

Charleston County School District – Board of Trustees Meeting

May 22, 2017

Observer: None present; Report obtained from Board Posting. Additional information available from on-line video; Public Comments are not included

Meeting Summary

Superintendent's Report See the link to the [Superintendent's powerpoint](#) for more details on the items below:

2017-18 Overview

2017-18 Proposed Assessments

2016-17 Teacher and Principal Evaluation Process

2017-18 Teacher and Principal Evaluation Process

PISA for Schools

NWEA Insights Report

Policy ADF - District Wellness In 2016, Congress approved regulations requiring school districts to adopt district policy/regulation to articulate certain standards about nutrition, exercise, and overall wellness. Staff has been working on a draft of a policy which incorporates different sources of information and models which are consistent with one another. The deadline to adopt this policy is July 1. The first reading of this draft policy was approved tonight by a vote of 9-0 and includes sections which address the following: food and beverage availability, water availability, competitive food and beverage offering guidelines, nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity recommendations, physical education, CCSD District Wellness Committee meeting schedules, goals, metrics, recordkeeping, and food and beverage marketing.

Revised Human Resources (G) Policies (Second Reading) At its October 24, 2016, meeting, the CCSD Board of Trustees approved a motion to review board policies over the course of the 2016-2017 school year. The two policies under review are Policy GBEB: Employee Conduct and Policy GBEB: Staff Dress Code. The purpose of these policies is to establish the board's vision for appropriate conduct by the employees of Charleston County School District, as well as establish the basic structure for a dress code for employees.

These policies passed the first reading on April 24, 2017. Slight changes to two policies were offered after the second reading and were approved this evening by a vote of 9-0. The board also voted to bring back the policies to the Policy and Personnel Committee in June for further discussion.

District 3 Bus Lot The board voted 8-1 to ask staff to explore viable options to locate buses that are accessible to schools on James Island over the next 30 days and seek community input before bringing the item back as an agenda item at the June 24 board

meeting for discussion. The motion came as a result of the District's plan to create a centralized bus lot for District 3 schools on land adjacent to James Island Elementary School. Charleston County School District recommended the creation of one bus lot on James Island to maximize resources and the ability to adjust to schedule changes. The bus lot at Fort Johnson Middle School will not be available due to the construction of the new Camp Road Middle School at that site.

The budget for the project is \$3.3 million; the goal is complete the bus lot before the start of the 2017-18. 25 buses would be stationed at this bus lot to start the school year; the plan is for the D-3 bus lot to be able to hold 38 buses.

CCSD conducted four public meetings over the course of the school year to inform residents and the community about the plans and to receive feedback. One of the concerns raised was the environmental impact. The district hired an engineering consultant to analyze the risks associated with 38 school buses being housed at one site. The air dispersion report confirmed reportable air pollutants will be significantly less than the ambient air quality standards thresholds reported by the Environmental Protection Agency. Results of the test can be found here:

http://www.ccsdschools.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_2973281/File/Capital%20Programs/BusLotDocuments/Brief%20D3%20Bus%20Community%20March%202017.pdf

Another issue raised by community members is how a large bus lot could be an eyesore for the neighborhoods surrounding James Island Elementary School. To address the concern, the contractor has stated they will create a sizable vegetation buffer around the parking lot.

Community members also expressed concerns about increased traffic and the safety of students on the JIES campus. CCSD's Department of Capital Programs reports buses will be en route well before and after arrival and dismissal times at JIES, and the lot will be safely separated (distance, vegetation, and fencing) from the playground in the back of the school property.

Jefferson Award: Students in Action The Charleston County School of the Arts' Students In Action (SIA) team was awarded the prestigious honor of Most Outstanding SIA Team from the Jefferson Awards Foundation this year. The Jefferson Awards Foundation was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Samuel S. Beard as the country's highest honor for public service and volunteerism. The mission of the Jefferson Awards is to honor Americans who have performed outstanding public service and to inspire others to follow their examples. In line with this mission, the Jefferson Awards Foundation began a youth development initiative in 2006 called Students In Action, which serves as the foundation's flagship student leadership program and is active in over 400 high schools across the country. The SOA SIA team was also awarded the 2017 Gold Service Leadership School Award. Congratulations!

South Carolina You Be the Chemist State Winner The You Be The Chemist

Challenge was held Saturday, April 29 at the SC State Museum in Columbia. Sixteen students from all over the state competed in seven rounds of multiple-choice chemistry questions. Asher Wallen, a seventh-grade student at Buist Academy, won first place. Asher will compete at the National You Be The Chemist Challenge on June 19 in Washington, D.C. Excelling in academics all-around, Asher could not appear at the Board meeting this evening as he is also being recognized for his high achievement on the SAT at the Duke TIP ceremony. Congratulations Asher!

Athletic State Champions CCSD recognized 11 different SCHSL state champions this evening, both for individual and team wins. Congratulations to:

Kelean Harley, North Charleston - AA 400 meter State Champ
Jaleah Symone Washington, Military Magnet - A Discus State Champ
Colin Baker, Academic Magnet High School - AA 3200 meter State Champ
Elijah Bull, Wando - AAAAA 400 meter hurdles State Champ
James Island Charter - AAAAA 4x800 meter relay State Champ
Academic Magnet - AA girls' soccer State Champ
Academic Magnet - AA boys' soccer State Champ
Wando - AAAAA boys' lacrosse State Champ
Wando - AAAAA boys' soccer State Champ (also ranked #1 in the nation)
Wando - AAAAA girls' track & field State Champ
Zenityah Lawrence, Wando - AAAAA long jump, 100-meter dash, and 200-meter dash State Champ

Mia Pace, Mitchell Elementary, 2017 District Teacher of the Year Entering her fifth year with Charleston County, Mia instructs all levels at Mitchell Elementary, from Child Development (CD) to fifth grade, as a Computer Lab Instructor. Mia received her Bachelor of Science in Education at Chowan University and earned a Masters in Education at Troy University. Prior to becoming a part of CCSD, Mia actively volunteered in her children's classrooms at Laurel Hill Primary and served on the PTA. She also taught Sunday School and volunteers as a Vacation Bible School leader during the summers. Since joining CCSD, Mia has hosted an after-school, all-girls code club with the Charleston Digital Corridor, served as a member of her school's wellness committee, updated the District 20 Facebook page weekly, and worked closely with the South Carolina Safe Schools Organization to improve the safety of students traveling to and from school each day. These are just a few of the many things Mia does in service to children, and only a snapshot of her dedication and contribution to improving students' lives both inside and outside the classroom. At a celebration earlier this month, Mia was named CCSD's 2017 Teacher of the Year, where she received an award and a year-lease for a car from MINI of Charleston. Congratulations Mia! You are a shining representation of commitment and perseverance within your profession, which comes with the immense responsibility of educating and preparing our children for tomorrow.

Join us this Thursday at Riley Park as we cheer on Mia; she is set to throw the ceremonial first pitch for Educator Night at the Charleston RiverDogs' game.

