6:03 p.m. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to adopt the agenda with two amendments listed below and approve the Consent Agenda items. The vote was 8-1 (Collins opposed).

 - 1. Move **9.5A - North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies Plan** immediately following Public Comments;
 - 2. Approve agenda item **9.4 - Bond Resolution for 8% GO and Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017C**, be approve as a Consent Agenda Item.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to change agenda item 9.5 – North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies to an information item. The vote failed 6-3 (only Collins, Hollinshead and Miller supported the motion).

Mr. Miller asked if there was a recommendation from the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies Committee. Rev. Collins said there was no recommendation. However, the committee agreed to meet again.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A. Open Session Minutes – September 25, 2017

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes and the financial impact statement with the correction shown below in regards to the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies motion. The vote was 8-1 (Collins opposed).

- "...build the NC CAS for the north area that was approved on the 2014 ballot referendum at the North Charleston High School site".

B. Open Session Minutes – Special Called Meeting – October 3, 2017

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the October 3, 2017 minutes and financial impact statement. The vote was 9-0.

C. Open Session Minutes – Special Called Meeting – October 9, 2017

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the October 9, 2017 minutes and financial impact statement. The vote was 9-0.

V. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

5.1 A. October 23 Executive Session Agenda Items

1. Decision regarding Appeal

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Jeffery, to overturn the D10 constituent board's decision and implement staff's recommendation to place the student in an afterschool program until the end of the semester.

Mrs. Coats offered friendly amendment, seconded by Mrs. Jeffery, to overturn the D10 Constituent Board's decision and place the student in the afterschool class for the remainder of the first semester and direct staff to provide an update to the board on the educational delivery and other questions asked in the next Board Update. The vote was 9-0

2. Home School Application

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to approve the Home School Application. The vote was 9-0.

B. Personnel – Evaluation

No action was taken. However, board members were asked to submit their comments to Mrs. Darby by November 1.

C. October 3 Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1. D4 Contractual Matter** – Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to authorize staff to enter negotiation to purchase property described in the District 4 as matter. The vote was 9-0.
- 2. D2 Contractual Matter** – Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to authorize staff to negotiate for the D2 bus lot. The vote was 8-1 (Collins opposed).

D. 10/9/17 Executive Session Items

1. Student Transfers

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the following recommendations. The vote was 8-1 (Coats opposed).

- overturn the Constituent Board's decision for #119 & 121;
- uphold the Constituent Board's decision for #122 & 123

2. Student Placement Appeal

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, for staff to consider allowing two students to continue at Academic Magnet HS, with the understanding that parents must meet property-ownership requirements within **60 days, or students must return to their home school(s) at the end of first semester**. The vote was 6-3 (Coats, Collins, and Miller opposed).

VI. Special Recognitions

6.1 A. American Heart Association Recognition

The board recognized the CCSD student participants that raised the highest amount in their fund raising efforts for the Heart Association. CCSD was the number two school in the state for its fund raising efforts.

B. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Recognition

The board recognized Harborview Elementary for receiving EPA's Energy Star Certification.

C. P-Card Rebate

This item was pulled from the agenda.

