

January 28, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – Mr. Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, 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, 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 Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. 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 5:40 p.m. Chairperson Douglas 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 January 28, 2008

1. The Board recognized Jeff Li, Academic Magnet High School student, who will represent South Carolina at the United States Youth Senate Program.
2. Proclamation: School Counseling Week – Mr. Bob Olson read the following proclamation in recognition of National School Counseling Week.

Whereas, School Counselors in Pre-K through grade 12 are employed to help students reach their full potential; and

Whereas, School Counselors are child advocates who are actively committed to helping student explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

Whereas, School Counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

Whereas, School Counselors assist teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

Whereas, The CCSD Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Program is an essential component of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

Whereas, Charleston County School Counselors are accountable and committed to each student's total development, which includes learning to live (knowledge of self and others); learning to learn (education and academic knowledge); and learning to work (career planning and knowledge); and

Whereas, Charleston County School Counselors are accountable and committed to helping students make a difference...one at a time;

Therefore, We do hereby proclaim February, as Charleston County School Counseling month in accordance with National School Counseling Week February 4-8, 2008

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Prayers and well wishes were extended to Mr. Mark Cobb, Executive Director of Facilities Services, who has been sick and hospitalized for a week.
- Changes have been made in the district's lobby making it more welcoming and better reflect the dynamic students of Charleston County. Pictures of diverse students of all ages from Military Magnet, West Ashley High, James Island Middle, Angel Oak Elementary, Charleston Progressive and Buist Academy serves as a reminder of the impact of the district's work, which is all about the students.
- Junior Doctors of Health students from Fraser Elementary recently wrote letters to Tae-Bo champion Billy Blanks asking him to visit their school. Mr. Blanks agreed to visit at no cost, waiving his \$25,000 fee and earlier today he showed his moves and inspired students to stay in school and lead healthy, active lifestyles.
- Last Monday Dr. McGinley, Mayor Joe Riley, Mr. Hillery Douglas and Chief Mullen walked in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade along with the Burke High School Band.
- The district is working harder than ever to prepare students for success in school and life. During the "50 Day Countdown to PACT," the district is now planning initiatives and developing resources that will support students, teachers, and families during the critical 3rd through 8th grade assessment process. The focus will be on what students know and need to know and tools will be in place to address areas where there are gaps. Brochures, web-based and print instruction tips and materials will be made available for parents and teachers to boost achievement for every child.
- Superintendents across the state attended a working meeting in Hilton Head last week. While its not been made official, State Superintendent, Dr. Jim Rex suggested that 2008 may be the last year for the PACT test.
- Dr. McGinley hosted the first "Breakfast with the Superintendent" last week with 12 outstanding employees from different sectors of the district workforce who were recognized for going "above and beyond" in their jobs. The monthly breakfast will be held throughout the year to recognize the accomplishments employees throughout the district.
- The Board was recognized by Dr. McGinley for their accomplishments and commitment. An article was posted on the district's website today about the CCSD School Board. The Board was also thanked for leadership, guidance, patience and contributions.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Elizabeth Motley expressed concerns about the district's Code of Conduct.
2. Mr. Teddie Brown addressed the Board about visiting schools in the district.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of January 14, 2008

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of minutes of January 14. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mr. Ravenel requested the video recording of Board meetings be available to staff immediately after board meetings.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of January 28, 2008

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

- 1.1: Contractual Matter – The Board received information on a contractual matter. No action was taken.
- 1.2: Property Matter – The Board approved a recommendation on a property matter. The vote was 9-0.

1.3: Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument – The Board approved version B of the Superintendent's evaluation.

6.3: Financial Minutes of January 14, 2008

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Financial Minutes of January 14, 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: Capital Projects Report for December 2007

The Board received the Capital Projects Report for December 2007 as information. Mr. Bill Lewis, Executive Director of Facilities Improvements introduced Mr. Miles Glick who provided a PowerPoint presentation of the new District 4 Middle School.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

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

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Home School Applications (2) – Approved

A recommendation to approve two home school applications.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation for approval of two home school applications. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas).

9.2: Second Reading Policies of New and Revised Policies - GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, *GCQFB – Dismissal/Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Professional Staff, GDQD – Suspension Without Pay of Classified Staff. *New Policy – Approved

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Second Reading of New and Revised Policies GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, GCQFB – Dismissal/Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Professional Staff, GDQD – Suspension Without Pay of Classified Staff. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Barnwell Building Fund Application

A recommendation for approval of the Barnwell Building Fund application.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation for the approval of the construction contract for the New District 4 Middle School. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Request for a Waiver of Requirement to Reduce Millage

A recommendation to authorize administration to submit a completed State Department of Education Form E, Request for Waiver of Requirement to reduce millage to the State Department of Education.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation to authorize administration to submit a waiver of requirement to reduce millage. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.5: New District 4 Middle School Construction Contract Award

A recommendation to award the construction contract for the New District 4 Middle School to Brantley Construction Company, LLC, for the stipulated sum of \$18,728,000. The funds for this project is the 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program New District 4 Middle School Project.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the recommendation to award the construction contract for the New District 4 Middle School to Brantley Construction Company, LLC, for the stipulated sum of \$18,728,000. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: Update - Affidavit Process for Magnet Schools

Staff will provide a verbal update on the Affidavit Process for Magnet School.

The Board received an update on the Affidavit Process for the following Magnet Schools—St. Andrews School of Math and Science, C.E. Williams Middle School, Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary, and Jennie Moore Elementary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:50 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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