

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, March 23, 2009 with the following members of the Board present: Chair - Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Vice Chair - Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

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

Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan 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. Mrs. Green called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following teachers who recently received national board certification.

Craig Bennett	Rae Greenberg(Colon)	Mark Nadobny
Larissa Bortz	Ian Grimshaw	Michelle Nichols
Miranda Cary	Elizabeth Grooms	Teresa Pickens
Kathryn Cavan	Tamela Hewitt	Stephanie Platt
Erica Ciucci	Courtney Hodges	Ruth Rahaley
Chad Counts	Kerry Hood	Christine Rogers
Bethany Crawford	Catherine Hopkins	Melissa Shifflette
Mildred Currie	Katherine Houser	Jennifer Smillie
John Davis	Sandy Johnson-Ague	Christopher West
Cecelia Dunleavy	Jennifer Jordan	Judith Wheat
Laura Eicher	Teresa Kinard	Elizabeth Wheless
Linda Glines	Tyson McCormick	Almena Williams
Bridget Goolsby	Jennifer Middleton	Laura Williams
Anna Gorritti	Fannie Moore	Emilie Woody
Jennifer Grayson	Joseph Naas	

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. McGinley congratulated all of the new Board Certified Teachers and spoke of the reception held last week at Rick Hendricks’ Volvo in honor of the ten Teacher of the Year semi-finalists. This Wednesday the five finalists will be announced. The winner will be unveiled at the April 29, 2009 banquet at Trident Tech. Dr. MCGinley thanked Rick Hendricks Volvo for their generosity and commitment in support of CCSD teachers. For the eighth year in a row, Rick Hendricks is donating the lease of a brand new Volvo to the Teacher of the Year winner. Dr. McGinley thanked this district partner for generosity and commitment in support of teachers.

The district has started to look at teacher effectiveness in new ways, including how to measure student growth classroom by classroom and how to reward teachers based on these kinds of objective results. In May, as part of a pilot program, the district will announce the top 100 elementary teachers according to the “virtual comparison group” which compares the progress that a teacher’s students make against peers across the country. The district will also use this “VCG” data in the creation of new programs that will accelerate learning by pairing high quality teachers with high need students.

Last week the state released its “Palmetto Gold and Silver” award winners. These awards are given in recognition of high levels of academic achievement and improvement in two categories—overall performance and closing the achievement gap. Charleston County led the state in the awards earned. Last year 26 CCSD schools won awards and this year the number grew to 34. Dr. McGinley stated that Palmetto Gold and Silver award winners will be formally recognized at a future meeting. However, the names of the five schools that earned “Gold” in both categories this year were announced (Baptist Hill High, Garrett Academy, Military Magnet, Buist Academy, and School of the Arts).

The School Improvement Council of Morningside Middle School was recognized for being named the recipient of the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award for 2009. This award is given to only one School Improvement Council in South Carolina each year in recognition of the commitment and work of 15,000 SIC members who volunteer across the state.

This Wednesday the district will host an Arts Summit in the Board Room with members of the Arts Roundtable and other community leaders convening to discuss how we can strengthen the teaching of Arts and Music, and expand access to these programs for more students. On May 2, 2009, the district will host the “Superintendent’s Cup” tennis tournament. This event, planned in collaboration with the United States Tennis Association and local partners, will bring together teachers, students, parents, and others. This event also kicks off a larger initiative designed to broaden access to the game of tennis and encourage students to play lifelong sports that promote healthy habits and exercise.

In closing, Dr. McGinley spoke of a personal phone call she received from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. The conversation was about collaborative strategies to accelerate student achievement including the possible creation of “Promise Neighborhoods” designed after the successful Harlem Children’s Zone.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. LaTonya Gambell, Ms. Sandra Perry, Mr. Edward Jones, Ms. Pam Kustmider, Ms. Sonja Milligan, and Ms. Pat Grant expressed concerns about the closure of Fraser Elementary School.
2. Mrs. Beverly Birch, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Educational Director, urged the Board to move forward with the High Tech High alternative school concept which was considered earlier by staff.
3. Ms. Brenda Smalls expressed concerns about the usage of cell phones in schools by students and urged the Board to address this issue.
4. Mr. Jon Butzon addressed the Board about a travel request for a member of the Board.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of March 9, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the open and executive session minutes of March 9, 2009. Mrs. Kandrach requested the minutes be revised to correct the following grammatical errors: statement the League of Women Voters “conducted the AMHS election” to “counted the votes,” and use of appropriate school names when referring to school campuses (example: the name SOA should be used instead of the Berry campus. Dr. McGinley stated for the record that original school names are used often when referring to school campuses like Courtenay and Berry. Mr. Toler accepted the amendment. Mrs. Jordan seconded the amendment to allow the meeting to move forward since Mr. Meyers refused to second the amendment. The amended motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of March 23, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on March 23, 2009:

1. **Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approved three student transfer appeals. The motion was approved 9-0.
2. **Appointment – Principal – Goodwin Elementary** – The Board approved the appointment of Diane Ross as principal at Goodwin Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

3. **Appointment – Principal – James B. Edwards Elementary** – The Board approved the appointment of Francine Mitchell as principal of James B. Edwards Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.
4. **Contractual Matters**
 - a. The Board discussed a contractual matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.
 - b. **Architectural Design Contract for Jennie Moore Elementary School and Laing Middle School** - The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with Jumper Carter Sease Architects to provide architectural services for Jennie Moore Elementary School and Laing Middle School to design development level in the amount of \$1,349,900.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
 - c. **Architectural Design Contract for Harborview Elementary** - The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with Rosenblum-Coe Architects to provide architectural services for Harbor View Elementary School to design development level in the amount of \$746,625.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
 - d. **Architectural Design Contract for St. Andrews Elementary** - The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with FWA Group Architects to provide architectural services for St. Andrews Elementary School to design development level in the amount of \$752,860.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
 - e. **Architectural Design Contract for Stono Park Elementary** - The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with McKellar & Associates Architects to provide architectural services for Stono Park Elementary School to design development level in the amount of \$470,821.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
 - f. **Moultrie Middle School – Change Order Number three to Colony Construction for Simmons Street Widening and Overlay** - The Board approved Change Order Three to Colony Construction for SCDOT’s increased scope of work to realign, widen and overlay Simmons Street in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
5. **Recommendation for Award of District-wide Pest Control Services (B9009)** – The Board approved the recommendation for award of District-wide Pest Control Services to Dodson Pest Control in the amount of \$51,020. The potential cost over a five year period is \$275,500. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The motion was approved 9-0.
6. **North Charleston Elementary – Ice Storage Units Project #5586 – Reallocation Resolution** - The Board approved a reallocation resolution from Hunley Park 2000-2004 Carry Over Building Program funds to North Charleston in the amount of \$40,000.

6.3: Financial Minutes of March 9, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the financial minutes for March 9, 2009. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Budget Update

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer provided a budget update highlighting the Capital Building Program.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Student Supports/Activities

Mrs. Deborah Price, Principal at Laing Middle School, presented information on Student Supports and Activities.

8.2: Redesign Update

Mrs. Audrey Lane, Coordinator of Developmental Programs, provided an update on the **School Redesign Transition** Process.

8.3: NPT Process Update

Dr. Brenda Nelson, Director of Community Outreach, provided an update on the **Neighborhood Planning Team Process**.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 **South Carolina School Board Association (SCSBA) Delegate Assembly** – Mr. Toler volunteered to serve as a SCSBA delegate. Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to appoint Mr. Toler as a delegate. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.2 **Text book Adoption for 2009-2010** – Mrs. Jordan motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to adopt k-5 Mathematics instructional materials for 2009-2010. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.3 **Bond Anticipation Note** – Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Bond Anticipation Note resolution which will enable the District to sell bonds and issue debt to pay for the remainder of this year's required 2005-2006 Alternative Financing debt payments. The motion was approved 9-0.

Note: The resolution provides for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$18,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2009, of Charleston County School District, South Carolina, and not less than \$38,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Charleston County School District to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto.

- 9.4 **Furlough for Teachers** – Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the amended recommendation to furlough teachers and others in the protected group for a minimum of two days June 8 and June 9, 2009 with approval for a third day to include the make-up day if Charleston County School District is granted a waiver from the State Department of Education. This resolution is wholly contingent upon State Legislative action granting express authority to school districts. Execution of the action would commence immediately following such State action. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac).

Note: Approval will generate a cost savings projected at \$1,700,000 for two days and \$2,500,000 for three days.

- 9.5 **Source Selection Process for Procuring SMART Boards and Accessories** – The Board received information on the source selection process for procuring SMART Boards and Accessories. No action was taken.
- 9.6 **Source Selection Process for Procuring Phone Systems** The Board received information on the source selection process for procuring phone systems. No action was taken.
- 9.7 **Source Selection for Procuring Computer Equipment** The Board received information on the source selection process for procuring computer equipment. No action was taken.
- 9.8 **Source Procurement Process for Procuring Multi-function Printers/Copiers and Print Shop Services** - The Board received information on the source selection process for procuring Multi-function Printers/Copiers. No action was taken.
- 9.9 **Academic Magnet High School New Facility** – A recommendation to accept the utilization of existing state contract with negotiated pricing based on the volume to solicit pricing for Computer Products and Services. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.10 **Approval of Home Instruction Application** – Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve a home instruction application. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.11: **Board Travel Request** – Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the request. The motioned failed 4-5 (Fraser, Green, Meyers, Jordan, and Oplinger opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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