

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

November 14, 2019
10:00 AM

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 10am.

II. Invocation

Mr. Callicutt led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bounds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Mrs. Purcell 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, Dr. Teresa Pope, and Dr. Keith Callicutt, Mrs. Beth Purcell, Mr. Kip Miller and Mrs. Mosteller.

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 November 14, 2019 meeting.
- B) Approval of Minutes for the October 10, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Bounds made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Purcell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Recognition of Palmetto Award Winners & Excellent Schools

Palmetto Award Winners & "Excellent Schools" were recognized for their performance.

VIII. 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.

IX. Action Items

A) Tall Pines Enrollment Amendment.....Catherine Watt

Mr. Miller moved to approve the Tall Pines amendment. Mrs. Purcell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B) Youth Leadership Enrollment and Facilities Amendment.....Catherine Watt

Ms. Bounds moved to approve the Youth Leadership amendment. Mr. Miller seconded. The vote carried 6-1 with Mrs. Pope voting against the amendment.

C) Lowcountry Leadership Charter School Transfer Request.....Elliot Smalley

Mr. Payne moved to deny the Lowcountry Leadership transfer request. Dr. Pope seconded. The motion failed (2-4) with Mrs. Purcell, Mr. Miller, Dr. Callicutt, and Mrs. Mosteller voting against the motion. Mr. Payne did not vote.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the Lowcountry Leadership transfer request. Mr. Callicutt seconded. The motion was passed (4-2) with Ms. Bounds and Mrs. Pope voting against the motion. Mr. Payne did not vote.

D) South Carolina Connections Academy Transfer Request.....Elliot Smalley

Dr. Callicutt moved to approve the South Carolina Connections Academy transfer request. Mr. Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Payne did not vote.

E) Midlands Arts Conservatory Transfer Request.....Elliot Smalley

Mrs. Mosteller moved to approve the Midlands Arts Conservatory transfer request. Mrs. Purcell seconded. The motion failed 2-5 with Ms. Bounds, Mr. Miller, Dr. Callicutt, John Payne and Dr. Pope voting against the motion.

F) Renaissance Collegiate Academy Relocation Amendment.....Elliot Smalley

The SCPCSD staff evaluated the proposed revision to RCA's charter and the supporting documentation provided by the school. Staff does not recommend approving the amendment until OSF and DOT approve. Further, staff recommends that the school be required to amend its charter to reflect the current state of its operations by December 15, 2019. Finally, staff recommends that the RCA board be required to undergo additional training, have staff attend all board meetings and submit monthly status reports as a sanction short of revocation.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the recommendation made by staff. Dr. Callicutt seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Callicutt exited the meeting.

G) Charleston Acceleration Academy Termination of EMO Contract.....Elliot Smalley

Mr. Miller moved to delay amendment and "maintain the status quo" as of November 14 2019. Mr. Payne seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

H) Financial Reports.....Chris Griner

Ms. Bounds moved to accept the financial reports. Mrs. Purcell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

I) Bettis Prep Financing Default.....Chris Griner

After hearing from the school and Mr. Eberle/Vanguard, the Board took no action. The matter will be re-considered prior to December 1.

X. Superintendent's Report

A) Enrollment Reports

Mr. Smalley presented the enrollment reports.

XI. Executive Session

- Personnel matter
- Update on legal issues related to audits

Without objection, the SCPCSD Board of Trustees entered into executive session for the purposes stated above.

No action was taken in executive session.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6PM.