

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, May 23, 2011, with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Ann Oplinger - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Chris Fraser – Chair 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.

Vice Chairman Oplinger called the Open Session meeting of May 23, 2011 to order at 4:36 p.m. Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.2: District 4 Constituent Board Vacancy
- 1.3: Principal Appointments
 - A. Blaney
 - B. Moultrie
 - C. Ladson
- 1.4: Contractual Matter

OPEN SESSION

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

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

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, adoption of the May 23, 2011 amended agenda. The agenda was modified as follows: Charleston Achieving Excellence presentation was moved up on the agenda to come after the Adoption of Agenda since it was postponed and carried over from the last meeting and the James Simons Elementary School Neighborhood Planning Team agenda item was changed to information. The motion was approved 8-0.

Note:

X. CAE UPDATE was moved up on the agenda because of an earlier motion to Adopt the Agenda making this item the next item on the agenda for 3/23/11.

10.1: Teaching American History Grant – Mrs. Barbara Hairfield

Mrs. Barbara Hairfield presented the following information on the Teaching American History Grant.

- ▶ The CCSD Teaching America History Grant is
 - A Federal Teaching American History Grant
 - 3 years guaranteed
 - extension for 2 additional years
 - Total funding for 5 years = \$1,634,278
- ▶ The primary goal of the Teaching America History Grant is to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of traditional American History.

Mrs. Hairfield commented on the importance of having quality Social Studies and American History

teachers and said the grant was written to cover Professional Development costs.

At this time, Mr. Carl Smith the Mayor of Sullivan's Island came before the Board with three Town of Sullivan's Island Council members. Mayor Smith read a resolution addressing concerns that were circulating about the Town being against rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary. The resolution clearly stated that both the Mayor and Town Council support rebuilding Sullivan's Island with a capacity of up to 500 students. Council Member Jerry Kinard also addressed the Board in support of rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary. Mr. Kinard said he and Mayor Smith are former CCSD educators.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS *(20 minutes)*

4.1: 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year for Finalists

The five Teacher-of-the-Year finalists were introduced. Mr. Braeden Kershner of C.E. Williams Middle, Mr. Jason Kraeger of Pinehurst Elementary, Ms. Mary Zena White of Pinckney Elementary, Ms. Cynthia Smith – Buist Academy was not present; and the Teacher of the Year Finalist, Ms. Eva Rutiri, a Career and Technology teacher at West Ashley High School. Ms Rutiri made brief remarks expressing her love for her job (teaching Entrepreneurship and Computer Design) and her students. She also shared some information about her work history stating that she served as the Instructional Technology Coordinator in Malaysia prior to coming to work with the CCSD. She spoke about her efforts to teach students to become global-minded. She spoke about the student who wrote the Wild Cat Recipe book that is sold online and other entrepreneur students and their businesses. In closing, she distributed copies of book "The Stop Bullying Club", also written by one of her students, to board members. That is also sold online.

4.2: Recognition of Ft. Johnson Middle Student

Vaibhav Mohanty, an Eight Grade student at Ft. Johnson Middle, was recognized for winning a national prize for his musical composition.

4.3: Recognition of Outstanding Athletes

The following groups were recognized by the Board:

- Charleston Charter School of Math & Science – Lower State Soccer Champions
- Wando Girls Varsity La Cross Team – State Champions
- Burke High student Reagan Sanders - Girls Shot Hook – State Champion
- Academic Magnet – Houston Wood – Hurdle – State Champion
- Academic Magnet – Girls Soccer Team – State Championship Winners
- Wando High - State Champion 4A Soccer Team
- Wando High - Ladies Soccer Team 4th Year Championship Winners

4.4: Lean Team School Wellness Team Awards

Dr. Janice Key, Director of Adolescent Medicine, presented the 2011 Lean Team Wellness Awards to fifty-three CCSD schools. Dr. Key said schools were adopted by local doctors who also participate on the school's wellness committee. Funds received from Boeing are being used to promote wellness in CCSD schools. Mr. Charles Benton of Burke High was recognized for having the first school wellness program in the district. Each school recognized received a check for \$1000.00.

Coach Dave Spurlock commended Dr. McGinley for her efforts to bring the Wellness Initiative to the District.

4.5: Recognition of CCSD's Spelling Bee Winners

The Board recognized Katie LeBarron, a School of the Arts student, for winning the regional Spelling Bee This student will also participate on a national level. Also, Dominic Gibbs was recognized for being the 1st place winner.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- Next week high school graduations will take place.
- Congratulations to the Teacher of the Year Finalists.
- Congratulations to the Rookie Teachers of the Year.
- Congratulations and thanks to all District Retirees, including Dr. Janice Rose Baele and Dr. Doug Gepford.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Coats who was named Citizen of the Year by the Exchange Club of North Charleston.
- Over \$650 million was received in competitive grants. The district's Grant Office that is staffed by one person.
- A video was shown to share the Charleston Promise Neighborhood's kickoff event which solicits more private money for the partnership.

Dr. Winbush responded to questions from Mrs. Kandrac regarding age and grade of students in the Charleston Promise Neighborhood video and if they attended CCSD schools. She told Dr. Winbush that the Harlem Children's Zone has a building going up with a clinic in it.. She went on to say her constituents often say the district is doing more than it should and goes beyond the scope of the district and what the district is doing wrong because they can't educate students to go into the workforce. However, the district donates \$50,000 to Charleston Promise Neighborhood. She asked why the district is trying to be a "nursemaid to students". She was in high school the first time she saw a dentist. The district should help parents better learn how to do these things for themselves. Dr. McGinley responded stating that CPN is funded with private dollars donated by private partners for the purpose of doing those things. She said it's about how well children are prepared to learn. Private funds, not district funds, are stepping in to cover the expense. Mrs. Oplinger reminded the Board that the discussion is about grant writing in the district to enable the district to do some things it wants to do, not about Charleston Promise Neighborhoods.

Mrs. Taylor said she sees the benefits of public/private partnership with Charleston Promise Neighborhood and \$300,000 in three years is chump change. The district is in the education business yet it gets caught up in social justice issues. While she agrees with some concerns of Mrs. Kandrac, she wants to make a difference in attitude of students and parents. She applauded Dr. Winbush for being honest about his background because she also grew up poor, in the country. She hopes Charleston Promise Neighborhoods would be the catalyst to make a difference.

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

Mrs. Oplinger read Policy BEDH before calling speakers.

1. Mr. Frank Dirks, a Buist parent, addressed the Board regarding rebuilding seismically challenged schools. He commended staff, the Superintendent, and the Board for efforts thus far to return the school in three years.
2. Mr. Anthony Bryant expressed concerns regarding information from the Justice Department.
3. Mr. Jim Hinshaw, the School Improvement Chair at Sullivan's Island Elementary, commented on the solicitation of education specs for the new school. He said the School Improvement Council, the principal and parents collaborated to develop specs for the new school.
4. Mr. Lauren Ziff, a Sullivan's Island parent, addressed the Board in support of the new school. She said 1,300 letters were sent earlier in binders to each board member. He spoke of town council meeting held last week that Mrs. Moffly attended. He said a small group opposes the plan. However, there is no real issue about re-using the old school and a unanimous petition from the Town Council supports rebuilding the school.
5. Mr. Michael Campbell, a Lean Team Partner of the district, addressed the Board in support of their recipe. He urged everyone to support Burke HS students by voting online for their confetti soup recipe.
6. Mrs. Janet Pinckney, Executive vice Chair of Village Charter, addressed the Board regarding the new charter school targeting at-risk students. They await a response from the state, would like to work with the district to address the needs of at risk students, and need a building.
7. Mr. & Mrs. Matt Compton, Buist parents, urged the Board support the land swap agenda item and

stand by its commitment to rebuild Buist on time.

8. Ms. Claire Curtis, a Buist parent, urged the board to stick with its promise to relocate, rebuild and return Buist downtown. She also mentioned monetary consequences and trust of parents if the promise is not kept.
9. Mr. Mark Brandenburg addressed the Board in support of the land transfer between the City and CCSD. He also urged the Board to keep the schedule to return the school downtown.
10. Mr. Frank Clasby asked the Board to endorse the James Simons Montessori recommendation submitted by the committee.
11. Mr. Henry Copeland expressed concerns about land acquisition and the district delaying the issue at a cost to taxpayers. He went on to say only part of the land transaction was brought forward. He said parks located in the City, owned by the District, are poorly kept or managed. He suggested the agreement process could have been done professionally and quicker.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of May 9, 2011

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the May 9, 2011 Board Minutes. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mrs. Kandrac suggested a correction on page 7. She said it should say Mrs. Moffly motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac. However, the chair vote did not call for votes. She said it be listed as motion; not a suggestion.

