

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on [Tuesday, May 26, 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 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Jordan motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins 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 5:30 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**

1. The Board recognized six Clean City Sweep winners.
2. The Board recognized Charleston Fine Arts Dealers Association for their donations to high school art programs.
3. The Board recognized South Carolina Principal Murton Hudson of James Island Middle School for receiving the Red Carpet Award from the state.
4. The Board recognized School of the Arts student Brianna Murray for qualifying for the National Braille Challenge Finals in Los Angeles, California. She is the only student in South Carolina to ever make it to the Braille Finals.
5. The Board recognized students who participated in the Lower State Final sport competitions.
6. The Board recognized Behind the Scenes Award Winners –Dr. Frances Welch – Dean of the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance at the College of Charleston for working behind the scenes at Memminger to begin early childhood classes supported by the College of Charleston Early Development Childhood Center. The Board also recognized former CCSD Board member, Mr. Oliver Addison for his work behind the scenes at Military Magnet High.

## **IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

### **4.1: Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. McGinley said it is hard to believe that this is the last Board meeting before the end of the school year. She will recap the school year at the next Board meeting by sharing information on graduations, scholarship totals and other accomplishments. The following events which took place over the last two weeks were highlighted - James Island Middle School was honored with a Red Carpet Award for its family-friendly atmosphere and top-notch customer service. Twenty-one schools were recognized for exemplary Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) programs. Last Friday, the district held a Teacher Outstanding Performance event recognizing teachers in grades 2-5 whose students hit 80% of their benchmarks in reading and or math compared to a national Virtual Comparison Group. These teachers received cash awards donated by the Riverdogs and other sponsors because of what their students achieved in the classroom. Dr. McGinley said she looks forward to working with the Board, teachers and administrators to develop a fair and comprehensive system that would allow the district to recognize all teachers Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are moving their students forward. Last week a banquet was held for district retirees. She thanked the retirees for their service. She ended her report by stating there is no better work worth doing than public education.

## **V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5.1: Visitors, Public Communications**

1. Dr. Helen Frazier, the parent educator at North Charleston High School, addressed the Board about North Charleston High and the reconstitution process for replacement of staff.

## **XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

### **6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of May 11, 2009**

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of May 11, 2009. [Kandrac requested the minutes be revised as follows.](#)

- [6.1-4 - Dr. Helen Frazier instead of Dr. Helen Fraser](#)
- [6.1-3 – Mr. Kevin Smith instead of Captain Smith](#)

The board approved amended minutes with a 9-0 vote.

### **6.2: Motions of Executive Session of May 26, 2009**

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on May 26, 2009:

1. **Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approved a motion denying all six student transfer appeals. The vote was approved 9-0.
2. **Personnel Matters** – The Board discussed several personnel matters in executive session.
  - a. The Board approved the appointment of Troy Williams, Broad Intern, with a vote of 9-0.
  - b. The Board approved a recommendation to adjust down salaries for retired teachers by 15% and approve flat rate signing bonuses for difficult-to-fill positions.
3. **Recommendation – Construction Management Firms Additional Services for Logistics Management** – The Board approved the recommendation for Logistics Management Services by Heery International at a service fee of \$831,650 and Southern Management Group at a service fee of \$695,000. The funding source is the 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program. The motion was approved 9-0.
4. **RFP – Copiers and Print Shop** – The Board approved the recommendation for fleet copiers and print shop services from Ikon Business Solutions per the recommendation of the evaluation committee. The funding source for this contract is the General Operating Fund budget. The potential contact cost over the five year term is \$6,562,506. This includes property and sales taxes. The motion was approved 7-2 (Kandrac and Toler opposed).
5. **RFP – Smart Boards** – This item was pulled from the agenda.
6. **Teacher Appeal Hearing** – The Board agreed to hear a teacher appeal on June 1, 2009.
7. **Support Staff for NCHS principals** – The Board discussed support for staff for North Charleston High School principals in Executive Session. No action was taken.
8. **Student Expulsion Appeal Ratification** - The Board approved a student expulsion appeal. The motion was approved 9-0
9. **Legal Briefing** – The Board received a Legal Briefing in Executive Session.
10. **Recommendation for Naming a portion of J. B. Edwards Elementary Campus** – The Board approved a recommendation to name the front lawn at James B. Edwards the “Sam Thomas Lee Activity Area”. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **6.3: Financial Minutes of May 11, 2009**

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the financial minutes for May 11, 2009. The motion was approved 9-0.

