

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

April 24, 2017

75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401

Agenda

A meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 24, 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: Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mr. John Cobb, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Valerie Harrison, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mrs. Mary Runyon, Mr. Glenn Stiegman, 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 Public Budget Hearing to order at 4:15 p.m. The hearing ended at 4:39 p.m.

Immediately thereafter, Mrs. Darby called for a motion to convene into Executive Session. Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to go into Executive Session to discussion the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. 1.1 Contractual Matters

- Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve continuing teacher contracts. The vote was 7-1 (Collins opposed).
- Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve non-renewal teacher contracts. The vote was 8-0.
- Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes to approve a recommendation authorizing the Superintendent to issue administrators contracts for the 2017-18 school year based on contractual obligations and/or budgeted allocations. The vote was 8-0.

1.2 Legal Update

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to terminate the pay of a suspended employee. The vote was 8-0.

- **Note:** Mr. Garrett did not vote on Executive Session items because he was no longer on the phone when the board voted on these items.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

II. Call to Order

Mrs. Darby called the April 24, 2017 meeting to order at 6:07 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 Mrs. Coats, to adopt the April 24, 2017 with one amendment to move 11.1B – Early College after agenda item IV and approve Consent Agenda items in Section XI. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Miller asked about changing his April 14, 2016 COW vote on the Early College agenda item. Mrs. Darby said the previous vote could not be changed at this time, however, Mr. Miller could vote against the Early College agenda item listed on today's agenda.

IV. Approval of the FY 2018 Budget

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the first reading of the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget. The vote was 5-3-1 (Collins, Coats and Miller opposed; Hollinshead abstained).

Mr. Stiegman shared the following:

- Previous budgets (2013-14 – 2015-16) had deficit amounts. The FY17 budget was positive and the FY18 budget will also be positive. A total of 119 classroom positions will be restored with a significant portion of that number going to grades 1-3 in schools across the district. A handout was provided to illustrate the number of positions restored, as well as, increases factored in the FY18 budget.
- The five-year budget projection request from the board will illustrate that funds must be more comprehensive than year to year.
- The March 16th "Must-Do" list amounts to \$20 million
- Student Growth – 600 new students are anticipated next year at a cost of \$20 million. The state will only fund 33% per student; the district will fund 67%.
- The proposed budget was prepared by the Budget Committee that consists of 29 individuals.
- This is the first time in a decade the budget was approved with a zero-based approach. That requires all expenses to be justified for each new period. Zero-based budgeting starts from a "zero base," and every function within CCSD is analyzed for its needs and costs.
- The board was asked to consider approving the 2018 budget with a tax increase.

V. Approval of the Minutes

5.1 A. Open Session Minutes – March 27, 2017

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the March 27, 2017 minutes and financial impact statement. The vote was 9-0.

B. Open Session Minutes – April 17, 2017 Special Called Meeting

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve the April 17, 2017 minutes and financial impact statement. The vote was 9-0.

VI. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

VII. Special Recognitions

7.1 A. 2017 SC Junior Stamp Art Winner

The board recognized Charleston County School of the Arts student, Jonah Paquette. Jonah was selected to perform in the prestigious Jazz Band of America during last month's Music for All Festival in Indianapolis, IN. This is the second year he received this honor, making him the first South Carolina resident to be chosen twice for the national ensemble.

B. Marine Science Club Regional Champs (Wando)

The Wando High School Marine Science Club won the Southern Stingray Bowl in Savannah, Georgia. The Warriors competed against 13 teams from South Carolina and Georgia on the campus of Savannah State University. Wando defeated Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology of Conyers, Georgia in the championship round.

C. South Carolina Scholastic Journalist of the Year

Cario Middle School eighth grader Olivia Wingo is the 2017 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest champion. She recently won Best of Show. Wingo's illustration "Dawn" was also a part of the 2017-2018 National Junior Duck Stamp competition.

D. Jazz Band of America Inductee

Sophie Winnick, editor-in-chief of Legend, the yearbook at Wando High School, is the 2017 South Carolina Scholastic Journalist of the Year, according to the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association. Her environmental portrait photography placed third in the nation this year.

