

September 25, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Sandra Engelman, Mrs. Lurline Fishburne, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mrs. Susan Simons, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members, Mr. Donald Kennedy, and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons 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.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for September 25, 2006

1. Perfect SAT Score: Chairperson Cook, the Superintendent, and AMHS Guidance Director Margaret Dobson recognized Alex Romanczuk for scoring a perfect 2400 on the SAT.
2. Teacher Cadets from Wando HS: The Superintendent recognized the Teacher Cadets from Wando
3. Office Depot Recognition: Cynthia Fennell, Office Depot Account Manager presented CCSD with an incentive check in the amount of \$18,313.89 earned from district sales last year. She recognized and thanked staff members from the Procurement Office for their hard work and the program's success. In addition, she reported that the Point of Sale Rebate which goes directly to schools has already amounted to \$7500 since July 1st.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- *The 5th Annual Ron W. McWhirt Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 19th at Coosaw Creek Country Club to raise money for teacher scholarships. In the past four years the tournament has raised \$35,000. This year we should have students who received scholarships graduating and returning to CCSD to teach.*
- *A press conference was held at James Simons ES. Sun Trust Bank donated \$50,000 for Library Books and Literacy. Last year Sun Trust donated \$10,000 to Brentwood MS which used the money to purchase library books.*
- *The Enrollment Report was presented to the board. Total enrollment for this year is 42,782 students, down slightly from last year.*

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

Ms. Karen Oliver, a home schooling parent, expressed concerns about a violation of children's rights at the Montessori School and requested a SLED investigation. Chairperson Cook informed Ms. Oliver that this was not an appropriate forum for her issue.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2006

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2006. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of September 25, 2006

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of September 25, 2006 as follows:

1.1: Student Transfer Request

A. The Board acted on student transfer appeals as listed below. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas opposed).

- Approve transfer request 1 if space exists at Burke.
- Uphold denial if space does not exist at Burke
- Grant release from D.9 of transfer request 2
- Grant requests 3-6 under NCLB

1.2: Legal Matter

The Board approved a motion to uphold administration's recommendation for a Buist appeal. The motion was approved 8-1 (Fishburne opposed).

1.3: Appointment – The board approved the appointment of Susan Holliday as the Executive Director of Human Resources. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.4: First Grade Appeal – No action was taken; the appeal was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

1.5: Legal Matter – Legal Counsel briefed the Board on a legal matter. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of September 11, 2006

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the financial minutes of September 11, 2006. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

No reports were submitted.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Leveraging Resources to Sustain Progress

Mr. Don Kennedy presented information on CCSD's Nursing Services-Cornerstone Grant (SS/HS), HealthOffice Software and Medicaid compiled by the Office of Prevention and Intervention Services:

- To help "at-risk" students, the Cornerstone Grant (Safe School/Health Students) paid for 3.1 additional nurses in the Charleston County schools with high poverty levels.

- The Cornerstone Grant (SS/HS) paid for and supported a pilot program to implement and evaluate HealthOffice Software in 22 CCSD schools.
- Before HealthOffice 69% of nurses lost time with students because of paperwork.
- 91% of nurses could not complete Medicaid billing forms in a timely fashion.
- After HealthOffice 13% of nurses lose time with students because of paperwork.
- 18% of nurses had difficulty completing paperwork in a timely fashion.
- HealthOffice use has now been expanded to all CCSD school nurses. Additional implementation also paid for by the Cornerstone Grant (80 schools).
- Additional revenues generated as a result of HealthOffice Software is now covering the cost of the 3.1 Cornerstone (SS/HS) nurses. Increases will also pay for an additional 5.4 nurses. A total of 8.5 fulltime nurses funded through increased revenue. (Substitute nurse pool also expanded using these funds.)
- Nursing encounters with students increased from 96,231 in 2004-05 to 133,437 in 2005-2006.
- Nursing reimbursement increased from \$266,598.75 in 2004-05 to \$434,274.13 in 2005-2006.
- In conclusion, results indicate that nurses using the HealthOffice software spend less time on redundant paperwork; are more certain of Medicaid status and billing; have more time to spend on school and student health concerns; and maintain more accurate documentation of healthcare in our schools. We have additional nurses in our schools, and we are expanding HealthOffice into additional areas to generate more savings and additional reimbursements (Special Education and Workmen's Compensation).

Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the presentation.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Policy Revisions – 1st Reading

There was some discussion as to pulling policies JFAA, JFAAA from the agenda. It was decided to leave the policies in the vote as this was the first reading only. Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the first reading of policies DNA, IE, IHAE, JFAA, JFAAA, KD, and LH. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the second reading of policies GCFB, GCKA, GDF, GDQD, KC, and KLG. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Policy Revision - GCFA

Agenda item was pulled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:00 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