VII. Visitors/Public Comments*

1. Mr. Jessie Williams addressed the board about the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies (NC CAS). He suggested that most people don't know that the North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies is coupled with the referendum item for Garrett Academy. Mr. Williams said most of the attendees at the NC CAS Advisory Committee meeting held at the North Charleston City Hall agreed that Garrett Academy should be kept open with the trades. Mr. Williams recommended that Garrett Academy be kept open at its current location.
2. Ms. Lu Ann Rosenswag, a Charleston Area Justice Ministry member, spoke in support of restorative practices. She suggested funding assistance for the program be implemented appropriately.
3. Ms. Amy Horwitz, a School of the Arts Parent, spoke in support of implementing restorative practices.
4. Ms. Micah Baine-Carpenter addressed the board in support of implementing restorative practices in schools across the district.
5. Dr. John Hale, co-director of the Quality Education Project, suggested building the NC CAS at the Garrett site. He said building it elsewhere would undermine the trade school. He spoke about the action the board intends to take tonight and mentioned a proposal that was released 24 hours before the meeting that is different from the recommendation of the NC CAS Advisory Committee. He asked that the record show, if the proposal passes, that the board has undermined the decision of the NC CAS Advisory Committee.
6. Dr. Kendall Deas, co-director of the Quality Education Project, said the Garrett Academy site is the appropriate location for the NC CAS. He suggested that the board should invest in the Garrett community. He asked the board to confirm by voting that they would invest in Garrett, the students there, and make it a viable institution for that community.
7. Pastor Thomas Dixon said he was told that a proposal was sent to the board on Wednesday when the committee was informed that another meeting would be scheduled to continue the discussion and that they had until November to make a decision. He urged the board to listen to the voices of NC CAS Advisory Committee members.
8. Ms. Kristen French urged the board to vote no or postpone the NC CAS decision. She spoke of the support to keep the program at Garrett. She mentioned that a different proposal that was emailed by a board member, a day earlier, did not represent the vote of the NC CAS Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Darby shared timeline information from Mr. Borowy about the North Charleston CAS.

VIII. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gerrita Postlewait – Superintendent of Schools

8.1 A. Superintendent's Report

1. Leadership that Works

The best research say students bring 60% contributing factors with them; that means schools must impact 40%. Home environment, learned intelligence, and student motivation to learn are contributing factors. When the superintendent and school board work together, it impacts student achievement. The role of the district office was defined and the function at the district level from July 2016 was mentioned with the establishment of Elementary, Middle, and High School Learning Communities. Dr. Postlewait also mentioned that previously principals were hired by Constituent Boards and said it is necessary to agree at all levels what the goals are and set non-negotiable goals for principals to reflect student achievement. Then she mentioned three things that must be done prior to mentioning the type of change that is needed.

- Invest resources to bring about Equity
- Develop Talent
- Increase the % of students who are Ready

2. First Quarter Report

The results are included in agenda packet.

3. AdvancEd Training

November 3rd –Columbia, SC –An invitation was extended to board members

4. Open Office Hours

5. Financial Report

Dr. Postlewait referred the board to the information included in the agenda packet. Then she stated that Mr. Garrett and Rev. Mack called a special meeting to discuss teacher salaries. Finally, she said Mr. Briggman is preparing the recommendation.

Note: Mr. Garrett left at 7:34 p.m. (after the NC CAS vote).

Also note, Mrs. Jeffery left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Strategic Education Committee

9.1 A. Choice/Magnet Programs for 2018-2019

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the recommendation to extend an invitation to the top two highest ranking students in each Charleston County School District 8th grade program to apply for admission to Academic Magnet High School for the 2018-2019 school year with the understanding that they must meet the admissions criteria of scoring 13.0 or higher on the current rubric. Top two students scoring 12.0 – 12.99 who attend and successfully complete a series of Spring and Summer workshops designed to strengthen academic skills to prepare a plan for successful matriculation at AMHS will be accepted into AMHS for the 2018-19 school year. The vote was 4-2 (Collins and Staubes opposed). Mack was not present during the vote.

Rev. Collins offered the following motion. However, no one seconded the motion.

- The board will consider extending an invitation to the top four highest ranking students in each Charleston County School District 8th grade program to apply for admission to Academic Magnet High School for the 2018-2019 school year with the understanding that they must meet the admissions criteria of scoring 13.0 or higher on the current rubric. Top four students scoring 12.0 – 12.99 who attend and successfully complete a series of spring and summer workshops designed to strengthen academic skills to prepare a plan for successful matriculation at AMHS will be accepted into AMHS for the 2018-19 school year.

Policy & Personnel Committee

9.2 A. Certification of Delegates for the 2017 Delegate Assembly

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the recommendation for delegates and the number of votes each will present and approve an alternate delegate. The vote was 6-0.

