

**Charleston County School District**  
**Board Meeting Highlights**

Monday, April 9, 2007

The following members of the Board were present:

Vice-Chairperson Hillery Douglas, Arthur Ravenel, Gregg Meyers, Ruth Jordan, Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Chairperson Nancy Cook, David Engelman, Toya Hampton Green, and Ray Toler.

**Special Recognition:**

1. SAIL/Honors Enrichment Students from St. Andrews Middle School. First Place at Odyssey of the Mind competition. Presented by Principal, Benjamin Bragg.
2. Nancy Cross (Elementary Strings Teacher): Laid the foundation for the Orchestra Program for CCSD schools. Presented by Jim Braunreuther, Fine Arts Learning Specialist
3. *Yes I Can!* International Award Winners: Trista Kutcher, Daniel Geathers, and Trampus Hoover. Presented by Connie Mathis, Executive Director for Special Education.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson:**

- Briefed the Board and the community on upcoming community engagement on the future use of the Rivers Facility on King Street and discussions with a local group interested in developing a charter school.
- Updated the Board on the state's RAAC recommendations for improvements at Stall High School, North Charleston High School, Burke High School and Brentwood Middle School. Principals of these schools would join her and members of the Board the State Board of Education meeting on April 11 in Columbia.
- Reminded the Board of state Superintendent Jim Rex's April 11 town hall meeting at the Burke High School cafeteria.
- Introduced a presentation of the Capital Reallocation Program presented by Southern Management Group in Association with Brownstone Construction. SMG officials updated the Board on all capital improvement projects by the District. The presentation reviewed rising building costs and budget information for the

reallocation, which does not affect classroom size. The website Southernmanagementgroup.com includes the complete update.

- Informed the board that a request for proposals for legal services would be posted soon as will a job advertisement for a District general counsel position.

The Public comment Period included **Visitors addressed:**

- Pam Kusmider from the District 20 Constituent Board talked about Buist Academy enrollment and residency verification and gave board members a District 20 audit of Buist student residency concerns.
- Mary Carmichael discussed Charter Schools
- Leroy Connors discussed charter schools and the need for Vocational Schools. He supports the proposed downtown Math and Science Charter School.
- Carol Aust discussed School Choice and her support for the proposed downtown Charter School for Math and Science.

### **Minutes/Executive Session Items:**

1.1: Student transfer appeals – approved

1.2: Legal briefing – approved. The Board voted to extend the contact of Chief Academic Officer Nancy McGinley for an additional year, to June 2009. The Board also voted to extend Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson's contact for an additional year, to October 2009, should she not be offered or accept the job of superintendent of Seattle Public Schools.

1.3: Appointment – approved hiring Carol Beckham-Bartlett for Principal, Birney Middle School

1:4: Appointment – -approved hiring Kathy Penick for Principal, Charlestowne Academy

1:5 Appointment – approved hiring LaWanda Gears, Principal, Brentwood Middle –

6.1: The open and executive session minutes of the meetings March 19 and March 26, 2007 were approved

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 9 2007 were approved with comments from Ruth Jordan and Gregg Meyers regarding student transfer issues.

6.3: Financial Minutes of March 26, 2007 were approved

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

9.1: Policy Revisions – Second Reading: GBX – Progressive Discipline, GBEB – Employment Conduct, GBXXXX – Record Retention Policy, KJ – Guidelines for Moment of Silence or Invocation for School-based Events or Activities, and DXXX – Lawrence G. Derthick, Jr. Memorial Trust Fund	Approved
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<i>A recommendation to approve revisions of policies listed above. <b>The first reading was approved 2/12/07.</b></i>	
9.2: Textbook Adoption for 2007-2008 <i>A recommendation to approve the recommendation to adopt textbooks and instruction materials for Career and Technology Education.</i>	Approved
9.3 Bid Award Recommendation – Demolition & Hazardous Material Abatement for Moultrie Middle School and Mt. Pleasant Academy <i>A recommendation to approve a bid award recommendation for demolition and hazardous material abatement for Moultrie Middle and Mt. Pleasant Academy.</i>	Approved
9.4: Bid Award Recommendation – Reproduction Services <i>A recommendation to award a contract to A&amp;E Digital Copy Center for the Reproduction Services for the 2005-2009 building program.</i>	Approved
9.5: Facility Use Request – Wando High School <i>A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF.</i>	Approved
9.6 2005-2008 Capital Improvement Program –Budget Reallocations <i>A recommendation to approve the proposed budget reallocations</i>	Approved
9.7 Home School Application <i>A recommendation to approve a home school application.</i>	Approved
9.8 Charter School Update <i>The Board will receive information on High Tech High and Math &amp; Science Charter sharing the Rivers Facility</i>	Information

**The next meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees will be at **5:15 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007** in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street, downtown Charleston.

*\*Please note that this brief overview of the Board meeting is not comprehensive. The official minutes of this meeting will be available on our website, [www.ccsdschools.com](http://www.ccsdschools.com), after they are approved by the Board at the next meeting. The meeting can also be viewed weekdays on Comcast channel 60 at 3:00 PM and on Mondays at 8:00.*