Mrs. Moffly explained that after the motion was made someone mentioned that they were working on getting Public/Private Partnerships information to the board. Then she asked if the information was available at this time. Dr. McGinley said she just received the information which she would forward to the Board after she reviews it.

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of May 23, 2011

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

The Board acted on students transfer appeals as follows:

Student Transfers A, E, H and I were approved; B, C, D, F and G were denied. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.2: District 4 Constituent Board Vacancy

The Board voted on two motions made in Executive Session. The first motion to appoint Mr. David Crane to the District 4 Constituent Board failed 3-1-4 (Mrs. Coats abstained; Ascue, Collins, Green, and Oplinger opposed). The second motion to appoint Gail Rollerson to the District 4 Constituent Board was approved 4-1-3 (Mrs. Coats abstained; Kandrac, Moffly, and Taylor opposed).

1.3: Principal Appointments

- A. **Blaney Elementary** – The Board approved a recommendation appointing Ms. Reggie Terry to serve as principal at Blaney Elementary. The vote was 8-0.
- B. **Moultrie Middle** - The Board approved a recommendation appointing Ms. Anna Dassing to serve as principal at Moultrie Middle. The vote was 8-0.
- C. **Ladson Elementary** - The Board approved a recommendation appointing Mr. Chris Swetckie to serve as principal at Ladson Elementary. The vote was 8-0.

1.4: Contractual Matter – The Board discussed a contractual matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.

7.3: Financial Minutes of May 9, 2011

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, approval of the Financial Minutes of May 9, 2011. The

motion was approved 8-0.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

8.1: **Audit & Finance Committee**

Mrs. Oplinger announced that no motions are required for items that were approved earlier by the Audit and Finance Committee.

A. Furlough for 2011-2012 Budget Reduction for 12-Month Staff, Literacy Interns & Study Hall Proctors

As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board approved a motion adopting a ten day furlough for all twelve month, 245-day staff members. In addition, a five day furlough will apply to teacher assistants, literacy interns, and study hall proctors. This is a cost reduction for the 2011-2012 budget. The motion was approved 5-3 (Ascue, Kandrak and Taylor opposed).

Mr. Bobby said agenda items 8.1A and 8.1G are inter-connected because early budget decisions were made to reduce expenditures. Cuts started with administrators then others were done in accordance to provisos and paid holidays. Some were reconsidered. This recommendation allows the district to align workdays with other districts in the state. Once 12 month employees are changed from 260 to 245 days, paid holidays could be eliminated. When changed, the per diem increases with savings of each day of furlough generating funds in addition to the administrator's contract savings. Teacher Assistant contracts will be reduced further to align their days with working days of teachers and the days students are present at school. Teacher Assistants would have a 5-day furlough. This increases administrative overhead savings and puts the district in a better place. Teacher Assistants (600) would be furloughed for 5 days. Principals are included in the 10 day furlough. Mr. Ascue expressed concerns about reduced days for Teacher Assistants because they don't make a lot of money. He suggested that part be reconsidered. Mr. Bobby said this year is harder than any before, at this point. However, it could be looked at in the budget. Mrs. Kandrak asked about outsourcing of day porters and if it was worth it. She also asked if the district considered a salary roll back to 2008 and suggested the district revisit salaries over \$50,000. Mr. Bobby said CCSD has taken strong steps to do what is necessary toward the students. Mrs. Green said if Legislature allows the district to use 8% money for General Operating some suggested reductions may not be necessary. Mr. Bobby is monitoring legislation to see if capital dollars could be used for general operating. That would determine if furlough is necessary. Also, the Education Improvement Act added dollars may increase the state's revenue, producing additional revenue to the district. He said the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and determine what stays on table and what comes off at the upcoming workshop. Mrs. Coats asked if teachers were the only ones not furloughed. Mr. Bobby said teachers and building based folks who work less than 12 months. Mrs. Coats also asked how much would be moved from Capital to Operating. Mr. Bobby said \$3.5 Million. Since teachers are not furloughed, it would about half the amount to eliminate furloughs for other employees.

