

May 29, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, 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 media were duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Ravenel 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 Cook 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 May 29, 2007

- 1. Wando HS Students – Perfect Attendance Recognition** – The Board recognized two Wando High School seniors, Sarah Ann Steadman and Kresa Marlene Edwards for having perfect attendance for 12 years of school.
- 2. North Charleston HS Child Abuse Awareness Month Project Coordinator Recognized** – The Board recognized Ms. Arlyne Shine, a Vocational Special Needs Instructor at North Charleston High School for organizing a book drive for My Sisters’ House, organizing numerous fund drives and volunteer efforts.
- 3. Clark Academy “Turn Around Award Winners”** – The Board recognized four Clark Academy students who received the Clark Academy Turn Around awards. These students received \$200.00 each.
- 4. Lincoln HS Boys Soccer Team 1A Lower State Championship Winners** – The Board recognized members of the Lincoln HS Boys Soccer Team for winning the 1A Lower State Championship.
- 5. Wando HS Girls Soccer Team State Championship Winners** - The Board recognized members of the Wando HS Girls Soccer Team for being State Championship winners.
- 6. Military Magnet Boys Track Team Winner** – The Board recognized James Heyward for being the Military Magnet Boys Track Team winner.
- 7. Military Magnet Girls Track Team Winner** – The Board recognized Kiara Gabe for being the Military Magnet Girls Track Team winner.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- The District completed six of the eight budget forums scheduled. Attendance at the forums has been low.
- Summer Success packets were sent home with each student to help parents work with students during the summer months.
- High School graduations are scheduled for June 5th – June 8th.

At this time Chairperson Cook presented red and yellow roses and a signed picture of the Charleston County School Board to Dr. Goodloe-Johnson since this is the last Board meeting she will attend in Charleston. Also, individual Board members extended well wishes to Dr. Goodloe-Johnson.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Rosalee Donahue, Ms. Barbara Cobb, Dr. Heather Dawson, and Ms. Brook Warden expressed concerns about the reassignment of the principal at School of the Arts.
2. Mr. Jon Butzon shared concerns about the budget for FY2008.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of May 14, 2007

The minutes of May 14, 2007 was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of May 29, 2007

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

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals** – Approved recommendations on student appeals as follows. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas opposed)
Approved – A, B, C, E, F, G, H, J, N, P, and Q; Approved release for transfers D, L. and R; Upheld denials for Lack of Space – I, K, M, and O.
- 1.2: Personnel Matter** – The Board discussed a personnel matter in executive session; no action was taken.
- 1.3 Request for Proposals – Auditing Services (RFP P7038)** – Approved a motion to authorize staff to negotiate the contract recommendation of P7038 for Financial and Procurement Auditing

Services to Greene, Finney & Horton, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants. The motion was approved 6-3 (Engelman, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

Mr. Ravenel noted for the record that he voted against this agenda item because the process calls for the Chief Financial Officer to chair the committee that makes decision on an audit company that will audit his work and work of his staff.

- 1.4: Appointment – Principal Cario Middle** – approved the appointment of Shari Bouis as principal at Cario Middle. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.5: Student Expulsion Appeal** – The Board discussed dates for a student appeal in Executive Session; no action was taken.
- 1.6: Legal Briefing** – The Board received a legal briefing in Executive Session; no action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of May 14, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve the Financial Minutes of May 14, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: FY08 Budget - First Reading

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that no major changes were made since the Board Workshop. The budget presented is for \$308,402,630.

Also during the FY08 budget discussion, Mr. Moody requested a legal opinion on what to levy.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Summer Professional Development

This item was deferred for a future meeting.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: FY08 Budget – First Reading

A recommendation to approve the first reading of the budget.

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the first reading of the FY08 budget. The motion was approved 5-4 (Engelman, Moody, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

9.2: Request for Procurement Code to Extend Contracts for District Copiers from Ikon

A recommendation to approve a request for staff to exempt from the procurement code solicitation of copiers for the purpose of extending the current contract with Ikon.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to approve the request for staff to exempt from the procurement code solicitation of copiers for the purpose of extending the current contract with Ikon for two additional years. The funding source is FY08 GOF and Special Revenue Funds. The amount is \$1,428,000. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Facility Use Request – Burke High

A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to approve the facility use request as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Approval of Teacher Contracts for 2007-2008

A request to approve the list of teachers who are being offered contracts for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the list of teachers who are being offered contracts for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools