

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, December 8, 2016
10 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mrs. Staley called the meeting at 10:01 am.

II. Invocation

Mr. Payne led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Chappell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Ms. Bounds read the Mission Statement.

V. Roll Call

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

Board members present: Mrs. Linzie Staley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, Mr. Laban Chappell, Mr. John Payne, Mrs. Anne Bull, Mr. McLaurin was remote via phone.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the December 10, 2016 meeting.
- B) Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2016 Meeting

C) Financial Reports

D) Enrollment Report

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Bounds 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.

Christy Junkins from High Point Academy showed a video in support of their school.

Celina Patton spoke in support of High Point Academy.

Patty Bubenzer spoke in support of High Point Academy.

Renee Matthews spoke to the SCPCSD support of schools.

Diane Beatty, Executive Vice President of Imagine Schools, shared information about Imagine's results.

Jennifer Florens, Regional Director for Imagine Schools, spoke in support of Imagine.

Bill Yonkin spoke in support of Imagine.

Suzanne Turknett spoke in support of Imagine.

Sam Davis spoke in support of Imagine.

Marge Lee spoke in support of Imagine.

Cecil Taliaferro spoke in support of Imagine.

Doug Hartley spoke in support of Imagine.

Alexandria Gillcrese spoke in support of Calvert Academy.

Kathleen Link spoke in support of Imagine.

Tiffany Leech spoke in support of Imagine.

Lydia Thomas spoke in support of Imagine.

Raymond Morris spoke in support of Imagine.

Mary Carmichael spoke on the charter bill.

Karen Gale spoke in support of Imagine.

Will McMasters spoke in support of Imagine.

VIII. Executive Session

Ms. Bounds moved to enter executive session for the purposes stated below. Mr. Payne seconded. There was no objection.

- A) Discussion of legal matters related to potential amendments to Charter School Act.
- B) Contract matters related to legal services
- C) Personnel matter

There was no action taken in executive session per a statement from Mrs. Staley.

IX. Action Items

- A) School Weather Waivers.....Elliot Smalley

Dr. Robert Compton presented on the weather waivers re: Hurricane Matthew.

Mr. Chappell made a motion to approve all weather waivers. Mr. Payne seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- B) TeamingSolutions for Education for PowerSchool Support... Siddartha Chowdri

Mr. Chowdri presented on the PowerSchool support contract.

Mrs. Staley makes a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- C) Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy Performance Update & RecommendationElliot Smalley, Dana Abbott, Hunter Schimpff

Mrs. Abbott and Mr. Schimpff presented a performance update on Imagine Leadership Academy.

Mrs. Abbott recommended a charter revocation.

Board members discussed the recommendation.

Ms. Bounds moved to revoke Imagine Leadership Academy’s charter at the end of the year. Mrs. Bull seconds

- D) South Carolina Calvert Academy Performance Update & Recommendation.....Elliot Smalley, Dana Abbott, Hunter Schimpff

Mrs. Abbott and Mr. Schimpff presented a performance update on South Carolina Calvert Academy.

Mrs. Abbott recommended a charter revocation.

Board members discussed the recommendation.

Mr. Payne moved to revoke South Carolina Calvert Academy’s charter at the end of the school year. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion is carried unanimously.

X. Information Items

A) Strategy UpdateElliot Smalley

The consensus of the Board was to continue these discussions at a future meeting.

B) Charter Bill Update Kerry Donahue, Hunter Schimpff

Ms. Donahue and Mr. Shimpff presented on the charter bill.

The board discussed the charter bill. There was no action taken on this item.

XI. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Smalley proposed the January 12, 2017 board meeting be moved to January 5, 2017. It is agreed upon by the board meeting.

Mr. Smalley gave an update on legislative visits.

XII. Adjournment

Without objection, Mrs. Staley adjourned the meeting at 1:50.

Future Meetings:

January 5, 2017	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting
February 9, 2017	10:00AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting