

CCSD Board Report

Monday, October 26, 2009

The following members were present: Toya Hampton Green, Gregg Myers, Raymond Toler, Ruth Jordan, Elizabeth Kandrac, Chris Collins, Chris Fraser, Arthur Ravenel, and Ann Oplinger.

Moment of Silence, Pledge, and Oath of Office :

Chair Toya Hampton Green called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Recognition:

Director of Public Affairs and Volunteers Clara Heinsohn recognized the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club for its recent "Happy Feet" initiative and its various efforts to support East Cooper schools throughout the year.

Mitchell Elementary principal Dirk Bedford recognized the Unitarian Church for their ongoing partnership with the school.

Dr. Nancy McGinley recognized Wando Principal Lucy Beckham for being named the 2010 National Secondary Principal of the Year.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McGinley provided updates on the following topics:

- State Superintendent Dr. Jim Rex surprised Katherine Henderson, an English teacher at West Ashley High School, with the prestigious Milken National Educator Award. This is often referred to as "the Oscar of teaching," and it is a rare and distinct accomplishment.
- Two weekends ago, the Trip Page Foundation sponsored a concert called "Shinefest," which gave all CCSD teachers free admission, and will donate half of its proceeds to CCSD schools. The organizer, Christy Page, will be asked to attend an upcoming Board meeting for an official recognition, but Dr. McGinley publicly thanked her and everyone at the Trip Page Foundation for their generosity and strong commitment to our public schools.
- This kind of commitment has been on full display during CCSD's Town Hall meetings over the last few weeks. Since the last Board meeting, the communities in James Island and North Charleston have held these meetings. At Jerry Zucker Middle School last week, there was a good turnout and District Four principals gave compelling presentations about the new choices their schools are offering. The district took questions about the "Four Zone" vision and other topics. Dr. McGinley will bring a summary of this feedback to the Board when in late November. Tomorrow night, another meeting will occur at Burke High School in District 20 from 6 to 8 pm.
- Finally, she clarified that the district did not host an extravagant, catered lunch for its principals as it was rumored. The lunch that CCSD principals enjoyed at their last meeting was entirely paid for by Jim N' Nicks restaurant. The PTA arranged this donation as a token of appreciation for the school leaders, and no

cent of public money was spent. She asked that everyone please work together to share truthful information with the public, and to clear up false impressions that erode the public trust in our district.

Visitors addressed:

No visitors addressed the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board approved the minutes of their open session and executive session meeting on October 12, 2009 with an amendment.

The Board approved motions of executive session from their meeting on October 26, 2009 as outlined below.

The Board approved the financial minutes for October 12, 2009.

Motions for Executive Session, October 16, 2009:

- 1.1 The Board set the date for a disciplinary hearing and denied the transfer of one student due to lack of space.
- 1.2 The Board approved a contract modification to a construction management contract to manage the seismic evaluation of 6-District 20 campuses and manage the advance design to seismically renovate and expand or replace 4-District 20 campuses.
- 1.3 The Board heard information on a legal briefing.
- 1.4 The Board approved the Superintendent's evaluation instrument with amendments.

Management Reports:

CFOO Mike Bobby presented on the August 2009 Capital Projects Financial Report and the Classroom Modernization Project (with demonstrations of the system by CCSD Technology Integration Specialist Tim Tanner and CCSD students and staff).

Charleston Achieving Excellence Priority Items:

The School Redesign Update from SOA parents was pulled.

Dr. Nancy McGinley and Audrey Lane presented on the Charleston Children's Zone.

Potential Consent Agenda Items:

The Board:

- 9.1 Approved a three year agreement with APEX.
- 9.2 Approved the strategy and process for sale and/or lease of CCSD properties already identified and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 9.3 Approved a recommendation to approve the naming the athletic field at Garrett Academy.
- 9.4 Received as information the results of the January 2009 E-Rate by KPMG on behalf of USAC.
- 9.5 Approved the Qualified School Construction Recommendation.

- 9.6 Approved the individuals to serve on the Health Advisory Committee.
- 9.7 Approved the first reading of the Tobacco-Free Schools policy..
- 9.8 Received as information Policy Regulations GCFAA-R and Accommodation Checklist as information.
- 9.9 Approved a home instruction application.
- 9.10 Approved the recommendation to within five years to provide full-day, four year old programs for Free and Reduced Meal eligible parents. Staff will examine district potential to support 0-3 programming in areas of high needs with a possible pilot Early Learning Center by the 2013-2014 school year..

The next regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees will be at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009 in the Boardroom at 75 Calhoun Street in downtown Charleston. All are welcome.