

August 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – 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. Ray Toler, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Arthur Ravenel was absent. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy and Mr. Rodney Bynum were in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Chairperson Cook 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 5:20 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 August 27, 2007

1. The Board recognized Mr. Bill Briggman, Director of Human Resources Operations and recruiting staff members for their outstanding support to schools. These individuals' recruitment efforts resulted in the teacher vacancy number being down to 26 for the 2007-2008 school year.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- *Teachers and staff were applauded for their preparation for the first day of school.*
- *Mr. Bynum, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jordan accompanied Dr. McGinley on the first day tour. Other Board members visited schools.*
- *Board members were thanked for attending the annual First Day Festival.*
- *Hootie and the Blowfish held a concert for donations of school supplies.*
- *Barbara Hairfiled, a CCSD Teacher was recently appointed to the Education Oversight Committee.*
- *Dr. McGinley said she was sad about losing Dr. Connie Mathis, Executive Director of Exceptional Children. Dr. Mathis has accepted a job in Horry County working as a psychologist.*
- *Dr. McGinley said she was excited about the recommendation for new Executive of Planning, Marketing and Communications.*
- *The district mourns the loss of a 6th grade Cario Middle School student.*
- *Truancy is a concern. On the first day of school there were 3,040 students who did not report to school; 1,100 the second day; and 909 on the 5th day.*
- *SAT scores will be announced at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.*

At this time, Chairperson Cook commended Dr. Connie Mathis for her hard work and said the district will suffer a great loss.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Bill Stanfield and Mr. Tony Levine addressed the Board in support of the Farmer's Market proposal which is on the board agenda for approval. The market will open at Chicora Elementary from 3pm – 7pm in September allowing sale of produce with food stamps.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of August 13, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas approval of minutes of August 13, 2007. The motion was approved 7-0-1 (Cook abstained).

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of August 27, 2007

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

- 1.1: Approved a motion to uphold denial of a student transfer appeal due to lack of space. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.1A: Approved a motion to authorize staff to officially provide TNTP with the required 30 day written notice to terminate the 2007-2008 TNTP contract (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008). The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.3: Approved a motion to settle a Workers' Compensation Claim. The motion was approved 7-1 (Engelman opposed).

- 1.4: Approved the appointment of Elliott Smalley, Executive Director of Planning, Marketing and Communications. The motion was approved 6-2 (Engelman and Toler opposed).
- 1.5: The Board discussed a legal matter in Executive Session; no action was taken.
- 1.6: Approved a motion to deny an Extended Sick Leave Request and approve severance pay for a good veteran employee. The motion was approved 7-1 (Engelman opposed).

6.3: Financial Minutes of August 13, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve the Financial Minutes of August 13, 2007. The motion was approved 7-0-1 (Cook abstained).

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: Heery Project Update

The Board received a presentation from Heery as information.

7.2: Performance Management System Recommendation

The Board received a presentation on the Performance Management System as information.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

There was no Charleston Plan for Excellence update on this agenda.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Education Foundation Tournament - *Approved*

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation for continuance of CCSD Operations Division Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Education Foundation's Teacher Scholarship Fund with qualifying language. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: Facility Use Request – Farmers' Market at Chicora - *Approved*

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the request to establish a Farmers' Market on the campus of Chicora Elementary, as required by Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.3: Facility Use Request – Pinckney elementary School – *Approved*

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the request allowing ongoing church services at Pinckney Elementary School by the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:20 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools