

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, October 25, 2010 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, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, and Dr. Brenda Nelson were also in attendance.

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

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

- 1.1: Superintendent's Evaluation
- 1.2: Architectural Design Contract for Buist Academy
- 1.3: Architectural Design Contract for Memminger Elementary
- 1.4: Architectural Design Contract for James Simons ES
- 1.5: Architectural Design Contract for Charleston Progressive Academy
- 1.6: CM Change Order for QSCB and Seismic Schools
- 1.7: Director of Finance & Budget Office Title Change
- 1.8: New position of Executive Director of Operations, Planning and Systems Improvement
- 1.9: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.10: Student Expulsion Appeals

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Board Chair – Mrs. Jordan called the meeting to order, led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

3.1: Diversity Council Logo Contest Winner

The Board recognized Jordan Brandstad for being the winner of the district's Diversity Council Logo Contest.

3.2: Medal of Honor Team

The Board recognized members of the Medal of Honor Team—Mrs. Barbara Hairfield, Mr. James Braunreuther, Mr. David Spurlock, Mr. Jeff Scott, Mr. Elliot Smalley, Mrs. Clara Heinsohn, Ms. Gretchen Luney, Mr. Chris Metevier, Mr. Walter Campbell, and ROTC Officers throughout the district.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley share the following:

- Ms. Hairfield and members of the Planning Committee, and everyone across the district who played a part in preparing for the Medal of Honor activities. Last week many of the individuals who were involved in this major undertaking were personally thanked at a breakfast meeting. As expressed at the breakfast meeting, Dr. McGinley said that every minute that students and staff invested was well worth it. She said she could not imagine how our schools could have better represented our city, and the Medal of Honor events provided our students with once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunities. Most importantly, she said she is proud that the district and students helped honor the Medal of Honor recipients—"our nations true heroes" in the fashion that they deserve.
- Dr. McGinley provided a brief update the Board on the topic of teacher effectiveness. She said at the Teacher Roundtable meeting last week and in recent school visits, teachers had questions about recent VCG/MAP news articles. She reiterated that in the Post and Courier article, the district did not want teachers names published. Like any public records requested under the Freedom of Information Act, the

district had no legal choice. And in every conversation with reporters on this topic, administration stressed the many reasons why MAP should not be used to evaluate teachers. MAP or any one test score is not the answer. Dr. McGinley went on to share the following 1) that the district's evaluation system does need to change, and 2) must work with teachers to come up with the answer. As directed by the Board at our last meeting, the district will be working in the next four months to create a set of recommendations for using annual student growths in the evaluation process. The recommended process needs to provide teachers with adequate supports; make goals clear ahead of time; incorporate fair measures of student achievement; and hold all of us accountable. Teachers were asked to join planning teams.

- The 2010 Parent Information Fair is scheduled this for Saturday at Burke High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last year's event was a huge success, with over 400 parents who learned about the districts charter and magnet schools, tutoring and Supplemental Educational Services, and other supports and programs for CCSDs families. This year, principals and other representative from neighborhood schools will also be on hand to talk about their schools, making the event even bigger and better. CCSD families- and anyone interested in our choices and offerings are invited to come to the Fair.
- Election Day is three days after the Parent fair. This election will have a huge impact on public education, and the candidates have distinctly different views on things like the capital campaign, vouchers, early childhood education, and teacher effectiveness. Dr. McGinley encouraged community members to get out and vote on November 2nd.
- Dr. McGinley expressed appreciation for the four Board Members who will not be returning next month. She thanked Ms. Jordan, Mr. Toler, Senator Ravenel, and Mr. Meyers for being public servants for our district, schools, and children. Dr. McGinley shared the following personal notes then asked the audience to applaud the four advocates for public education. Before closing, Dr. McGinley also recognized outgoing Board of Trustees Members; Ruth Jordan, Gregg Meyers, Arthur Ravenel and Ray Toler for their commitment and dedication to public education. She said this was their last board meeting since they are not seeking re-election.
 - Ms. Jordan was thanked for her limitless commitment to families was evident every time Mrs. Jordan picked up the gavel. In addition her tenure as Board Chair, her work on the Policy Committee will have a lasting and positive impact on our students for years to come.
 - Mr. Toler was thanked for giving selflessly of his time and energy.
 - Senator Ravenel and Mr. Toler were thanked for hours spent visiting schools.
 - Senator Ravenel was thanked for continuing his public service in the district.
 - Mr. Meyers who started serving on the Board in 1996 served almost every role including Chair and Vice Chair and on every possible committee over the past fourteen years, was thanked. Dr. McGinley also thanked him for his role on the achievements of our students and schools.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not to exceed 30 minutes)

1. Mr. Jay Jones addressed the Board on behalf of Jennie Moore Elementary parents expressing concerns about the proposed plans to split Jennie Moore into a Primary/Elementary school and bumping of the building plan from Band 3 to Band 4. He urged the Board to build a new facility for Jennie Moore.
2. Mr. Jon Butzon thanked outgoing Board member, urged everyone to go out and vote on Election Day, and expressed the importance of Teacher Effectiveness after sharing CCSD data.

At this time, Mrs. Jordan recognized Mr. Ken Childs as one of the individuals who sponsored the reception for outgoing Board members.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open Session Minutes of October 11, 2010

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of Open Session Minutes of October 11, 2010. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of October 25, 2010

- 1.1: Superintendent's Evaluation** – The Board approved the Superintendent's Evaluation with a "Met Standards" rating for the 2010 school year. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.2: Architectural Design Contract for Buist Academy** – The Board approved a motion authorizing staff to enter into a contract with Stubbs, Muldrow, Herin Architects, Inc. to provide complete Architectural Services for Buist Academy for the selective demolition design of Buist and for the reconstruction/renovation design of the existing school, at the existing 103 Calhoun Street site, in the amount of \$1,947,304.00(Capital Funds). The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.3: Architectural Design Contract for Memminger Elementary** – The Board approved a motion authorizing staff to enter into a contract with LS3P Associates, LTD to provide complete architectural services for Memminger Elementary School for the demolition and design of a new school at the existing 20 Beaufain Street school site in the amount of \$1,290,548.00 (Capital Funds). The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.4: Architectural Design Contract for James Simons ES** – The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with Thomas & Denzinger Architects (T&D) to provide complete architectural services for James Simons Elementary School for the selective demolition design of the existing school and for the reconstruction/renovation design of the existing school, at the existing 741 King Street school site, in the amount of \$1,553,525.00 (Capital Funds). The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.5: Architectural Design Contract for Charleston Progressive Academy** – The Board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into contract with Liollo Architecture to provide complete architectural services for Charleston Progressive Academy for the demolition design of parts of the existing school and design for the renovation and construction of a new addition at the existing 382 Meeting Street school site in the amount of \$1,388,332.00 (Capital Funds). The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.6: CM Change Order for QSCB and Seismic Schools** – The Board approved a change order recommendation for CM Services for 6 schools to include 5-seismic schools: Buist Academy, Charleston Progressive Academy, James Simons Elementary School, Memminger Elementary School and Sullivan's Island Elementary School and the new Montessori School funded from the Qualified School Construction Bonds, in the amount of \$7,134,400.00 (Capital-QSCB funds). The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.7: Director of Finance & Budget Office Title Change** – The Board approved a change of Title for Ms. Terri Shannon who is currently the Director of Finance, to the Executive Director of Finance and Mr. Allen Milburn from Budget Officer to Director of Budgeting. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.8: New position of Executive Director of Operations, Planning and Systems Improvement** – The Board approved a recommendation to appoint Mr. Troy Williams to the new position of Executive Director of Operations, Planning and Systems Improvement. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- 1.9: Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approved student transfer appeals A, B, and C; denied student transfer appeal E; postponed action on student transfer appeal D. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.10: Student Expulsion Appeals** – The Board identified November 4th at 9:00 a.m. to hear two student expulsion appeals.

6.3: Financial Minutes of October 11, 2010

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the financial minutes of October 11, 2010. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII.MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

7.1:Financial Report – Capital Projects – August 2010

The Board received the August 2010 Capital Projects Report as information. Chief Financial Officer Mr. Mike Bobby said expenditures are down since the district is closing out all projects, except for project at Rivers and Sullivan's Island.

VIII.CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1:ESOL Program Update

Ms. Rachel Amey, Curriculum Specialist in the ESOL Program provided a program update.

IX.POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Note: Mr. Ravenel left the meeting at 6:30pm. Therefore, he did not vote on Consent Agenda items.

9.1: Home School Application - *A recommendation to approve a Home School Application.* – Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of a Home School Application. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: Approval Request – Funding of Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) training - *A recommendation to approve funding for LETRS Professional Development for the 2010-2011 school year, in the amount of \$65,938.95 (Special Revenue).* – Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the funding of Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling LETRS training. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.3: VIF Invoices - *A recommendation to approve Visiting International Faculty Program invoices.* – Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the VIF payment The amount is \$192,500.00 – General Operating Funds. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.4: Procurement Audit for FY 2009 - *A recommendation to approve the proposed Audit Report for FY2009.* – Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the Procurement Audit for FY 2009. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.5: Recommendation for Award of Pepperhill ES Roof Project (Q1109) - *A recommendation to approve the bid award to Team Roofing, Inc. for Pepperhill Elementary School Roof Project. The amount of this project is \$51,040. The funding source is Facility Services FY2010 Fixed Cost of Ownership Project #5514 (\$45,240.45) and Maintenance Office General Operating Funds (4,124.55).* – Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the bid award recommendation for Pepperhill ES Roof Project (Q1109). The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.6: Agreement for Services - *A recommendation to approve the agreement to acquire professional development services from High Schools that Works and Making Middle Grades Work Consultant Service, in the amount of \$52,800. The funding source is Title I Stimulus funds.* – Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the Agreement for Services of Educational Services and Policies, Inc., in the amount of \$52,800. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Meyers moved, Mr. Fraser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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

