

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 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. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Randolph Bynum, Mr. Larry Clark, Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Brenda Nelson and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

The news 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 5:15 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 October 22, 2007

- 1. The Board recognized Ms. Kristen Tufts with the American Cancer Society and the following Charleston County schools that participated in the 2007 Charleston Relay for Life event.

Academic Magnet High	James Island Community	North Charleston High
Alice Birney Middle	School	Pinckney Elementary
Angel Oak Elementary	James Island Elementary	St. Andrews School of
Brentwood Middle	Laurel Hill Primary	Math & Science
Corcoran Elementary	Mary Ford Elementary	West Ashley High
Drayton Hall Middle	Morningside Middle	West Ashley Middle
Hunley Park Elementary	North Charleston	
	Elementary	

- 2. The Board recognized Kate Simison, Vista worker for volunteer services toward fighting poverty at Chicora Elementary. Rev. Bill Stanfield of Metanoia and Ms. Joanna Deas of the Noisette Foundation were also recognized for their sponsorship of the Vista worker.
- 3. The Board recognized the Laurel Hill Primary staff for receiving the Physical Fitness award.
- 4. The Board recognized the Laurel Hill Primary Kaleidoscope afterschool program for achieving National Accreditation status.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- School leaders are doing good work and students are preparing themselves for the 21st century economy, giving back to the Charleston community, and even having a little bit of fun along the way.
- Approximately 250 students at Wando High School are participating in a Fall Concert at their school tonight. They will perform everything from Bach to the Bee Gees.

- Students at Garrett Academy of Technology are building homes for low-income families in North Charleston. Next Monday, a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for a family that will receive the new home.
- The National After School Association recently announced that the Kaleidoscope After School program at Laurel Hill Primary earned the distinction of achieving national accreditation status.
- This week, the district's Community Education program is being evaluated by a five-member team of Community Education experts who are visiting as part of the National Community Education Association's "Continuous Improvement Process for Community Schools." Dr. Duane Rupert, a Senior Education Consultant for NCEA made brief remarks to the board.
- Mr. Lou Martin, interim associate superintendent for the Superintendent's Learning Community was welcomed.
- Dr. Paula Egelson and her freshman seminar class from the College of Charleston were welcomed.
- Mr. Donald Kennedy was thanked for his work with the district. This is the last board meeting Mr. Kennedy will attend in his role as CFO for Charleston County School District.
- The Superintendent concluded her report by sharing the district's effort to improve and create a system that produces even more positive stories. She also shared ideas on how the Charleston Plan for Excellence, combined with voluntary public school choice, comprehensive and targeted volunteer tutoring programs, and strategically designed business and community partnerships—could help the district reach its goals.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Teddy Brown shared concerns about the identification of the Rhett facility.
2. Ms. Alison Howard, Ms. Betty C. Abbott, Mr. Marvin Sykes, Mr. Tim Howard, Mr. Cy Goforth, Mr. Paul S. Bolin, Mr. Dax Warren, Mr. Roy Spain, Ms. Elizabeth Haselden, Ms. Marion Buell, Ms. Jane Warren, Mr. Chuck Stutts, Mr. Al Taylor expressed concerns about Sea Island YouthBuild Charter School.
3. Mr. Leroy Seabrook, Mr. David Richardson, Mr. Brian Kurtz, Ms. Michele Forsythe, Mr. Ray Mather, Mr. Montez McFadden, Ms. Harriett Heyward, and Ms. Renee Chewing addressed the Board in support of Sea Island YouthBuild Charter.
4. Mr. Charlie Castner, Mr. Matthew Furlong, Ms. Barbara Spell, and Ms. Robyn Bradley addressed the Board regarding the admissions policy at Academic Magnet High School.
5. Mr. Marvin Stewart expressed concerns about administrative changes in the constituent district offices.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of October 8, 2007

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the October 8, 2007 minutes. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Meyers abstained).

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of October 22, 2007

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

- 1.1: **Sea Island YouthBuild Charter Appeal Hearing** - Approved an amendment of the motion offered by the committee which heard the appeal on Tuesday, October 15, 2007 to allow Sea Island YouthBuild Charter 60 days to show compliance with its charter application and CCSD will make payments to Sea Island YouthBuild Charter based on actual attendance of students. The motion was approved 5-4 (Cook, Engelman, Moody and Ravenel).
- 1.2: **Request for Proposal P7040 Legal Re-Bid** - This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.
- 1.3: **Contractual Matters** - The Board discussed contractual matters in Executive Session, no action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of October 8, 2007

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Financial Minutes of September 24, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Meyers).

