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Special Called South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

December 13, 2019
10:00AM

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-Or in Person-

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 10am. Mr. Payne welcomed Representative Lynn Bennett to the meeting.

II. Invocation

Mr. Payne led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bounds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Mr. Payne read the mission statement.

V. Roll Call

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

Board members present: Ms. Kathleen Bounds, Mr. John Payne, Mrs. Cyndi Mosteller (by phone), Dr. Teresa Pope, and Dr. Keith Callicutt, Mrs. Beth Purcell (by phone). Mr. Miller was **excused**.

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Ms. Taylor Fulcher, Ms. Catherine Watt, Mr. Bobby Rykard, Mrs. Susan Howard, Mrs. Takeya Jackson, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mrs. Laura Simmons, and Mr. Erik Norton (attorney).

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the December 13, 2019 meeting

Ms. Bounds moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Mosteller 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.

Erin Franey spoke in favor of Acceleration Academies.

Noah Ratliffe spoke in favor of Acceleration Academies.

Diana Soleis spoke in favor of Acceleration Academies.

VIII. Action Items

A) Charleston Acceleration Academy Charter.....Elliot Smalley

Due to the legal nature of questions/requests included in said letter that was presented by CAA, and on Mr. Norton’s advice, Dr. Pope moved and Ms. Bounds seconded a motion to amend the day’s agenda and move into Executive Session in order to receive legal advice at 10:43 AM. The motion carried without objection.

The board returned to open session at 12 PM. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Payne asked if any representatives from AA would like to make comments. Five attendees responded “yes”; the SCPSD Board also heard from CAA Board of Trustees.

Mr. Payne read a statement summarizing SCPCSD’s expectations of CAA (going forward from this date until the January 9, 2020 meeting) to include following:

- (1) The school will be operated pursuant to its Charter.
- (2) People not providing instruction will avoid disrupting instruction unless necessary to do so for the operation of the school and not for dealing with litigation/contract matters between the school and EMO.

- (3) Any change that might be necessary, including personnel will be shared with the District first to ensure replacement services are in place following the change;
- (4) Dr. Bohnstengel will report any interference that he believes occurs with instruction or operation of the school in writing to the Supt so that it can be addressed at that time;
- (5) Communicate all requests related to funding from Prestige in writing to Chris Griner, District CFO with a copy to the Superintendent; and
- (6) The school will submit a charter amendment request by Monday, December 16, 2019 as previously directed.

Chairman Payne concluded his statement by inviting questions for clarification and a reminder that District staff remains willing to help the school work through these issues. The full text of Chairman Payne's remarks is included in board audio archives.

Dr. Pope moved, Mr. Callicutt seconded a motion that the Board adopt the Chairman's comments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Bounds moved to adjourn. The motion carried without objection.