

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, November 23, 2009 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr Chris Fraser, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel 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 also in attendance

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

Chairperson Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1.1: Superintendent's Evaluation
- 1.2: Workers' Compensation Settlement Authority
- 1.3: Student Expulsion Appeals
- 1.4: Seismic Evaluation Services

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:23 p.m. Chairperson – Mrs. Jordan 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: Behind the Scenes Award - The Board recognized Mrs. Elizabeth Rainey, a volunteer at Memminger Elementary School.

3.2: Teacher Scholarship Fund – Golf Tournament Check Presentation – The Board recognized the Charleston County School District Facility Services Department for hosting the 8th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Ronald A. McWhirt Teacher Scholarship Fund on October 22, 2009. The Ron McWhirt Teacher Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to Charleston County public school students who agree to return to teach in Charleston County schools after completing their college education. This year the tournament secured more than \$11,000 for student scholarships. As a result of this tournament, the 8-year total earnings for scholarships is \$88,081.88.

Each year the “Chief’s Cup” is awarded to the Chief who sponsors the winning tournament. The 2009-2010 Chief’s Cup was presented to Dr. Nancy McGinley because her team won the tournament. Mr. George Stevens accepted the tournament check on behalf of the Coastal Community Foundation. Corporate sponsors were also recognized.

3.3: Recognition – York Town Trip – The Board recognized the York Town Veterans for sponsoring a trip for students on the Yorktown on Veteran's Day, next year. A \$25,000 check was presented to CCSD staff. That amount will be matched by the District.

3.4: SC Administrator’s Award – The Board recognized Mr. Michael Ard, principal at Hunley Park Elementary for being selected by the South Carolina Counselors Association as the South Carolina Administrator of the Year.

3.5: School Redesign Update from School of the Arts Parents – Mr. James Reinhart, principal at School of the Arts introduced Ms. Kathy Boyd, a teacher at his school who summarized what transpired in nine weeks with Alexa Cappadeus, a 7th grade deaf student that was assigned to School of the Arts. Alexa read a paper she wrote about her experience at School of the Arts. Ms. Raven Washington, a parent who was a vocal opponent to School Redesign thanked Dr. McGinley and the Board for relocating her child and other students to School

of the Arts. A student that has been at School of the Arts for awhile spoke of the positive impact these deaf students has had on her and her friends.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- Over 400 attended the Parent Information Fair at Burke High on November 14th where parents received information about programs at schools across the district.
- Wando Band placed 11th in the Bands of America Competition
- North Charleston High competed in the Semi Finalist Football Competition. Dr. McGinley thanked Mayor Summey for sponsoring a cook out for the NCHS football players.
- Dr. McGinley attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Boeing Plant. An Avionics Career Academy is being planned for Stall High.
- Mt. Pleasant Academy celebrated its 200th anniversary.

Chairperson Jordan recognized Dr. McGinley for being the recipient of the South Carolina/North Carolina National Parks and Recreation Local Government Official of the Year award.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey, City of Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, CEO of EduTech - Mrs. Anita Zucker, Mr. Bill Youngblood – McNair Law Firm, Mrs. Dot Scott and Rev. Joe Darby – NAACP, Mr. Stephen Cofer-Shabica –NAACP, and Mr. Peter Arthur Lawrence addressed the Board in support of the Superintendent and the outstanding work she is doing in the District.
2. Mr. Marvin Stewart, a member of the District 20 Constituent Board expressed concerns regarding Dr. McGinley and the work she is doing in the District.
3. Ms. Chelsea Lewis, Mr. Tommy Lewis, Ms. Kyle Lamb, Ms. Jasmine Wright expressed concerns regarding the scheduled time for Stall High School's graduation. They requested permission to hold graduation at the stadium at Stall High.
4. Mr. Mitch Rubenstein, Ms. Triche Jeffrey, and other Montessori Community School representatives asked the Board to add a middle school level or provide a better choice of middle schools in the West Ashley area.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of November 9, 2009. Mrs. Kandrac requested the minutes be corrected to reflect her opposing vote for item 1.3 on page #6.1-3. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of November 9, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on November 9, 2009:

1.1: Superintendent's Evaluation – The Board took action on the following motion which was approved with a vote of 5-4 (Collins, Kandrac, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

- Approved the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2008-09 with a score of Greatly Exceed Standards (91.25%)
- Approve the Superintendent's Bonus earned (\$18,250) to be deferred until April 15, 2010
- Approve a one year contract extension to 2013
- Propose raising the Superintendent's Base Salary by \$15,000 and eliminate future bonuses.

1.2: Workers' Compensation Settlement – The Board approved a workers' compensation settlement. The vote was approved 9-0.

1.3: Student Expulsion Appeals – The Board identified a date to hear two student appeals.

1.4: Seismic Evaluation Services – The Board approved a recommendation for the selection of three engineering firms to perform the seismic evaluation of six campuses located in Charleston, SC and authorized staff to enter into negotiations with those firms to accomplish the work. The vote was 9-0

6.3: Financial Minutes of November 9, 2009

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

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Capital Financial Report for September

The Capital Financial Report for September was received as information. Mr. Bobby said the cash flow is approximately \$18 million.

7.2: Procurement Audit for 2007 and 2008

The Procurement Audit for 2007 and 2008 was received as information. Mr. Bobby said the District received an “unqualified opinion” which is the highest rating.

7.3: Sole Source & Emergency Procurement Report

The Sole Source & Emergency Procurement Report was received as information. Mr. Bobby proposed the District continue being audited annually.

7.4: 2010 1st Quarter Report of SWMBE Activity

The 1st Quarter Report SWMBE (Small, Women and Minority-Owned Businesses) Activity was received as information. Mr. Bobby said the District is exceeding its goals at the present time. Mr. Frederick Feil responded to a question from Mrs. Green about the percentage of direct commitments. He indicated that the percentage of direct commitment is 38%.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: School Redesign Update from School of the Arts Parents – This agenda item was moved up to allow students to present earlier. See item #3.5

8.2: Morningside Middle Academy Updates – Ms. Kala Goodwine, Principal and Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant Principal presented information on the EXCEL Academy. Dr. Joe Williams, Principal presented information on the ARMS Academy.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Window Shade Bulk Purchase Pricing Agreement – *A recommendation to approve entering a Pricing Agreement for the bulk purchase of Window Shades. The funding source is 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program and General Operating Funds for the required replacement of existing window shades. The total bid price is \$275,967.*

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to enter a Pricing Agreement for the bulk purchase of Window Shades with All About Windows, Charleston, SC. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Approval of School Resource Officer Agreements – *A recommendation to approve the agreements with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, City of North Charleston, City of Charleston and Charleston County Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2009-2010 school year. The amount is \$517,500. The funding source is General Operating Funds for the 2009-2010 school year.*

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the recommendation to approve the agreements with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, City of North Charleston, City of Charleston and Charleston County Sheriff's

Office for the School Resource Officer Program for the 2009-2010 school year with the addition a letter to the police force that states when police responds to a violation of law, they are in charge and acting on their own command; not on behalf of the District. The motion was approved 9-0.

In addition to the approval, Mr. Meyers requested this item be revisited by the Board on December 14th.

9.3: High School Weight Room Equipment for District High Schools – *A recommendation to approve entering into contracts for High School Weight Room Equipment for various District High Schools. The funding source is Capital Building Furniture, Fixture, and Equipment. The total cost for North Charleston High and Center of the Arts and Academics is \$144,139.32.*

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the recommendation to enter contracts for High School Weight Room Equipment for various District High Schools. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Over Crowded and Under Capacity Schools – The Board received information on the current status of all schools across the district as indicated below. No action was taken.

Presently, the district has a number of over crowded schools that require the district to provide additional mobiles to adequately provide classroom space for the students at these campuses. It is critical that these schools be addressed as a part of the 2010-2015 Building Program to better support these communities. The district has a number of schools that have enrollments that are under enrollment. Lastly, the district will be opening up a number of new schools (Whitesides ES-Feb 2010, Oakland ES- 6/2010, E.B. Ellington ES-6/2010) that were constructed to provide additional seats to serve their communities.

The district is expected to take additional cuts to the operating budget for SY2010/2011. The district needs to minimize the number of students who go to school in mobiles to improve the quality of their academic spaces as well as to reduce the costs to operate and maintain these mobiles. Moreover, the per pupil costs are higher than the district average at schools where the enrollment is far less than the capacity of the school.

Mr. Meyers suggested this information presented by Mr. Lewis be posted on the District's website.

9.5: Proposed Tax Increment Financing District for the Kiawah Plantation Project – The Board received information on staff's approval of the Proposed Tax Increment Financing District for the Kiawah Plantation Project with addition of items listed below. The legal requirements relative to this request is that no action is required as long as the Board supports the recommendation from staff.

- 1) The sum of \$350,000 to be paid to the District for the development of rural recreation facilities on Johns Island. These facilities would be located on the site of Haut Gap Middle School;
- 2) The operating costs for any students from the TIF area that would attend Charleston County School District be updated according to an agreed upon formula and revised on an annual basis; and
- 3) That an accounting for the funds that are collected according to the rules and regulations of TIF would be reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether or not excess funds have been generated. In the event that excess funds have been generated, such appropriate portion of funds would be distributed to the School District within a reasonable time frame.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Toler stated that Stall Drum Line did a fantastic job at a recent Hockey Game.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