Mrs. Taylor asked about the number of classroom teachers who have signed contracts to date. Mr. Bobby said he didn't have that information with him. She said she heard some "less than stellar" teachers may be extracted from the formula because of their evaluations, resulting in a lower cost. She does not support teacher furlough but feels the bang for the buck should be in the classroom. It is necessary to figure how to keep best teachers and move less than stellar ones on. Mrs. Oplinger said this topic would be discussed at the Board Workshop on Friday. Rev. Collins asked about source of insurance payments and amount saved by reduced workdays. Mr. Bobby said he was restructuring early budget decisions and referred Rev. Collins to a chart of calculations generated for this group of employees.

At this time, Mrs. Kandrak reminded Mrs. Oplinger that since she had not officially called the votes, the votes taken earlier could still be changed.

B. Agreement to Trade Property with the City of Charleston

As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted on the recommendation to trade property with the City of Charleston inclusive of three (3) parcels which are contiguous to Buist Academy site and (2) parcels contiguous to the James Simons Elementary School site, all (5) parcels of which are owned by the City of Charleston for Corrine Jones (Hester) Park and other financial considerations for the future renovation/reconstruction of the Stoney Field Athletic facility. The financial commitment is \$2,292,800.00 that will be provided only as the project (Stoney Field) funded in the next Building Program. The motion was approved 6-2 (Kandrac and Taylor opposed).

In response to Rev. Collins request for clarification, Mr. Bobby said there are five parcels that are critical to district's ability to move forward with the school design process. CCSD has for a long time pieced together what the site for each school needs to be. He spoke of discussion with City and community addressing the board about green space at Hester and Corrine Jones parks. The district has parcels it would never build schools on so a trade was considered because it has value to the city. He said other parcels the City has interest in may be bought to address the district's commitment to up-fit Stoney Field. He reminded the Board that stadiums were initially in the current building project. However, it was decided that it was in the best interest of the district not to address stadiums at this time. No money is exchanged until 2016 when the new building program comes forth. The future commitment would address Stoney Field. This is a continuation of partnering with the city to improve facilities.

Mrs. Taylor asked when the appraisal was done and suggested price gouging could be the case because the cost of the parcels from the city is too high and should be reduced. She said the City should reduce the amount per parcel. Mr. Bobby said another parcel on the other side of Buist that was discussed earlier was appraised 4-5 months ago at a high rate. Mr. Ascue said the Audit and Finance initially talked about the amount being too high then agreed that the City had the upper hand. Mr. Lewis said the long term deal was a good one for tax payers. After suggesting that Buist parents attend City Council's meeting tomorrow night, Mrs. Coats spoke of things previously in the contract the City would not commit to. (i.e., Riverland Terrace). She expressed concerns about the City not agreeing to the \$2.3 million cap on Stoney Field or commit to a reasonable time to get it built. Mr. Bobby said he could ask the board to consider a more reasonable agreement. The cost of project is unknown, at this time, because the scope of the project has not been defined. Staff will proceed based on the Board's directive. Mr. Lewis said approval for demolition package has already been given. The City met today at 4pm. If the recommendation is not approved, the whole summer could be lost, it would upset Buist parents, and put the project 6 months behind schedule.

Mrs. Green moved approval of the recommendation and continued negotiations with the City. Then she said the constituents want Hester Park. Attorney Lynn Crooks who serves as legal counsel working with staff on negotiations with the City on the land swap agreement said she went to the lead counsel to get language because it appeared to be a blank check. If the land is rezoned to anything other than conservation, they would have to pay the district back. She said since they are not asking for the money up front, that's a plus. The City has worked expeditiously to get plats to keep this project on track and allow demolition to happen. She said it has been a cooperative effort.

Rev. Collins asked if district could negotiate for more land, not money. Mrs. Kandrac asked about appraisal dates. Attorney Crooks said June 2010 and March 2011 and said there were updates. Mrs. Kandrac asked Ms. Crooks if her salary is paid out of CCSD's Attorney funds. Mr. Bobby answered yes. She also asked Mr. Emerson why he didn't do the work himself. Then Mrs.

Kandrac suggested the district had not explored all option and shared information from a document someone gave her before the meeting. She said the property is historical property. Mr. Lewis responded that it's the other properties nearby the Sustainability building and one owned by Barkley Company. Mrs. Kandrac said that explains why Mr. Fraser recused from an earlier vote. She also suggested the Board members with kids at Buist recuse themselves from voting on this item. She read from the document, CCSD should offer an even trade for all four parks owned by the district. She asked if Stoney Field was on an earlier referendum. Mr. Bobby said it was initially but it did not make referendum packet. Mrs. Kandrac spoke about subleasing. Mr. Bobby said he is open to that type lease. Mrs. Kandrac offered to share copies of the document she read from.

Mrs. Moffly said May 12th was the first time Audit and Finance Committee saw the agreement. Supposedly parents thought this was a done deal and may blame Board for the delay. Now it is being rushed through for the Board to get to the City for second reading. Mrs. Moffly suggested it is possible to get a conservation easement for Hester Park and bank \$2 million. At this time, Mrs. Oplinger called for the vote. However, Mrs. Moffly asked staff why it was delayed. Mr. Ascue said it recently came to the Audit and Finance Committee. Mr. Lewis said there was no delay. The agreement is in place, the appraisal was done and goodwill was done to match up between two government agencies has gone faster than expected. Mrs. Moffly asked when City Council will have the first reading of the agreement. Mr. Bobby said the first and second reading dates are included in the recommendation. Mrs. Taylor doesn't want to stall the project and would not need to discuss further, except Buist is expensive to rebuild. It costs more to build on the peninsula than anywhere else. She said the agreement missed the boat by not committing something to Stoney Field.

Rev. Collins said schools are needed down town but opportunity to swap land and not spend money. He suggested staff continue to work to save district funds by swapping land. Dr. McGinley said #8.1-6b has language to address what he is talking about. The City has been supportive and not working against the district to get the schools rebuilt.

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- C. Purchase Infosnap (on-line registration software) or other similar software (functionally equal)
As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted to purchase Infosnap for the District and reallocate current year capital funds from Fixed Cost of Ownership professional services in the amount of \$91,500. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed, stating that it was due to reasons discussed May 12th).
 - D. Advanced Notice of Bid Solicitation
As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted on staff to proceed with a contract award based on receipt of bid results under the project specific bid control number for North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary Mobile Up Fit and Renovation: Solicitation #11-Heery-B-007. The bid amount is \$530,000.00 available from FCO FY11 approved by the Board of Trustees March 28, 2011. The motion was approved 8-0.
 - E. North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary (NCCA) Temporary Campus Architectural Services Agreement
As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted on the recommendation of the Architectural Services Agreement for North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary temporary campus set up to Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects in the amount of \$68,213. The motion was approved 8-0.
 - F. Architectural Design Contract for Montessori – Springfield QSCB Project #5969
As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted on the recommendation

to enter a contract with Glick/Boehmn and Associates to provide complete Architectural Services for Montessori-Springfield QSCB Project #5969 in the amount of \$2,775,888.00. The motion was approved 8-0.

G. Employee Contract/Work Schedule Changes for 2011-2012 Budget

As recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board voted on the recommendation for work schedule changes for 2011-2012 to align the district's attendance calendars with those of neighboring school districts in South Carolina and clarify contract days for employees to reflect "days worked". The motion was approved 7-1 (Ascue opposed).

Mr. Bobby said it eliminates the thought of having paid holidays and salaries would remain the same. This would put everyone on a level playing field. He illustrated how all paid holidays have been removed for other groups. Mrs. Kandrak asked how this would work with the Washington DC big push for year round school. Mr. Bobby said this would not be a problem because these folks are year round employees.

8.2: Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not make a report to the Board.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1: March 2011 Interim Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

The Board received the March 2011 Interim Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as information.

9.2: March 2011 Interim Report on Special Revenue & EIA funds

The Board received the March 2011 Interim Report on Special Revenue & EIA funds as information. Mrs. Kandrak asked for clarification of \$5,000 amount shown on page 9.2-4. Mr. Bobby said Charleston Promise Neighborhood received that amount from another source. She also asked about Gifted and Talented tuition. Mrs. Coats said it's a summer program. Mrs. Kandrak asked about the Community Education amount. Mr. Bobby said it was for Community Education and Kaleidoscope. Mrs. Kandrak asked about the \$54,000 and \$64,000 amounts for Broad Interns. Dr. McGinley said arrangement was brought before the Board for approval beforehand for Ms. Lane and Mr. Williams. Mrs. Kandrak asked about Palmetto Mentoring and Indigo Projects. Mrs. Coats said they were Federal Projects.

