

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

SCPCSD District Office Training Room  
3710 Landmark Dr., Suite 205  
Columbia, SC 29204

Friday, April 7, 2017  
9 a.m.

**AMENDED MAY 11, 2017**

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

#### II. Invocation

Ms. Bounds led the invocation.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Staley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### IV. Mission Statement

Mr. Chappell read the Mission Statement.

#### V. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds called the roll. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Mr. Don McLaurin, Mrs. Linzie Staley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, and Mr. Chappell. Mrs. Bull & Mr. John Payne was absent.

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Mrs. Dana Abbott, Ms. Taylor Fulcher, Mr. Hunter Schimpff, Ms. Catherine Watt, Mr. Bobby Rykard Mr. Siddhartha Chowdri, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Ms. Kerry Donahue, and Mr. Erik Norton (attorney).

#### VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the April 7, 2017 meeting.

Mr. McLaurin made a motion move the Superintendent's Evaluation to the end of action items and remove Belton Preparatory Charter Application Hearing from the agenda. Without objection, the amendment carried.

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the amended consent agenda. Mrs. Staley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comments

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the Board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'Public Comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the Board chairman.

- Each speaker has two minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of Board Members.
- Board Members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any Board Member is not permitted.

Superintendent Donald Andrews spoke on Jasper County Schools and Polaris Tech.

Julie Cole spoke on behalf of Hope Academy Charter School.

Monique Walker spoke on behalf of Fresh Start Heritage Academy.

Mary Ross spoke on behalf of Fresh Start Heritage Academy.

Christy Van Fleek spoke on behalf of East Light Academy.

Julie Johnson spoke on behalf of East Light Academy.

Jerry Adger spoke on behalf of East Light Academy.

Kim Christ spoke on behalf of East Light Academy.

Amy Roper spoke on behalf of East Light Academy.

Mary Carmichael spoke on behalf of charter school applicants.

VIII. Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

IX. Action Items

- A) Charter Board Partners Contract ..... Siddhartha Chowdri

Mr. Smalley presented on the Charter Board Partners Contract.

Mr. Chappell made a motion to approve the contract. Mrs. Bounds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- B) Polaris Tech Charter Application Hearing

Mrs. Abbott presented the staff recommendation report for the Polaris Tech charter application. The staff recommendation was to deny the application.

Polaris Tech planning committee made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Chappell made the motion to deny the application and grant a 60-day extension per proviso to be heard on May 11, 2017. Ms. Bounds seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C) Fresh Start Heritage Academy Charter Application Hearing

Mrs. Abbott presented the staff recommendation report for the Fresh Start Heritage Academy application. The staff recommendation was to deny the application.

The Fresh Start Heritage Academy charter planning committee made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Bounds moved to deny the Clear Dot charter application. Mrs. Staley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D) East Light Academy Charter Application Hearing

Mrs. Abbott presented the staff recommendation report for the East Light Academy charter application. The staff recommendation was to deny the application.

The East Light Academy charter planning committee made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Bounds moved to approve East Light Academy charter application. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E) Hope Academy Charter Application Hearing

Mrs. Abbott presented the staff recommendation report for the Hope Academy charter application. The staff recommendation was to deny the application.

The Hope Academy charter planning committee made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Chappell moved to deny the Hope Academy charter application. Mrs. Staley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F) Superintendent's Evaluation ..... Don McLaurin

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation. Mrs. Bounds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With a composite score 8.87, the evaluation committee moved to authorize Chairman McLaurin to negotiate an extension of contract and salary increase (retroactive to Mr. Smalley's annual renewal date).

X. Adjournment

Without objection, Mr. McLaurin adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm.

Future Meetings:		
April 20, 2017	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting
May 11, 2017	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting