

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, February 8, 2018
10 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

II. Invocation

Mr. Chappell led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Staley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Ms. Purcell 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, and Mr. Chappell, and Mrs. Anne Bull, Mr. Don McLaurin, Mr. John Payne and Ms. Beth Purcell.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the February 8, 2018 meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for November 30, 2017 meeting
- C) Enrollment Report
- D) Financial Reports

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the 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.

- Public comment is limited to no more than thirty minutes. Speakers will be called in the order in which they sign up to speak. Should time run out, remaining speakers may be called at the end of the meeting, if time permits, or at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- Each speaker has two minutes. The Chair may limit the time for each speaker further to accommodate as many speakers as possible.
- 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.

There were no public comments.

VIII. Executive Session

Ms. Bounds moved to enter executive session for the purposes of receiving legal advice. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. Action Items

A) Transfer School Settlement Agreement.....Executive Committee

Mr. McLaurin moved to deny the transfer school settlement agreement on behalf of the Executive Committee. After a 4-2 vote with Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Bull opposing, the motion carried and the transfer school settlement agreement was denied.

B) Weather Waiver Requests.....Taylor Fulcher, Elliot Smalley

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the weather waiver requests by Lowcountry Leadership, Bridges Preparatory, Lead Academy, Quest Leadership, Palmetto Scholars Academy, Legacy Early College, Spartanburg Prep, Meyer Center, and Greer Middle College. Mrs. Bull seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C) Epicenter Contract Approval.....Siddhartha Chowdri

Mrs. Staley moved to approve the Epicenter contract. Mr. Payne seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D) Fund Balance Investment.....Siddhartha Chowdri

Ms. Bounds moved to grant the request for the financial fund balance investment. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E) SCPCSD Transfer Policy Development.....Linzie Staley, Dana Abbott

Mrs. Staley moved to accept the first reading of the transfer policy. Mr. Chappell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. Information Items

A) 2017 SCPCSD Audit Presentation.....Lesley Kelly; McGregor & Company

Ms. Kelly presented on the 2017 SCPCSD Audit.

B) Application Cycle Updates.....Dana Abbott, Catherine Watt

Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Watt presented on the 2018 SCPCSD charter school application cycle.

XI. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Smalley reviewed up-dated student performance, noting a general increase in EVAAS scores (specifics TBA) as well as an increase of 9 ponts in the graduation rate calculation.

Mrs. Bounds noted that it was time for the Superintendent’s annual evaluation process. Chairman McLaurin asked her to chair the Evaluation Committee; rubrics will be distributed to Board members shortly. Following the meeting, both Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Purcell agreed to serve on the Committee with Mrs. Bounds.

XII. Adjournment

Future Meetings:
March 8, 2018

10:00 AM

SCPCSD Board Meeting