

November board meeting minutes

Preliminary Items

o Call to Order o Roll Call

Called at 5:03 by Dan Martin, Vice President.

Motioned by Eric and Kristen.

Those present:

Board:

Kristen Bell

Bassanya Bryant-Spann

Dan Martin

Eric Mack

Crystal Cumbee

Betsy

Carpentier

Others:

Pam Sieger

Chad Long

Scott Sides

Carlotta Redish

Tamika Cleckley

Danielle Bowen

Chris Webber

Karen McCall

Ebonie McMullan

Corinne Jimenez

Diane Davis

Karen Moore

• Action Agenda Items to Vote on:

o October minutes

Kristen motion 1.

Bassanya motion 2.

o Hearing officers used for suspension-expulsion cases

Discussion was held about using a hearing officer for suspension or expulsion cases. Suggestion to hire a full-time person. Full time person is not needed as the only time this person would be required to help would be if COA had a suspension or expulsion issue at the school.

The board agreed to contract a hearing officer only when needed by the school.

Kristen motion 1.

Bassanya motion 2.

• Regular Agenda Items:

Financial Update with Chad: No additional updates at this time.

- School Leadership Report Update on the pending new lease Update on board terms Discussion on related services contracts: We will be moving into the new building on 2/28/2025 at 101 Westpark Drive in Columbia, SC. Our last day at 1812 Barnwell Street in Columbia, SC will be on 2/28/2025 with a formal walk-through with Tamika, Pam, and the District.

o School psychologist

Discussed about needing a school psychologist. Pam shared that K12/Stride contracts with Shared Services for any school psychologist or school social worker needs. No school psychologist is needed. We have two school counselors and we have Shared Services who help with individual school needs.

o School social worker

Discussed about needing a school social worker. Pam shared that K12/Stride contracts with Shared Services for any school social worker needs. No school social worker is needed. We have two school counselors and we have Shared Services who help with individual school needs.

Determination on how to get into see teacher classes

A discussion was had about collecting URLs or being invited directly into teacher classrooms. The question of FERPA came up during the conversation. It was determined that John Pallasch will be discussing this during the next board meeting for a final conclusion on allowing board member access to classrooms.

o Process explanation o Board would like possible further background checks for admin/leadership School counselor need

A discussion was had about additional background checks for admin/leadership. The conclusion was that K12/Stride uses Sterling and that the board is fine with continuing to use Sterling for background checks. Careful consideration on hiring future administrators was discussed and to proceed as normal.

Required to enroll vs. required to stay records discussion

Updates were provided to the board that report cards, transcripts, and assessments will now be required to enroll when the enrollment pause is lifted.

o Update on records request:

We have updated our records request per the District's request. The District is in receipt of our updated records request and is agreement to the changes to our records request.

Hiring updates

We are in need of an AA for Elementary and will be looking to add a counselor. We are also continuing to search for an AASP.

Stride tutoring updates Pause of enrollment update

o District pause: no new students after the 11/18/2024 until the district notifies COA otherwise

The pause is continuing until further notice.

o Carolus Cares o School choice week District partnership for February event

Carolus Cares will be holding a 3rd event in December in Orangeburg. Pam will continue to oversee and chair the event.

Pam is also a co-chair for the District wide first student expo on 2/1/2025 in Charleson. COA will be at the event and will lead other schools from the District to partner in the event.

We will be at the School Choice event on 1/30/2025 with the District and other schools. Pam and Niki will take lead on organizing this event.

Closure:

The meeting ended at 6:03 and was called to close by Dan Martin.

All were in favor.