

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES **MEETING**

April 23, 2018

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Meeting Highlights

The meeting came to order at 5:30pm after the Board's Executive Session ended. This meeting was attended by an audience of approximately 80 individuals.

The agenda items were many (for a complete agenda, please refer to: https://www.ccsdschools.com/about_us/board_of_trustees/meeting_agendas/) with emphasis on financials (2019 budget, limit of revenue available to Charleston Co. Schools vs the needs required to deliver quality education, Reallocation of funds, expenditures for School Security, etc.).

Again, the agenda items which required a vote by Trustees, passed, for the most part, with minor dissension or discussion with the exception of a lively exchange among Board Trustees on the approach to generating a "school budget". The majority of Trustees made it clear that decisions were made based on the funding which is available. However, some Trustees suggested that they would like to see a "budget" which would better reflect a projected cost to fund the resources needed to raise the level of quality education in Charleston Co for all schools. In addition, some Trustees expressed an interest in seeing a study of the "success" rate of certain programs currently being funded - in other words, "what is working and what is not" vs the current allocation of available funds.

Following the discussion, the First Reading of the Fiscal 2019 Charleston Co. School Budget was approved by the majority of Trustees with the Second Reading being scheduled for discussion sometime during the 1st half in May. It should be noted that the Second Reading, although it may be approved at the May Charleston Co. School Board Meeting might not to be the final 2019 Budget since School Budgets are sometimes adjusted in September or October after schools reopen following summer recess.

NOTE: As of the writing of this report (May 4, 2018) the more detailed Charleston Co. School Board's "HIGHLIGHTS" of the March 26, 2018 and April 23 monthly meetings have not been posted on https://www.ccsdschools.com/about_us/board_of_trustees/b_o_t_highlights_2017-2018.

However, the Minutes of the monthly March 26 and the Special Called Board Meeting held on April 16, 2018 can be read on: https://www.ccsdschools.com/about_us/board_of_trustees/meeting_minutes/

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 5:15pm, 75 Calhoun Street, Charleston.