

December 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – Mr. Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Randolph Bynum, Mr. Larry Clark, Dr. Brenda Nelson and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to convene into 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 Douglas called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for December 10, 2007

1. The Board recognized Dr. Scotty Buff of MUSC and the Junior Doctors of Health who presented Dr. Nancy McGinley with a framed picture from the “Walk to School Day” that was held on October 3, 2007 at Fraser Elementary School.
2. The Board recognized Academic Magnet students for competing in the Word Master’s competition. The 9th graders placed 1st and the 10th grade class placed 3rd.
3. The Board recognized Academic Magnet principal and staff for earning Gold status among the Nation’s best High Schools. Academic Magnet ranked among the best schools in the country and 6th among the magnet schools.
4. The Board recognized School of the Arts that ranked among the nation’s best 505 schools.
5. The Board recognized Sanders-Clyde Elementary for being nominated as a Blue Ribbon School by the State Department.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Congratulations to Academic Magnet for earning the gold medal for ranking 27th best school in the country and ranking 6th out of all magnet schools. Academic Magnet was the only school in South Carolina to earn a Gold Medal ranking.
- Congratulations to Wando High and School of the Arts for earning the silver medal for ranking among the nation’s best 505 schools or less than 3% of all schools nationwide. These schools were two of only four schools in South Carolina to achieve silver rankings.
- Congratulations to Sanders-Clyde for being nominated by the State Department of Education to compete in the National Blue Ribbon School Program. Sanders-Clyde Elementary was one of only five schools statewide and the only school in Charleston nominated by the South Carolina State Department of Education.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Rev. Peggy Jenkins addressed the Board about School of the Arts.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of November 26, 2007

Mrs. Green motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of minutes of November 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of Dec. 10, 2007

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items as follows:

- 1.1: The Board carried over a student transfer appeal to allow the Superintendent additional time to investigate the request.
- 1.2A: The Board approved a recommendation from staff to amend the McMillan Smith & Partners Architects, PLLC Professional Services Agreement dated May 15, 2003. The cost of the revised contract is \$3,082,825. The funding source is 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program New District 4 Stall High School Project. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.2B: The Board approved a recommendation for the negotiations to build the Military Magnet Academy Gym/Cafeteria/Kitchen and approve the reallocations of funds to complete all Phase II facilities. The funding for this project is as follows: \$2,486,367 Education Improvement Act (EIA) reallocation of building funds, the remainder (1,268,633) from program contingency funds. The district will submit a waiver as required by the State Board of Education to use said funds. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of November 26, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of November 26, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: Management Reports

There were no Management Reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

There were no Charleston Plan for Excellence updates on this agenda.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading – Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades – Approved

A recommendation to approve Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading – Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve a recommendation to approve Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading – Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades. The motion was approved 9-0.

In response to a question from Mr. Meyers regarding assessment, Mr. Bynum said staff will compile a trend data analysis to measure the impact.

9.2: First Reading Policies of New and Revised Policies - GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, *GCQFB – Dismissal/Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Professional Staff, GDQD – Suspension of Pay of Classified Staff. (*New Policies) – Approved

*A recommendation for approval of first reading of new and revised policies - GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, *GCQFB – Dismissal/Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Professional Staff, GDQD – Suspension of Pay of Classified Staff. (*Denotes new policy.)*

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the first reading of new and revised policies - GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, *GCQFB – Dismissal/Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Professional Staff, GDQD – Suspension of Pay of Classified Staff. (*Denotes new policy.) The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Red Top Community Association Community Association

A recommendation to approve the Playground Modification Proposal for the Red Top Community Association.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the recommendation for the Playground Modification Proposal for the Red Top Community Association. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Petition for Annexation for Midland Park Elementary

A recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Annexation Petition to annex Midland Park Elementary campus into the City of North Charleston, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Annexation Petition to annex Midland Park Elementary campus into the City of North Charleston, at no cost to the district.

9.5: Rivers Campus Seismic Analysis

This report was submitted for information only. No action was taken.

Mr. Lewis responded to a question from Mr. Ravenel on the results of the Rivers building examination indicating that the Rivers facility could not be renovated without seismic repairs. Mr. Lewis further stated that a recommendation will be included in the next building program for seismic repairs for all multiple story buildings.

Although staff was prepared to do a PowerPoint presentation, the Board opted not to view the presentation at this time.

9.6: Recommendation for Approval of Award for Electrical Light Fixtures Bid #B8011

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of the recommendation to award bid #B8011 for electrical light fixtures to ECK Supplies. The funding source is FY08 GOF funds. The amount is \$75,000. The potential term value is \$350,000.

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9.7: Recommendation for Approval of Award for District-wide Purchases of Wall Hung Air Conditioners

A recommendation to award bid #B8018 to Kru-Kel Company, Inc. for district-wide purchases of wall-hung air conditioners. The funding source is FY08 GOF funds. The amount is \$50,000. The potential term value is \$250,000.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the recommendation to award bid #B8018 to Kru-Kel Company, Inc. for district-wide purchases of wall-hung air conditioners. The funding source is FY08 GOF funds. The amount is \$50,000. The potential term value is \$250,000. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.8: Recommendation for Approval of Award for Dry Erase and Bulletin Boards

A recommendation to award bid proposal #B8010 to Wulbern Koval for dry erase and bulletin boards. This project is funded by FY08 GOF. The amount is \$15,000. The potential term value is \$100,000.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:00 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved: 9-0 - January 14, 2008

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools