

Charleston County School District Board of Trustees Meeting

February 27, 2017

Observer Corps Member: Macy Adams

Agenda Items

1. Board approved all Agenda items as well as the minutes for the past five official and special called meetings.
2. There were no executive session items to approve
3. Public speakers expressed concerns on a number of issues
 - The District 9 study group facilitator, a board appointed position, has not been attending mandatory meetings
 - Many spoke out against the handling of the N. Charleston bus incident, where police officers were called onto the bus to deal with rowdy behavior, students were handcuffed and excessive force was used
 - Desire to train resource officers in de-escalation instead of using police officers as disciplinarians
 - The Charleston Teachers Association expressed concern for the lack of substitute teachers
 - We Are Family, LGBT rights group, representative expressed concern over federal government rescinding transgender bathroom protections
 - Black Lives Matter representatives expressed willingness to help build bridges between the police and students, or to offer help in any way concerning School to Prison Pipeline
4. Superintendent made a special presentation for Black History Month. She discussed the district's reevaluation of how, since 1865, has Charleston county focused on the needs of educating Black children.
5. Agenda item 7.1A was passed. The motion is to create 3 alternative program locations throughout the district to address the needs of students who need more discipline than detention, but are not at the point where they need to attend the Alternative School.
6. Agenda item 7.1B was an information packet concerning Orchestra programs in the district. Motion will come later after the district can look into funding
7. Agenda item 7.1C passed, establishing a sixth grade program at James Edwards Elementary on Edisto Island, allowing students to stay at the rural school a year longer
8. Agenda item 7.1D was an information session concerning New York state policy regarding the needs of students to not only pass K-12 education, but to ensure proficiency and college readiness for students.

9. Agenda item 7.2A passed approving the District's Statement of Assurance for Charter School Sponsors.

10. Agenda item 7.2B approved the second reading of the Communication policy with the removal of a controversial item that teachers felt infringed on their rights to free speech.

11. Agenda item 7.3A was passed, approving funds to renovate mobile units.

12. Agenda item 7.4A-E concerning debt repayment plans, facility maintenance/repair plans, federal grant applications, and IT staff hirings were approved in one motion.