

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 23, 2017

Observer: Joan Zaleski

The meeting came to order at 6:15, an hour later than usual, following a long Executive Session meeting. All nine members of the Board and the Superintendent were in attendance.

Minutes of the September 25 Open Session Board Meeting were approved with one abstention.

Public comments spoke to the issue of saving Garrett High School and the location of the North Charleston CAS program.

Following public comments, the Board voted to move directly to item 9.5 on the agenda, **North Charleston Center for Advanced Studies Plan**. Following last month's Board meeting, the three North Charleston Board Members, Hollingshead, Coates, and Collins, held a meeting in the N. Charleston community to listen to what the community wanted to do about the N. Charleston CAS program before the full board would make recommendations. They reported back that they felt this meeting was not well attended and asked for a second meeting on Oct. 26. In addition, there was a last minute suggestion to put the CAS at Stall HS, instead of N. Charleston or Garrett, as had been previously discussed. Since that suggestion came very late in the discussion, the Board asked that the N. Charleston Board members go back to the community once more to see exactly what they wanted. This had to be done by the end of October so the Board could make a decision no later than Nov. 1 in order to keep to the schedule of building the Board has set.

Follow-up: The Board met on Nov. 2 and voted to place the CAS program at N. Charleston HS on the site of the N. Charleston football stadium. The Board also voted to find ways to keep Garrett HS open.

Board Highlights were not available online for this meeting.

The next CCSDBOT meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 27, 2017.