## **VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **7.1: Capital Project for March 2009**

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer presented the Capital Project for March 2009 and distributed a disk to Board members with information on the district’s modernization project.

### **7.2: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the FY 2010 Budget**

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the FY2010 Budget to the Board recommending approval with direction to staff to finalize expenditures and cost reductions and bring forth a balanced budget with a maximum use of fund balance not to exceed \$3,000,000 for second and final reading,

## **VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE**

### **8.1: Montessori Expansion at Hursey Elementary**

The Montessori Expansion at Hursey Elementary presentation was pulled from the agenda.

## **IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 9.1 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the FY2010 Budget** - *A recommendation to approve the first reading of the FY2010 budget.*  
Mr. Ravenel motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler that the Board accept the first reading of the FY2010 budget, as information and direct staff to bring a revised budget for operations back to the Board with no tax increase. Mr. Meyers amended the motion removing the Drayton Hall Charter allocation from the proposed FY2010 budget and Mr. Fraser amended the motion directing staff not to compromise service when considering no tax increase. After Mr. Ravenel accepted two amendments, amended motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.2 Second Reading of Policy Revisions** – *A recommendation to approve the first reading of policy revisions listed below.*
- A. GCCAG – Family Medical Leave Act
  - B. GCFA – Clearance Standards for Classified Staff
  - C. GDFCB – Clearance Standards for Classified Staff
  - D. GBEB – Employee Conduct
  - E. GCQC – Resignation of Teachers
  - F. GCKB – Hiring of Principals/Assistant Principals
  - G. GCKAAA – Involuntary Teacher Transfers
  - H. GCKAA – Voluntary Teacher Transfers
  - I. GCKA – Teacher Assignments
  - J. GCKAAAA – Assignment of Master Teachers

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the first reading of policies listed above. The motion was approved 9-0.

- 9.3 Rivers Project #5648 Construction Change Order #5** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation for Metro Contracting, Inc. Change Order #5 in the amount of \$246,040. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.4 Building Program Bond Fund Reallocation** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of a recommendation of fund reallocations for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 bond funds. The four recommendations and the funding sources are listed below. The motion was approved 9-0

**Recommendation #1** – Approve a reallocation of \$2,919,776.00 from 2004 Carry Over Funds; \$824,140.00 from 2005 Ancillary Projects; and \$3,748,780.00 from 2006 Ancillary Projects totaling \$7,492,696.00 to fund advance designs for seismically challenged schools.

**Recommendation #2** – Approve reallocation of funds from the Sullivans Island Elementary School budget to decrease the budget to \$2,950,000.00 that will provide adequate funds to fund an advance design for a replacement 500 student school.

**Recommendation #3:** Approve a reallocation of \$17,638,632 from the 2005 bond fund program reserve to fund the projected HEERY and SMG cost to complete the projects funded from the 2005 bond fund as outlined in enclosure 2.

**Recommendation #4:** Approve the reallocation of <\$2,398,795.00> from projects funded from the 2006 bond fund to the 2006 bond fund program reserve as outlined in enclosure 3.

The proposed reallocation for each bond fund is detailed by project in enclosures 1-3. The 2005 building program contingency fund balance after the recommended reallocations is \$19,614,274.00. The 2006 building program contingency fund balance after the recommended reallocations is \$16,439,082.00.

- 9.5 Title I At-Home Summer Literacy Program** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Title I At Home Summer Literacy Program recommendation for students in grades CD-5<sup>th</sup>. The funding source is Title I Funds in the amount of \$765,921.05. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.6 Media Center Collection Modernization** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Media Center Collection Modernization. All purchases will be made through \$2 million media center collection portion of bond funds. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.7 Payment for ASPIRE Program from the Citadel** - Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation for payment for the ASPIRE program from the Citadel. The funding source is Title II funds in the amount of \$213,034.00. The motion was approved 9-0
- 9.8 Voyager Reading and Math Intervention System-** Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Voyager Reading and Math Intervention System for identified students significantly below grade level in 23 at risk elementary schools, 7 at risk middle schools, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, and elementary mild to moderate students with disabilities. The funding source is Title II funding the amount is \$213,034.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.9 CTE Textbook Adoption for 2009-2010** - Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the CTE Textbook Adoption for 2009-2010. The funding source is Perkins funds. The amount is based on state price. The motion was approved 9-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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