

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, April 25, 2011, with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser – Chair, Mrs. Ann Oplinger - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac participated telephonically. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mr. William Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Audrey Lane, and Mr. Elliot Smalley were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of April 25, 2011 to order at 4:36 p.m. Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, approval of a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.1: Program Management Services

1.2: RFP #P1122 – Universal Service Fund E-Rate Program Consulting Services

1.3: Personnel Matters

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Fraser called the Open Session meeting to order then he called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins the Adoption of the April 25, 2011 Agenda. The motion was approved 8-0.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

There were no Special Recognitions to come before the Board at this meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGinley reported on the following:

- Boeing Award - a grant for Professional Development was awarded to CCSD, Dorchester and Berkeley Counties to build competency in math and science. The grant amount is \$370,000. Dr. McGinley thanked Mr. Lou Martin for his work to obtain the grant.
- The Third Annual Superintendent's Cup Competition will be held on Saturday, April 30th. The vice president of USDA is scheduled to attend this event.

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

1. Mr. Howie Comen addressed the Board regarding the success of Orange Grove Charter and plans to replicate the school's concept in a middle and high school at Village Charter School.
2. Mr. Henry Copeland expressed concerns regarding the Lawrence Derthick Grant which he said was established to support enrichment programs and benefit District 20 students. He suggested the Derthick Funds be replenished.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of April 11, 2011

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 11, 2011, with necessary corrections. The motion was approved 8-0.

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 25, 2011

1.1: Program Management Services – The Board approved the Procurement of Program Management Services (Solicitation #11-CPP-01) for the 2011-2016 building program, excluding seismic evaluations or advance designs assignments to the firm recommended for management serves under this procurement. This would enable the program management services in 2015-16 to accomplish these projects and provide the needed staff support to develop project specific information, budgets, schedules, etc. to campaign the next building program. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.2: RFP #P1122 – Universal Service Fund E-Rate Program Consulting Services – This item was pulled; no action was taken.

1.3: Personnel Matters – This item was pulled; no action was taken.

7.3: Financial Minutes of April 11, 2011

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the Financial Minutes of April 11, 2011. The motion was approved 8-0.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

There were no Committee Reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

8.1: Audit & Finance Committee

Mrs. Coats said the last Audit & Finance Committee meeting was held on April 14th. She apologized for not having the minutes from the meeting which was delayed because of furlough and spring break. The minutes will be provided in the near future. Mrs. Coats said the Audit and Finance Committee recommends approval of all items under agenda item 8.1, also listed below:

A. Revised 2011 Audit Plan - On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of the Revised 2011 Audit Plan. The recommendation was approved 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly asked why the audit was limited to pupil activity in twenty schools. Mr. Bobby said the twenty schools identified were aligned with the district's capacity to get the work done and not all schools are audited annually. The audit was done by the district's internal auditor, Mrs. Cathy Cox. Mrs. Moffly expressed her discomfort with waiting 18 months to do an audit. Mrs. Coats said the plan is to extend the audit through end of the year and not present a new plan before January 2012. Mrs. Cox, the district's Internal Auditor will complete each audit and bring it to the board within the year. Mrs. Moffly asked why only two community school programs were audited and if Public/Private Programs were also audited. She suggested it be listed on a future agenda. Dr. McGinley explained that programs audited are CCSD programs; not outside programs. Also, Mr. Bobby added that Kaleidoscope and other CCSD programs are audited because they are cash-based.

B. Bond Anticipation Note Resolution - On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2011A Resolution to provide for issuance and sale of not exceeding seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000) and General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (Sales Tax Projects) not exceeding \$10,000,000. The recommendation was approved 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

In response to Mrs. Moffly's questions about schools in the Bond Anticipation Note Resolution, Mr. Bobby said amounts were provided monthly in '04, '05 and '06 capital projects report. The only ongoing projects

left are Sullivan's Island Elementary and Rivers Facility.

C. Bid # 1123 – Baptist Hill High School Additional Cabling Project – On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of Bid #B1123 – Baptist Hill High School Additional Cabling Project award to A3 Communication not to exceed \$65,000.00. Note the actual bid amount for A3 Communications, Inc. is \$55,800.00). The funding source is Qualified School Construction Bond funds. The recommendation was approved 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

D. Classroom Modernization Project – One-to-One Computing Reallocation – On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of the utilization of year 3 Classroom Modernization contingency funding at the cost of \$2,141,814. The recommendation was approved 8-0.

- New Classroom Technology Backfill
 - SMART Boards
 - Teacher Laptops
 - Document Cameras
 - Data Cabling
 - Building Modifications
- Technology Storage Boxes
- 1:1 student devices, wireless network upgrades and supporting equipment
- Project Management and Support Resources

Mrs. Taylor expressed concerns about purchasing additional of IPADS and possibly additional expenses for IPAD upgrades. Mr. Bobby said there was an opportunity to use proposed Capital Project money to replace student classroom computers with IPADS through a plan that was composed years ago. He said according to the data, those computers are not being utilized. Therefore after researching, staff decided to implement an IPAD pilot program to see how it would impact instruction and improve student achievement outcomes. Mrs. Taylor suggested the district just study Drayton Hall's performance with computers instead of adding another school. Mr. Bobby responded sharing information about the district's five year technology plan and the inequities when he arrived. He said a standard was developed to bring technology up to par. Mrs. Kandrac commented on Mrs. Brittingham's presentation to the Finance & Audit Committee meeting and suggested that everyone read the news article about technology which said that children using IPADs thought they were playing when they were actually working. Mrs. Brittingham said Dell laptops were only purchased for teachers, not students. The request to expand the IPAD Pilot Program should help staff determine the appropriate technology for students. To date, the pilot program has been very successful. Mr. Bobby also shared the plan to delay year four of the technology program to allow time to review and measure data and determine the Pilot Program's success. Mrs. Brittingham shared an example—a program that began in January now has twice the number of students reading on grade level than it did at the start. Ms. Amy West, a third grade teacher, also spoke about increases in MAP testing since the pilot IPAD program began. Mrs. Taylor asked why Drayton Hall was selected to participate in the pilot program. Mrs. Brittingham said it was because of Drayton Hall's strong technology-based committee and their ability to take the project forward. Mrs. Taylor asked about the technology level of the school being added. Mr. Bobby said implementing the pilot program in a different environment would allow the district to study and consider the cost across the district. Mrs. Brittingham added that IPADs would remain at the school. Rev. Collins added that IPADs would be helpful for Board members. Mrs. Coats suggested assessed throughout the school year for students participating in the IPAD Pilot Program to determine if it's a worthwhile investment that could help Title I students. Dr. McGinley said the main purpose is to accelerate learning and improve academic instruction. Mr. John McCarron said the district will purchase the second version of IPADs and staff is analyzing to see if wireless devices are working with internet band-width and if it's sustainable. Mr. Tim Tanner said they are also looking at the multiple functions of IPADs and data will be examined before future decisions are made.

In response to Mrs. Taylor question about surplus equipment, Mr. McCarron said recycling is done by Dell and the district receives a residual check based on usable components. He also said they are looking at

funding a "loan program" using recycled computers for CTE students who come from needy families.

E. Classroom Modernization Project – Classroom Technology Contingency Use – On Behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of the Classroom Modernization Project – Classroom Technology Contingency Use recommendation for approval of the reallocation request for year 3 of the Classroom Modernization Project funding for early implementation of 1:1 student devices, wireless network upgrades and supporting equipment. Approximately \$600,000 is reserved in contingency to cover the cost. The funding source is Capital Project Funding for Classroom Technology Upgrades. The motion was approved 8-0.

F. Essential Musical Instruments Bulk Purchase Bid – the Board received information regarding the procurement of musical instruments approved by the Board in 2010-2011 Fixed Cost of Ownership budget. No action was taken.

Mrs. Kandrak asked about the Essential Musical Instruments Bulk Purchase Bid which Mrs. Coats said was information only because it was previously approved by the Board.

G. Davis & Floyd Amendment 7 – On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Mrs. Coats moved approval of the Davis & Floyd Amendment 7. The total cost of \$1,002,265 includes service through July 31, 2012, as well as, reimbursable expenses is included in the recommendation. The funding source is Capital Funds. The recommendation was approved 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

There were no Management Reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

X. CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

There were no CAE Updates to come before the Board at this meeting.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

10.1 Textbook Adoptions – Mrs. Taylor asked if any concerns were expressed regarding the Civics Textbook. Ms. Connie Dopierala said there were none. Mrs. Moffly also expressed concerns about Civics Textbook up for adoption. Dr. Gepford said it was necessary to get the Board's approval because of the deadline. Ms. Dopierala suggested a revision of the document to allow more time to select Civics textbooks.

Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats to approve the textbook adoption recommendation with one modification, to add all Civics books to allow more time for selection of a Civics textbook. The motion was approved 8-0.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Moffly commented on House Bill #3014 which recommends three different diplomas for graduation.
2. Mrs. Taylor asked about the Adoption of State Standards. Dr. Gepford said the district follows the state standards already. Mr. Fraser suggested Mrs. Taylor spend time with Dr. Gepford discussing this topic.

There being no further business of the School Board, at 6:24p.m. Mr. Ascue moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by consensus.