9.3: March 2011 Capital Projects Report

The Board received the March 2011 Capital Projects Report as information.

9.4: SWMBE Report

The Board received the SWMBE Report as information.

9.5: June Bid Package Update

The Board received the June Bid Package Update as information.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: James Simons Neighborhood Planning Team Recommendation

Since a motion made during the Adoption of the Agenda, to receive the James Simons Elementary School Neighborhood Planning Team that James Simons Elementary return to the peninsula as a Montessori Magnet School as information, no approval was needed.

Mrs. Kandrak asked if information was advertised in papers other than The Chronicle. Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Assistant Associate Superintendent in the Learning Community said it was published in the Chronicle because that part of the population hadn't responded. Rev. Collins asked how many

parents attended community meetings. Mrs. Taylor said the number varied and staff went to homes of parent who did not respond so 100% input received from James Simons parents during spring break. Dr. Nelson added that three James Simons parents served on the committee. Mrs. Taylor asked if there was a list of parents who attended is on file. Rev. Collins said has no problem with Montessori concept. However, he wants downtown schools to serve downtown enrollment and does not like the magnet concept. Mrs. Taylor said the recommendation is to move to a full Montessori. Mrs. Coats asked Rev. Collins if he wanted a magnet school for downtown students. Dr. McGinley said it's a downtown school for downtown students and over time the traditional program will be phased out. All students currently there will graduate from the school. Rev. Collins said he wants attendance to stay downtown.

Mrs. Kandrak requested the facility would be designed with input from the Neighborhood Planning Team. Mr. Lewis said he is working on education specs for it to be different from regular elementary schools. The Community Montessori (West Ashley) to be fast tracked for consistency.

11.2: Sullivan's Island (Collins, Kandrak, Moffly and Taylor)

Mrs. Moffly said she requested an update from district so everyone knew where the district was on this project. Mr. Lewis said worked with Sullivan's Island to develop education specs. Worked with Town staff and rolled out floor plans for the school. Town Council was briefed and Town Council looked at design information last week. They requested a detail schedule of upcoming meetings and other timeline information.

Mrs. Moffly asked how the district arrived at a 500 student enrollment. Mr. Lewis said enrollment has been up to 440 and the parents requested the school size be comparable to Mt. Pleasant Academy. The 500 student enrollment would be same size as Mt. Pleasant Academy and elevated similar to Mt. Pleasant Academy. The only difference is the pilings. A few more seats were added to allow Sullivan's Island to be a part of District 2 space solution. Both Parents and the Town Council approved the recommendation earlier. Also 1000 letters were sent to the Board from parents. The Town sent a resolution forward supporting the plan. Mrs. Kandrak said she is aware of the need for seats. However, traditionally there were about 350 students at the school. Mr. Lewis said the current enrollment is at 420. He said the smallest District 2 School is Mt. Pleasant Academy. Mrs. Moffly said they wanted a community school but the resolution says "if required" a 500 student school and may need to look at bussing students. Dr. McGinley said the district has been discussing this with Town of Sullivan's Island and discussing the closure of Fraser, Schroder, McClellanville and Brentwood schools that had small enrollment. And, could not justify having small 300 student schools built while closing other small schools with 300 students. The most efficient number is 500. Based on input from Mayor Smith and other speakers addressing the Board, the decision is unanimous, also stated in the resolution from Town Council members who are still in the audience. Mrs. Moffly asked about rebuilding J. Simons for 400. Mr. Lewis said the size is consistent across the district with building new elementary schools for 500 students. Mrs. Moffly asked if the lease renewal was negotiated. Mr. Lewis said it was negotiated but there are three issues, impact fee, blocking under high restriction, he is looking at an alternative for an access road.

Mrs. Moffly said there were concerns about no zone for property and she asked about the lot. Mr. Lewis said the zoning issue for school is part of the lease and the plan is for a one story building. The town has seen the design and the roof height is with a pitch roof. The Ridgeland height is the only thing being discussed now. Since the school is isolated so gives the ability to tailor it.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Kandrak commended Mrs. Oplinger for doing a great job.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to adjourn at 9:05pm. The motion was unanimously approved.