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: Purchase Cards Pilot Program

7.2: Weighed Student Formula

7.3: GOF Financial Statement for June 2007

7.4: Charter School Catalog – October 2007

Also during discussion of the Charter School Catalog, Mr. Ravenel read the Attorney General's opinion. Mr. Douglas stated that while there is a law indicating that charter schools should not be denied anything a public school gets, the charter either gets money or services, not both. The Board received the reports listed above 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: Academic Magnet School Admissions Recommendation - Approved

Upon recommendation from the Board, the two components of the motion were voted on separately as shown below.

1. *Continue the current practice to admit students at Academic Magnet High for the 2008-09 school year. The top scoring students are offered admission to the freshman class based on grade level enrollment capacity. The highest individual scores are given first preference until all seats are filled. A candidate pool is established for the remaining qualified applicants according to their total score performance as recommended by the AMHS faculty, school leadership team and School Improvement Council. –
- Approved 7-2 (Cook and Douglas).*
2. *CCSD will establish a Task Force to review the admissions policies in magnet schools across the county and bring forth information to the board to consider for future years
-Approved 6-3 (Engelman, Ravenel and Toler).*

9.2: Visiting International Faculty Program Invoice – Approved

A recommendation to approve payment of the VIF payment of \$632,920.00 as invoiced for services of 46 VIF teachers in 22 CCSD schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve payment of the VIF invoice in the amount of \$632,920.00 for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Agreements for 2007-2008 School Resource Officer Program – Approved

A recommendation to approve the agreements with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, City of North Charleston, and Charleston County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2007-2008 school year. The funding source is the GOF budget Security and Emergency Preparedness funds. A total of \$310,500 is available in the 2008 budget.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the agreements with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, City of North Charleston and Charleston County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Benefits Audit – Information Only

The Board received information from the department of human resources on an internal audit of the district's benefit programs. No action was taken.

9.5: Sole Source and Emergency Procurement Report – Information Only

As required by the CCSD Procurement Code, the Board received an annual update on Sole Source and Emergency Procurements. No action was taken.

9.6: Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Report July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 – Information Only

As required by the Charleston County School District Procurement Code, the Board received an annual report documenting Minority Business Enterprise Utilization. No action was taken.

9.7: Facility Use Request – Burke High School Fine Arts Center – Approved

A recommendation to approve a request for the use of the Burke High School Fine Arts Center as required by CCSD Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve a facility use request for the Burke Fine Arts Center. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.8: Modular Unit for Health Services – Approved

A recommendation to approve the purchase of a modular office facility for the Health Services Office, Adult Ed Offices and Training Rooms, at a total cost of \$156,000.00 (\$150,000.00 to purchase, relocate and wire modular unit funded from Medicaid Reimbursements and \$6,000.00 for furnishing funded by Adult Education).

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the purchase of a modular office facility for the Health Services Office, Adult Ed Offices and Training Rooms. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.9: CCSD Board Policy Revisions – Approved

A recommendation to approve the following amended Board Policies:

- GC - Professional Staff
- GCFA - Clearance Standards for Professional Staff
- GCFB - Hiring of Certified Administrative Staff
- GD - Classified Staff

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve amended board policies GC - Professional Staff, GCFA - Clearance Standards for Professional Staff, GCFB - Hiring of Certified Administrative Staff and GD - Classified Staff. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.10: CCSD Board Policy Regulation Revisions – Information Only

The Board received the following policy regulations revisions as information. No action was taken.

- A. GBK-R Employee Grievances with Form
- B. *GCCB-R Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI)
- C. *GCKBA-R Transfer of Administrative Staff
- D. *GCQA-R Certified Non-Administrative Staff Reduction in Force
- E. GCQFA-R Professional Staff Suspension without Pay
- F. *GCQB-R Administrative Staff Reduction in Force
- G. GCQF-R Dismissal of Professional Staff
- H. *GDQA-R Classified Staff Reduction in Force
- I. GDQD-R Classified Staff Suspension without Pay
- J. *GDQD-R Dismissal of Classified Staff

* = no change by Policy Committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:10 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