

October 9, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2006 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Mrs. Lurline Fishburne, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mrs. Susan Simons, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Vice Chair - Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Sandra Engelman and Mr. Ray Toler were absent. 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

On behalf of Chairperson Cook, Mrs. Simons 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.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for October 9, 2006

There were no recognition items to come before the Board at this meeting.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- *Safety in Schools information was shared as follows:*
 - *A press conference was held earlier to share information on school safety.*
 - *Every school has a red Crisis book.*
 - *CCSD principals receive training each year on how to handle crisis.*
 - *Dr. Johnson read from the School Safety Assurance Plan which was distributed to principals as follows:*
 1. Lock classroom doors while teaching class.
 2. Ensure that all faculty members have been trained in lockdown procedures to include:
 - A. Watching the “*First 20 Minutes*” video.
 - B. Providing them with a red and green placard, with room number, for every door and window in every classroom.
 3. By October 30th have completed one emergency lockdown drill with police department involvement.
 4. All staff must visibly display District issued Identification while on campus.
 5. All visitors must be provided with a visitors pass after confirming who they are and why they need to be on campus.
 6. Staff members are instructed to **S.C.A.N.** (See, Contact if they do not have a pass, Ask who they are and why they are on campus, Notify proper authority if the person is not compliant) everyone that enters the building.
- *Mr. Jim Gray, the former Interim Executive Director of Human Resources was also recognized for his services to the district. He served the district for almost 1½ years.*

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Julie Hussey – District 20 resident, Mr. Marvin Stewart – District 20 Constituent Board Chair, and Mr. Henry Copeland – District 20 Constituent Board Member addressed the board regarding the recommendation to hire a foreign language teacher at Buist Academy. Mr. Copeland also expressed concerns about the County Board's failure to communicate with Constituent Boards.
2. Ms. Peggy Publicover addressed the Board regarding a Home School application.
3. Mr. Warren Klutz, expressed concerns about James Island Charter School. Mr. Klutz urged the Board to look at failures and other problems at James Island Charter School.

Chairperson Cook stated for the record that Charleston County School Board is not responsible for the day-to-day operations. However, the County Board is only responsible for monitoring the charter.

In response to an earlier statement from Mr. Henry Copeland, Chairperson Cook stated that she communicates with Mr. Stewart, Chairman of the District 20 Constituent Board. Mr. Meyers also noted that he and Mr. Douglas recently met with members of the District 20 Constituent Board and that meeting was successful.

Also in response to concerns expressed by Mrs. Fishburne and others during public communications regarding hiring a fourth foreign language teacher at Burke, Mr. Douglas reminded the Board of the history of Buist Academy. The school was developed to help the District with a desegregation lawsuit. As suggested by Mrs. Simons, the Superintendent will present a reconfiguration plan to the Board to address issues in District 20.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 25, 2006

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2006. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 6-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of October 23, 2006

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of October 23, 2006 as follows:

1.1: Student Transfer Requests – the Board acted on student transfer requests as follows:

- A. Uphold the motion of the District 2 Constituent Board.
- B. Authorize the Superintendent to administratively handle the student transfer request.
- C. Uphold the motion of the District 10 Constituent Board.

All three motions were approved 6-0.

1.2: Student Expulsion Appeals

The Board approved a motion to uphold administration's recommendation for four expulsion appeals. The motion was approved 6-0.

1.3: Personnel Matter The board approved a motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire a Spanish teacher at Buist. The motion was approved 5-1 (Fishburne).

1.4: Contractual Matter – The Board approved a motion to authorize staff to negotiate a potential property exchange for a District 2 school; subject to lease cost. The motion was approved 6-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of September 25, 2006

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve the financial minutes of September 25, 2006. The motion was approved 6-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

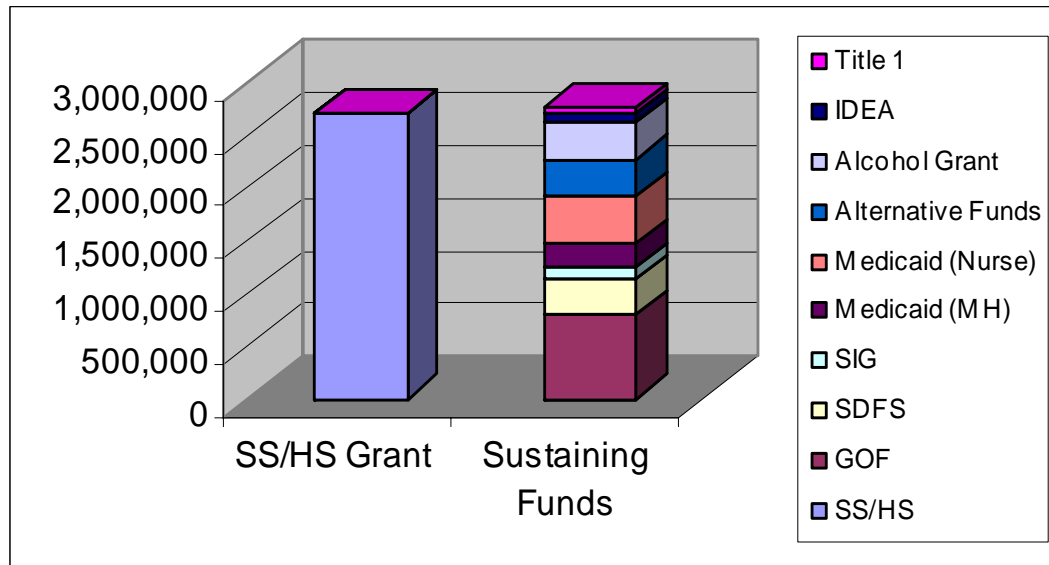
No reports were submitted.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Cornerstone Sustainability Grant

Ms. Denise Nusom, Team Association with the District presented information on the Cornerstone Sustainability Grant, a **three-year school/community collaboration for creating a safe, orderly, enriched and challenging learning environment** as follows:

- **Grant awarded in August 2002**
- **Grant implementation in January 2003**
- **Three year grant totaling \$8,148,801**
- **(approx. 2.7 million per year)**
- **Grant realigned in October 2003 to support mutual key initiatives in the Charleston Plan for Excellence.**
- **Targeted 22 schools; included District-wide initiatives.**
- **Promote safe and healthy environments in which all children can learn and develop (Core strategy 5)**
- **Provide a wrap-around system of support – with services in education, mental health, social service, law enforcement and juvenile justice (Core strategy 4).**
- **Support academic initiatives that result in increased and improved learning for students (Core Strategy 1)**
- **Improve CCSD's and the community's capacity to effectively serve students at-risk for violence and other problem behaviors (Core strategy 5).**



Cornerstone Grant Impact

- Transition services to 454 students returning to our school from a Juvenile Justice setting to CCSD schools. Of these students, 49% successfully met their transition plan goals
- Referral of 611 students for district-level truancy hearings, a significant increase from 150 truancy hearings the previous year.
- Medicaid reimbursements to CCSD for nursing services has increased by 55% in the past year, helping to fund over 8 nurses.
- Nurses at SS/HS target schools had an average of 33.6 clinic visits per day. This is an increase in health service delivery from 27.2 clinic visits per day

- School Based Mental Health Counselors have caseloads that have grown from 162 students to 269 students (17 CCSD students per counselor.) This represents a 66% growth in mental health services to our students.
- This school year, Acceleration Programs have expanded
- Over 400 CCSD employees have access to the At- Risk Alert System (ARAS) computer site, to help identify at-risk students.
- Schools adopting Positive Behavior Supports have reduced Office Referrals at participating schools by an average of 34%.

Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the presentation.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Home School Applications

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve home school applications. The motion was approved 5-1 (Douglas).

9.2: Purchase Order for SuccessMaker Software

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve the purchase order for SuccessMaker Software to support the Successmaker Technology and Support Services agreement. The total cost is \$101,250.00 and the funding source is FY07 GOF and Special funds. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.3: API Grant Award

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve the Advanced Placement Incentive award from the U.S. Department of Education for the fiscal years 2006-2009, in the amount of \$1,170,004.

9.4: MOU – CE Williams School and St. Andrews Parks and Playgrounds

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Simons to approve the recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the St. Andrews Parrish Parks and Playground Commission to make improvements and co-utilize an athletic field at CE Williams Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:15 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