

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The meeting was held at 75 Calhoun Street and live streamed on CCSD's YouTube channel. News media representatives were notified and were present.

**Monday, February 13, 2023**

*Generated by Trudie Bowles on Tuesday, February 14, 2023*

**Members present**

Carlotta Bailey, Keith Grybowski, Edward Kelley, Pamela McKinney, Darlene Roberson, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Leah Whatley, and Daron Calhoun were present.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Whatley at 5:15 p.m.

**Action:** B. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to go into executive session for a legal brief.

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Darlene Roberson.

Final Resolution: Motion carried.

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Keith Grybowski, Edward Kelley, Pamela McKinney, Darlene Roberson, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Leah Whatley, Daron Calhoun

Leah Whatley made the public aware that a FOIA issue has been brought to their attention. With that in mind, do I hear a motion on the floor.

Ed Kelley made the public aware that there is a discrepancy between what was posted on line and what was posted on the bulletin board here in the building.

We are going to deal with that by having a special called meeting again sometime in the next week or so where there will be public notice. That was specific in regards to the change of the suspension of policy BD.

**Action:** Motion to adopt an amended agenda of the Committee of the Whole tonight and only address items 3 A. and B. so we can hear from the public, but because of the discrepancy of the agenda that we take no further action tonight.

Motion by Edward Kelley, second by Courtney Waters

Yea: Carlotta Bailey, Keith Grybowski, Edward Kelley, Pamela McKinney, Darlene Roberson, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Leah Whatley, Daron Calhoun

**Action:** Motion to extend the public comment portion past the 30 so that everyone has the opportunity to be heard this evening.

Motion by Leah Whatley, second by Courtney Waters

Yea: Carlotta, Bailey, Keith Grybowski, Edward Kelley, Pamela McKinney, Darlene Roberson, Carol Tempel, Courtney Waters, Leah Whatley, Daron Calhoun

**4. Public Comments**

Information: A. Public Comments In Person according to Public Comment Policy

Elizabeth Watson - E B Ellington Related Arts spoke in support of EL curriculum

Sarah Thompson - 1st grade teacher at Mitchell spoke in support of EL curriculum

Mary Anne Mouthaan - School Librarian spoke in support of EL curriculum

Jennifer Bermudez - Mitchell teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Devlin Deveney - EB Ellington teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Jubilee Leung - EB Ellington teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Kashe Hamlin - 4th grade teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Allice Debrow - EB Ellington teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Shalandria Middleton - First year EB Ellington teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

James Dallas - EB Ellington principal spoke in support of EL curriculum

Joelle Britt - 5th grader EB Ellington teacher spoke in support of EL curriculum

Megan Coyne - 5th grade teacher at EB Ellington spoke in support of EL curriculum

Quanasia Willis - 5th grade EB Ellington student spoke in support of EL curriculum

Sara Vasquez - 5th grade EB Ellington student spoke in support of EL curriculum

Jared Hove - CCSD parent spoke in support of EL curriculum

Astrid - EB Ellington student spoke in support of EL curriculum

Keon Stephen - CCSD parent spoke in support of EL curriculum

Beth Dillenkoffer - Interim Principal at James Simons Montessori spoke in support of EL curriculum

Kelly Stalcup - EB Ellington Instructional Coach spoke in support of EL curriculum

Katchia Gethers - Biased politics rolling over into our classroom

Kimberly Richards - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Johnathon Wideman - A.C. Corcoran principal spoke in support of EL curriculum

Deborah Cummings - Frierson principal spoke in support of EL curriculum

Kristen Lewis - Morningside Middle School Literacy Coach spoke in support of EL curriculum

Della Taylor - Morningside School 8th grade teacher and EL instructor- spoke in support of EL curriculum

Edwina Nelson - 2 children attend Morningside Middle spoke in support of EL curriculum

Rosie Herold - Teacher Librarian at James Simons Montessori spoke in support of EL curriculum

Natalie Harden - SIES teacher 5th grade spoke in support of EL curriculum

Tara Wood - here for teachers who are afraid to come and speak that do not support EL.

Travis Stinney - NAACP South east chapter - have data, research, data - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Meeting minutes were approved during the 2.27, 2023 Board Meeting

Mike Cragg - teacher for 35 years - teacher's teach. Teachers are successful without curriculum. Suggests to go to EL site and read it.

Jeannine Grabowski - reading from a 5th grade teacher's comments who was afraid to attend and does not support EL

Jamie McCarthy - Lambs Elementary School principal - spoke in support of EL curriculum and allow adjustments to be made.

Audrey Lane - inclusive and honoring those before her - students and educators have spoken - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Jamond Blake - District 1 new constituent board chair - spoke to request status of D1 new school

Renie Foresburg - former CCSD teacher - does not support EL

Alexandra Balculm - Chicora teacher - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Cassidy Harris - Jerry Zucker Middle teacher - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Angela Page - Chicora 4th grade teacher - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Melissa Brubaker - North Charleston Elementary principal - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Anna Grillo - Goodwin 3rd grade teacher - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Edmely Portillo Sevilla - young student from Morningside Middle School spoke in support of EL curriculum

Meghan Williams - Springfield Elementary principal spoke in support of EL curriculum

Anna Mims - Mt. Zion Elementary principal and parent spoke in support of EL curriculum

Kalila Wilson - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Ryan Leville - Stono Park parent of 4th grade student

Joy Brown - public school advocate and parent - supports EL and questioned why EL was moved from strategic education to other business

Paul Bowers - parent of 3 students - supports EL - listen to educators

A J Davis - Burke High School employee - making teachers to depend something they should not have to defend.

Sidney Van Buick - teachers are supporting EL - first time seeing the achievement gap close since Nancy McGinley pushed out.

Stacy Gregory - D2 parent - 4G agenda - AA Studies on agenda and spoke of the significance of AA History

Tamara Butler - Executive Director of Avery Research Center - English Educator - give english teachers what they need. Supports AA studies.

Robin Fountain - JBE principal spoke about why is there consideration about removing a curriculum that had rigorous review and spoke in support of EL curriculum

Catherine Nagel - great grandmother of CCSD student. Reading for Charleston Teacher Alliance - EL is awful, skills block lacks format, not engaging for 1st graders. Does not support EL

Rev. Nelson Rivers - Lashonda Hunter proxy for Rev. Rivers - support fair and equitable education - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Beverly Gadsden Burch - new board, new direction - every child deserves an education

Lori Alexander - educator for 42 years - Goodwin Elementary K teacher - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Jessie Williams - share time with board - 10 years disruption of resources - wasted money on studies

Susan King - SIES principal - spoke in support of EL curriculum

Sarah Ancrum - Military Magnet instructor - spoke in support of EL curriculum

**Information:** B. Review of Online Public Comments Submitted

All written comments submitted online were provided to the board prior to the meeting and have been posted on the district website.

**Closing Items**

**Action:** A. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:18 p.m.