VIII. Visitors/Public Comments

1. Mr. A.J. Davis expressed concerns about the Early College High School proposal.
2. Mr. Jesse Williams inquired about the elimination of trade courses at Garrett and other schools in the district.
3. Ms. Kay Milton and Mr. John Milton expressed concerns about the proposal to build the 600 seat regional Carolina Park Stadium in the residential Carolina Park neighborhood. She said many things weren't considered. She suggested the stadium be placed on the school campus instead of the proposed location.
4. Mr. Marvin Pendarvis expressed concerns about the Garrett merger.
5. Mr. Peter Fontneau expressed concerns about the regional Carolina Park Stadium.
6. Mr. Gerry Katz addressed the board about Lincoln students that were transferred to Wando. After providing data for those students, he said those students were so far behind that they couldn't compete or take advantage of opportunities offered at Wando. He spoke of cultural differences and how the transfer of Lincoln students impacted the discipline and other reports for Wando High.

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

Dr. Postlewait shared the following:

- The board received information earlier on the different levels of teacher contracts.
- Allegro Partnership – staff will bring a recommendation or withdraw offer to a future meeting.
- Human Resource and Finance employees were recognized for their work on the Budget and the Personnel Hiring Report.

- 9.1 A. Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School Awards**
B. Memminger Elementary School - Authorized as an official International Baccalaureate Site
C. Teacher Contract Option
D. Financial Report

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Strategic Education Committee

10.1 A. Healthy Living Curriculum (Reproductive Health)

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Mack, to approve the Healthy Living Curriculum (Edgenuity on-line curriculum) as a fourth option for certain high school students to receive required reproductive health instruction. The vote was 4-2-1 (Collins and Miller opposed; Hollinshead abstained).

NOTE: Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Jeffery were not present or on the phone during the vote.

This recommendation is a fourth option for high school students to meet their health requirement for graduation. Students who are not able to schedule or attend a health class the ability to learn the material independently online. The Healthy Living Curriculum will be offered to, but not be limited to, homebound students, senior transfer students, and hardship cases approved by the school. Prior to enrolling in this class, students would need to receive permission from the school they attend.

Policy & Personnel Committee

10.2 A. Revised Human Resources (G) Policies (First Reading)

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to the attached Human Resources (G) policies. The vote was 6-1 (Collins opposed).

NOTE: Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Jeffery were not present or on the phone during the vote.

B. Revised Finance (D) Policies (Second Reading)

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, to send the proposed revisions to the Finance (D) policies back to the Policy & Personnel Committee prior to bringing it back at the May 2017 meeting. The vote was 7-0.

NOTE: Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Jeffery were not present or on the phone during the vote.

Audit & Finance Committee

10.3 A. Custodial Services Contract Bid Solicitation through Issuance of a New RFP

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve solicitation of bids for custodial services through the issuance of a new Request for Proposal, with the understanding that Board approval is required for the scope of work. The vote was 7-0.

NOTE: Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Jeffery were not present or on the phone during the vote.

B. Public Financial Management Contract Extension

Rev. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes, to approve extending the Public Financial Management contract for three years until March 31, 2020. The vote was 7-0.

NOTE: Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Jeffery were not present or on the phone during the vote.

Mr. Miller asked how long Public Financial Management has had the contract. Mr. Steigman said PFM has served as the district's financial advisor since 2004. They have been responsible for organizing and putting together requirements related to debt obligations for Tax Anticipation Notes and Capital Debt. Approval of the recommendation will extend the contract until March 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Note: The agenda items listed below were approved with the agenda item #III – Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Consent Agenda Items.

XI.

Strategic
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11.1 A. State Planning Requirements

The board approved School Plans for submission to the SC Department of Education.

B. Early College High School – Richard Gordon (15 minutes)

The board approved the implementation of Early College High School at Trident Technical College – Palmer Campus for the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Staubes to approve the Early College High School recommendation. The vote was 5-3-1 (Collins, Hollinshead and Miller opposed; Jeffery abstained).

NOTE: Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 6:53 p.m. However, he participated by phone to vote on this agenda item.

Policy &
Personnel
Committee

C. 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule

The board approved the proposed 2017-18 board meeting schedule.

Operations
Committee

D. Future Plan for Fraser Campus

The board approved retaining the former Wilmot Fraser Campus for future use.

Operations
Committee

E. Reallocation of Phase III Excess Revenues

The board approved the reallocation of funds shown on the resolution provided in the agenda packet.

Operations
Committee

F. 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax – Technology Replacements and Upgrades 6-Year Plan

The board approved the 2017-2022 Capital Program (Phase IV) Sales Tax – Technology Replacements and Upgrades 6-Year Plan.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

XII. 12.1 Upcoming Meetings

- 5/8/17 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 5/22/17 – Board Meeting

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Staubes moved, seconded by Rev. Mack to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The recommendation was approved by consensus.

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Financial Attachments to Board Minutes for April 24, 2017

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