- Delegates - Total votes 16
 - Mack – 8 votes

- Coats – 8 votes
- Alternate - Hollinshead

B. Second Reading of Policies

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to approve the second reading of the policies listed below. The vote was 6-0.

1. GBEA
2. GDO
3. GDQD
4. RIF Policy
5. Resignation

Operations Committee

9.3 A. Fixed Cost of Ownership (FCO) FY18 Arts Reallocation

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation for the FCO FY18 arts reallocation. The vote was 6-0.

B. Capital Maintenance Reallocation (2017-2022 Capital Program Phase IV – Sales Tax) Year 1

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to approve the recommendation for the reallocation of funds in the amount of \$305,000 as shown on the resolution presented. The vote was 6-0.

C. Capital Maintenance Plan 2017-2022

Mr. Hollinshead moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the recommendation for the Capital Maintenance Plan for 2017-2022. The vote was 4-1 (Collins opposed).

Note: Mr. Staubes left the meeting before the board voted on this item.

Audit & Finance Committee

9.4 A. Bond Resolution for 8% GO and Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017C

NOTE: This item was approved during the approval of agenda item #III – Approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to adopt the Resolution approving the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 and the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (Sales Tax Projects – Phase IV), Series 2017C in the principal amount not to exceed \$80,000. The vote was 8-1 (Collins opposed).

Other Business

9.5 A. North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies Plan

Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to convene a committee meeting prior to November 2 and schedule a special called board meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, November 2, 2017 to allow the board to take action. The vote was 9-0.

B. Board Member Request to Attend Conference (Hollinshead)

Mr. Hollinshead requests the Board consider approving this travel request.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the travel request for Mr. Hollinshead. The vote was 5-0.

C. Board Member Request to Attend Conference (Collins)

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the travel request for Rev. Collins. The vote was 5-0.

Other Agenda Items

X. 10.1 Upcoming Meetings

- 11/13 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Strategic Action Plans 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 11/27 Board Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by consensus.

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Financial Attachments to Board Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2017

Item	Description	Impact on FY18	Impact on Future FY	Funding Source	Notes				
IX.9.3.A.	Board approved Fixed Cost Ownership (FCO) FY18 - Arts Reallocation.			FCO	Project #	Project	Approved Budget	Proposed Changes	Revised Budget
					5701	ARTS - Baptist Hill	\$91,550	(\$91,550)	\$0
					5701	ARTS - New - St. James Santee	0	15,258	15,258
					5701	ARTS - New - EB Ellington	0	15,258	15,258
					5701	ARTS - New - Angel Oak	0	15,258	15,258
					5701	ARTS - New - Belle Hall	0	15,258	15,258
					5701	ARTS - New - Carolina Park	0	15,258	15,258
					5701	ARTS - New - Montessori Community	0	15,258	15,258
		<u>0</u>	<u>15,258</u>	<u>15,258</u>					
		\$91,550	\$0	\$91,550					
IX.9.3.B.	Board approved the reallocation of 2017-2022 Capital Program Phase IV - Sales Tax - Year 1 savings.			Capital	Project #	Project	Approved Budget	Proposed Changes	Revised Budget
					5270	St. James Santee (HVAC) [Year 1 of 6]	\$2,833,240	(\$305,000)	\$2,528,240
					5270	Murray LaSaine (Parking) [Year 1 of 6]	121,710	215,000	336,710
					5281	Military Magnet (Flooring) [Year 1 of 6]	48,384	90,000	138,384
		<u>\$3,003,334</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,003,334</u>					
IX.9.3.C.	Board approved Capital Maintenance Plan for 2017-2022	\$ 100,926,071		Capital					
IX.9.4.A.	Board approved adopting the Resolution approving the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 and the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (Sales Tax Projects – Phase IV), Series 2017C in the principal amount not to exceed \$80,000.			Capital					