

Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees

Special Called Meeting

District 4 Office – 4720 Jenkins Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Carla Gadson at 6:19 p.m. Board members present were: Ms. Carla Gadson, Ms. Edwina Peterson, Ms. Lala Fyall, Mr. Joseph Bennett and Rev. Chris Collins.

II. Adoption of the Agenda (Action)

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adopt the amend the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

III. Executive Session

A. Discipline Hearings (6)

4.194.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple

4.192.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

4.193.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

4.197.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

4.195.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple

4.196.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2, 380: Probation Violation

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall and seconded by Ms. Peterson to move into executive session. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. Open Session Reconvened

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall and seconded by Rev. Collins to reconvene in open session.

V. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)

4.194.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple

Ms. Fyall moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, In lieu of expulsion, refer the student to the school-based IEP team for consideration of an alternative placement. This decision does not indicate the student must be placed in an alternative school, but that the school may consider the placement if deemed necessary and appropriate for the behavior offense committed by the student, the student's disability, and the safety/climate of the school. The motion passed 5-0.

4.192.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

Mr. Bennett moved, seconded by Ms. Fyall, In lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 30 school days and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 5-0.

Note: Ms. Crawford provided the board with an updated list of student placement options for student 4.192.24 due to one of the options in the packet listing Daniel Jenkins Academy as a placement options instead of Liberty Hill Academy as a placement option for the student.

4.193.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

Mr. Bennett moved, seconded by Ms. Peterson, In lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Liberty Hill Academy until successful completion of the program and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 5-0.

4.197.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd level

Ms. Gadson moved, seconded by Ms. Peterson, In lieu of expulsion, refer the student to the school based IEP team for consideration of an alternative placement. This decision does not indicate the student must be placed in an alternative school, but that the school may consider the placement if deemed necessary and appropriate for the behavior offense committed by the student, the student's disability, and the safety/climate of the school. The motion passed 4-1 (Collins).

4.195.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple

Ms. Peterson moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to Liberty Hill Academy on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 5-0.

4.196.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2, 380: Probation Violation

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Ms. Gadson, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 3-0-2 (abstained Peterson and Fyall).

VI. Adjournment

Being no further business, Ms. Fyall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gadson to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

