

November 13, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. David Engelman, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members, Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Nancy McGinley and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

The news media were duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. then motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to convene in Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order and led the Board in a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.1: Oath of Office

Judge Saul Blatt administered the Oath of individually to re-elected then newly elected members. The oath follows.

- Gregg Meyers (re-elected) – East of the Cooper
- Raymond Toler (re-elected) – North Charleston
Ruth Jordan (new member) – West Ashley
- Toya Hampton-Green (new member) – Peninsula
- Arthur Ravenel (new member) – East of the Cooper

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed) and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States, so help me God.”

(S.C. Constitution, Article III, Section 26)

2.2: Election of Officers

Chairperson Cook opened the floor for election of officers. Mr. Meyers nominated Mr. Douglas for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Moody. Mr. Moody motioned the nomination be closed. This motion was approved unanimously. The motion to appoint Mr. Douglas as Vice-Chair was approved 9-0.

Following the election of Vice Chair, Mr. Meyers nominated Ms. Cook for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jordan. Mr. Toler nominated Mr. Engelman for Chair, however, that motion did not receive a second. The motion to appoint Ms. Cook as Chair was approved 9-0.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for November 13, 2006

1. 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching -The Board recognized Mary Beth Meggett on being one of three state finalists for the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence Teaching Science in South Carolina.

3.2: Wando HS Band

2. The Board recognized Principal Lucy Beckman and the Wando HS Band for winning the Lower State and State Championships.

3.3: Wando HS Tennis

3. The Board recognized Principal Luck Beckham and the Wando HS Tennis Team for winning the state tennis championship.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson announced that the Charleston Plan for Excellence Update is scheduled to be presented under agenda item 8.1.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

There were no visitors to address the Board at this meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of October 23, 2006

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of October 23, 2006. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of November 13, 2006

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of November 13, 2006as follows:

1.1: Student Transfer Appeal - The Board approved a student transfer release with a vote of 8-1 (Douglas).

1.2: Contractual Matters – The Board approved the Memminger Lease with modifications with a vote of 8-1 (Engelman).

6.3: Financial Minutes of October 9, 2006

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of October 23, 2006. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There were no management reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: CPE Update

Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson presented an update on the Charleston Plan for Excellence. The power point presentation focused on the history of the implementation of the plan, the progress and the work left to complete.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Health Advisory Appointments

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation for the CCSD Health Advisory Appointments. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: YouthBuild Charter Review Information

Mr. Kennedy briefed the Board on YouthBuild Charter Administration made an earlier recommendation that the charter be revoked because of unsound fiscal practices. After enrollment decreased and loss of a HUD Grant, YouthBuild fell behind on their rent. Also, at that time, Board voted to allow YouthBuild to correct their status by October 25th. Administration will make a follow-up recommendation to the Board on November 27, 2006. Mr. Kennedy also stated that although YouthBuild’s enrollment numbers are up, the financial data recently received from their Financial Auditor has not been analyzed.

9.3: Home School Applications

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve Home School Applications, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas).

9.4: SCSBA Delegate Assembly

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to have Chairperson Cook serve as the Delegate and Mr. Douglas and Mr. Engelman serve as alternates at the upcoming South Carolina School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. The motion was approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:20 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools