

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, August 22, 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. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. William Lewis, Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo, Dr. Brenda Nelson, and Mr. Elliot Smalley were also present.

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

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of August 22, 2011 to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.2: Workers Compensation Claims – (2)
 - 1.3: Teacher Appeal
 - 1.4: Student Transfer Request

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

Mr. Fraser called the Open Session meeting to order at 5:16 p.m., followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to move agenda item 11.1: Sullivan's Island Elementary School after agenda item 7.1: Approval of the Board Minutes, to allow parents the opportunity to address the board earlier. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adopt the modified board agenda of August 22, 2011. The motion was approved 9-0.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

4.1: Be A Mentor Recognition

The Board recognized Ms. Wendy Gainey- Guidance Counselor at St. Andrews Math/Science for her continued work with the "Be A Mentor" program.

4.2: Kiwanis Club of Charleston Project

The Board recognized Mr. Bernie Nettles Kiwanis Club of Charleston Project Chairman of Terrific Kids, a character development program in CCSD schools.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

• First day/week of school recap

- School Visits
- New principals and teachers were commended for jumping right in on the first day of school
- Highest first-day enrollment—40,483 students—since 1999 (not including CD programs).
- A full report on enrollment with 7-day count will be brought back to next Board meeting.
- CCSD Staff is calling for "INTAKE" support/counseling/academic planning interviews for all students who arrive after this Tuesday

• New Board update process

- At every Board meeting, staff will list Board requests on flip chart. In each Board Report an

- update on requests that have been met will be provided.
- This week, the following Board information was given to the board in response to requests:
 - Enrollment numbers at James Island Elementary
 - *Moultrie News* articles on Sullivan's Island Elementary
 - Principal and Assistant Principal diversity numbers
 - Head Start preparation
 - Baptist Hill High School paving
 - The iPad project, and
 - The transition of Day Porters.
- Tonight's presentations on performance management, educational technology, and school lunches are all in response to previous Board requests.
- Tomorrow Dr. Herring will launch the **Alternative Schools Task Force** to look at the continuum of support provided for preschool – 12th grade for students that may need alternative discipline or additional academic help, social or emotional support. They are looking at the gap analysis and determining what they have and what is needed and bring recommendations to the Board.
- **Passing of Laing bookkeeper Mrs. Judy Godbee**—pledge continued supports for school, thoughts and prayers with Mrs. Godbee's family and friends.

Mrs. Kandrac asked if the Charleston Achieving Update on restructuring was the one she requested earlier. Mrs. Lane said has worked with Mrs. Matarazzo and Dr. Donnelly to prepare the report. Now they will identify a date to present the report to the Board. Dr. McGinley also responded to Mrs. Kandrac's question about three high schools that had more than 100 students absent indicating that the schools were Burke HS, Stall HS, and North Charleston HS.

Mrs. Kandrac asked about the district's communications plan if there are weather issues on the weekend. Mr. Jeff Scott said information would be communicated through the Emergency Preparedness Division in the Lonnie Hamilton building--the official site for issuance of information to the community.

Mrs. Taylor asked about reassignments after the 10 day count on August 25th and how it would impact teacher allocations at the schools whose enrollment are lower than projected. Mr. Bobby said staff members are already discussing staffing and allocations. The plan is to hold off on making decisions at six schools to allow additional time to investigate enrollment issues. He also mentioned that additional students may arrive after Labor's Day. Mrs. Taylor said she received calls about reassignments of an Administrative staff member from School of the Arts to West Ashley HS and another from Morningside Middle to School of the Arts. An update was requested. Dr. McGinley confirmed the reassignments. Mrs. Taylor asked if reassignments were due to attendance issues. Dr. McGinley response was that the moves were due to personnel issues and independent of enrollment issues.

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

Before visitors addressed the Board, Vice Chair Oplinger read Board Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Meetings: Individuals desiring to appear before the board shall sign in prior to the meeting and shall be allowed a maximum of two minutes to address the board. Individuals who sign in may not yield their time to another speaker. The chairman reserves the right to limit discussion of the same topic in an effort to provide individuals the opportunity to be heard on a variety of topics. If time is a factor, preference shall be given to those individuals speaking on agenda items. An individual or group may appear before the board only once on the same item within a six-month period unless special permission is granted by the board.

The board shall not permit in public session any expression of personal complaints about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system.

1. Mr. Steve Rapchick expressed concerns about the district's proposal to rebuild Sullivan's Island Elementary (SIES) for 500 students.
2. Ms. Hannah Dodson addressed the Board in support of rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary.

She initiated the grassroots campaign effort sharing facts about the tearing down and rebuilding of the new school. This effort resulted in 1,000+ letters supporting the school. Ms. Dodson said she welcomed the opportunity to serve students from other areas at SIES.

3. Ms. Zoe Abedon addressed the Board in support of the district's rebuilding plan for SIES.
4. Mr. John Mack, a Day Porter, requested a conversation with the Board to discuss CCSD Day Porters that are assigned to outsourced companies.
5. Ms. Donna Wright, a Day Porter, expressed concerns about district staff scheduling of individual meetings with the three Day Porters who addressed the board earlier regarding pay issues.
6. Mr. Kim Zukowski expressed concerns regarding outsourcing of Day Porters and Building Specialists.
7. Ms. Lisa Kayte-Brown expressed concerns related to Day Porters who were not compensated for hours worked.
8. Mr. Henry Copeland expressed concerns regarding poor management practices as it relates to transition of Day Porters to out sourced companies. He suggested a "bait and switch" best describes the issues with out-sourced day porters.
9. Mr. Eddie Fava addressed the Board in support of the District's intent to rebuild Sullivan's Island Elementary.
10. Mr. Will Post and Ms. Kathleen Post expressed concerns regarding plans to rebuild Sullivan's Island Elementary for 500 students. However, they support replacing SIES with a school the same size.
11. Mr. Bill Mediage supports rebuilding SIES at the proposed 500 student size and making it available for other students.
12. Mr. Tony Lewis, a member of the group Concerned Citizens of the Peninsula/Low country expressed concerns regarding handling of Day Porters who have been out-sourced companies.
13. Mr. Rick Reed shared ideas for making SIES more affordable --"Green School", year round program, and outdoor labs.
14. Ms. Barbara Spell expressed concerns related to the proposed SIES size and scope. She urged the board to reconsider the proposal
15. Mr. Todd Abedon addressed the Board in support of rebuilding SIES as proposed by staff. He welcomed the opportunity to create more opportunities for other students in the community.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of August 8, 2011 and August 15, 2011

A. August 8, 2011 – The Board approved the August 8, 2011

Mrs. Kandrak said page 2, item 4.2 did not include Mrs. Oplinger and Mrs. Moffly for certificates and pins. Mr. Fraser said they were absent on August 8th. Mrs. Kandrak said on page 3, item 1.3 she and Rev. Collins would not have voted in favor of the Teacher Appeal decision. Mr. Fraser said since the Board was voting on another decision regarding that same appeal tonight that vote no longer applied. Mrs. Kandrak moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the August 8, 2011 board minutes. The minutes were approved 9-0.

Also during this discussion, Mrs. Kandrak responded to Mrs. Moffly's reservations about voting to approve the minutes since she was absent August 8th, stating that it was appropriate to vote on the minutes, if the minutes had been read.

B. August 15, 2011 -

Mrs. Kandrak said page 3, 1.2 said it was Mrs. Taylor who attended the meeting with Mr. Ascue and Mrs. Moffly, not her. Then, Mrs. Kandrak moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of the minutes of August 15, 2011. The motion was approved 9-0.

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of August 22, 2011

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals - The Board approved student transfer appeals A, D, and E; Denied C. Item B was pulled. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Kandrac requested a copy of the letter when transfers are approved contingent upon availability of space. She said she also requested it earlier on August 8th.

1.2: Workers Compensation Claims – (2)

A. The Board approved a recommendation to authorize Workers Compensation Claim. The motion was approved 9-0.

B. The Board approved a recommendation to authorize Workers Compensation Claim. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.3: Teacher Appeal – The Board acted on two motions listed below:

- Uphold staff's recommendation to hear a teacher non-renewal appeal. The motion failed 4-5 (Ascue, Collins, Kandrac, Moffly, and Taylor opposed).
- Grant a hearing for a teacher non-renewal appeal. The motion was approved 5-4 (Ascue, Green, Oplinger and Fraser opposed).

1.4: Student Request – The Board denied a transportation request. The motion was approved 7-2 (Kandrac and Moffly, opposed).

7.3: Financial Minutes of August 8, 2011 and August 15, 2011 -

A. August 8, 2011 -

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of the August 8, 2011 Financial Minutes. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Kandrac said she meant to vote no on the financial minutes because the amount \$513,000 was not reflected in the board minutes. She suggested the minutes be amended accordingly. Mrs. Moffly asked if two schools were on the building program and what phase they were. Mr. Bobby said they were on the bond fund program and funds were received specifically under the Stimulus Act to support projects. They are separate from the one cent sales tax.

B. August 15, 2011 -

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of the August 15, 2011 Financial Minutes. The motion was approved 9-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1 Learning Initiative

Mr. John McCarron, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented an update on the 1:1 (IPad) Learning Initiative information to the Board.

During presentation, Mr. Ascue requested information on Professional Development for 1:1 Learning Initiative, the timeline, Request for Proposal, funding, and if other companies had already evaluated this project. Mr. McCarron said he would work with Mr. Bobby to identify discretionary funds once the cost had been determined and bring that information back to the board. Mrs. Kandrac said she was sorry the board wasn't asked to vote on laptops assigned to board members which cost three times more than laptops. Mrs. Coats questioned the delay in getting them to schools. Mr. McCarron said wireless connection and protective covering are part of the issue. He agreed to provide an update to the board on the status of iPads to schools. In response to Mrs. Coats question about cost and evaluation of student achievement, Mr. McCarron said the district doesn't have enough staff to take do evaluations. Dr. McGinley added that she insisted a third party evaluator to make sure the district isn't criticized for swaying the outcome.

Mrs. Taylor asked about the cost for a third party evaluation of iPads. Mr. McCarron said he did not have the cost yet. She agreed that regular updates were needed. Mrs. Taylor asked if students were allowed to take iPads home. Mr. McCarron said there are two separate projects and the first one with Drayton Hall, Angel Oak and Haut Gap, students are not

allowed to take iPads home, at this time. However, the second project--School Improvement Grant schools proposal with Stall HS, Burke HS and St. John's includes a take home component and staff is working on a built in tracking. Rev. Collins asked about the number of iPads purchased. McCarron said 2,100 and said the next iPad step would be to move forward once the results are available. Rev. Collins requested iPads for the Board members.

Mr. Tim Tanner addressed professional development indicating that the "train the trainer" method will be used and CCSD staff will train teachers on using iPads. Training will be continued throughout the year on using iPads as an instructional tool.

8.2 Performance Management – Mrs. Audrey Lane

Mrs. Audrey Lane presentation of Performance Management was postponed since this topic was scheduled be discussed at board's Thursday workshop.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1 Capital Projects Report - June 2011

The Board received the Capital Projects Report dated June 2011 as information.

9.2 School Menu

The Board received an update on the 2011-2012 Nutrition & Food Service Partnerships, Grants, County Menu Comparison, and the Healthier US School Challenge.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

A. Refinancing Long Term District Debt

Mrs. Coats moved, on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee approval of the resolution to provide for refinancing opportunities on General Obligation Bonds Series 2004A and 2004B. The motion was approved 9-0.

Rev. Collins requested regular updates. Mr. Bobby said the action the board will take will give staff and the bond attorney permission to watch the market and take advantage of money saving opportunities. In response to Rev. Collins' questions about using savings for other projects. Mr. Bobby said that the savings are from previously committed projects and it could be used to pay off the debt at a lesser cost but it couldn't be applied to any other project nor does it give the district authority to borrow for additional debt. It's simply a refinancing of a long term funding commitment. Retiring long term debt cost less but wouldn't generate any hard cash. However, if millage were able to be saved and if the board said it didn't want to reduce the millage then there would be a potential for generating additional capital funds. While that will not happen soon, it could happen. Rev. Collins said he was looking funds to build a stadium.

B. Amended Original Budget for FY2012

Mrs. Coats moved on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee approval of the amended original FY2012 budget for General Operating Fund, Special Revenue and EIA funds as follows:

- General Operating - \$334,307,983.00
 - Special Revenue - \$66,827,291.00
 - Food Service - \$20,043,202.00
 - EIA - \$25,867,144.00
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- Amended budget pages are submitted under separate cover outlining the new information

at no additional costs to the District and no future fiscal impact. The motion was approved 6-3 (Kandrac, Moffly and Taylor opposed).

Mr. Bobby said in June when the budget was passed, it was mentioned that staff would bring an amendment back to the board because changes were anticipated. One change is the Education Finance Act increase. Details are included in the replacement pages to be added to the budget book. EFA dollars were used to increase the District's Fund Balance. Previously, the reliance on Fund Balance amount was \$5 million, now the amount has been reduced to \$3.4 million. Staff will continue to work to further reduce that amount. The other increase is in Special Revenue Title I. The Title I amount does not have to be increased because Title I amount received this year is less than the amount received last year. Those funds will go to Communities In Schools, required set aside and the rest is going to schools where it could do the most good.

Rev. Collins said hopefully Day Porters issue could be worked out. Mr. Bobby said he understood the nature of the discussion and how difficult it has been for everyone affected. There is still a \$3 million reliance on Fund Balance and next year he is hoping to give staff some compensation all staff members who have not received compensation in three years. Whenever that is considered, it will still be difficult with whatever resources staff identify to bring for board consideration. If there is a desire to reconsider outsourcing that needs to be considered and balanced with whatever else is being considered. There would not be enough to consider cost increase even without restoring some things that have been pulled out of the budget. Rev. Collins suggested a cost increase be considered only for those underpaid because salary increases for those paid over \$100,000 would pose a problem. Mr. Bobby said a salary study was being done to look at a collective agreement. It should be done near spring and be a part of the deliberations for next year's budget.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Mr. Bobby if he met with three custodians who addressed the board about issues since they've been working with outsourced companies. He said individual meetings were held since the discussion way about their pay and all of their pay issues have been resolved. If others had similar concerns, he would be willing to meet with them also. Mrs. Kandrac requested a memo be sent to them to offer opportunity for them to meet with staff. Mr. Bobby said pay and benefits for each of the 55 staff members impacted have all been given appropriate payout and benefits return. However, he would send them a letter offering to meet with them.

C. Mandatory use of P-Card

Mrs. Coats moved on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee approval of the requirement for mandatory use of the P-Card for permitted purchases less than or equal to \$2,500. The motion was approved 9-0.

Rev. Collins asked who had access to online banking. Mrs. Coats said last year the district hired someone to do online banking and she probably has alerts set up. Rev. Collins mentioned problems the district has had in the past and tracking of p-card purchases. Mr. Feil said P-Cards could be monitored. Cards are requested and approved by immediate supervisors. He suggested that one should get pre-approval from supervisor before spending large amounts. He said staff reviews expense reports and controlled where cards could be used. If someone misuses the card then they are subject to be fired. Mr. Bobby said the monitoring of P-Card utilization is taken seriously. Someone has been released for repeatedly not providing backup documentation in a timely fashion.

Mrs. Moffly asked about the software purchased earlier to monitor P-Card purchases. Mr. Feil said the software is being reviewed now. Also, there is a large rebate attached to use of P-

Card purchases. Approximately \$48,000 in rebates has been received to date. This amount goes back into the General Operating and funds the P-Card Administrator position.

Mrs. Kandrac asked about paying an employee with a P-Card. Mr. Feil said that could not be done. Mr. Ascue asked that staff bring back to the board a request to add another employee if the amount goes up.

10.2: Policy Committee

A. HAC By-Laws and Committee

Mrs. Moffly moved on behalf of the committee approval of the Health Advisory Committee Bylaws. She asked that it be noted on page 10.2-5A the secretary is a CCSD employee that would serve as a liaison. After discussion, the board agreed to table the HAC bylaws.

Mrs. Green said with all due respect to the committee, she could not support because it has too much oversight by the committee. The committee should be more democratic. Mrs. Moffly said this is a committee created by the Board. Mrs. Green said it's a committee that's been in existence for a while and the members on the committee are trusted members of the committee. Mrs. Moffly said the purpose of this proposal is to place the committee back to the original intent of the law. Mr. Spurlock would still attend the committee. Mr. Fraser said this is not a policy. Therefore, there would not be a second reading. The decision made would be final. Mrs. Moffly said the committee is in place to serve the board, not the district and there hasn't been any oversight because that was the choice of the district. This would probably be the first board to have bylaws addressing the state law that the committee serves the board, not the district for approval of curriculum according to the state law. Mrs. Coats said she felt this group of professionals could perform more autonomously without coming to the board. Mrs. Taylor said the board approved her and Mrs. Moffly acting as ad hoc committee members. She said if there is a problem, members could contact the ad hoc committee who could take concerns to the board if they could not address it. She said it is not about day-to-day operations. Mrs. Moffly said the committee was kind of rouge and approving curriculums. Mr. Fraser said there are some improvements. However, there were some things that were not defined and designee has the ability to schedule or cancel meetings. However, designee is not defined in the document. Some places it says designee, another places it says chairperson, other places it says trustee. He suggested revisions were needed to fix the issues identified. **Mr. Fraser agreed to review revisions needed with Mrs. Moffly.** No action was taken on this item.

B. First Reading – Board Policy BID – Board Member Compensation & Expenditures

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval of Board Policy BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenditures. The motion was approved 9-0.

C. First Reading – Board Policy BDDA – Board Information Requests – on behalf of the Committee, Mrs. Moffly moved approval of Board Policy BDDA – Board Information Requests. The motion failed 5-4 (Ascue, Coats, Green, Oplinger, and Fraser opposed).

D. Status of Policies

Mr. Fraser said a report on the status of policies is provided and hopefully the committee is starting to get this fixed.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Sullivan's Island Elementary School – (Taylor, Kandrac, Moffly, Collins)

Mrs. Taylor led the discussion regarding Sullivan's Island Elementary School and read the

following motion. Copies of document she read from were also distributed to the Board members and the Board's secretary.

"Whereas, is committed to the constant awareness of the concerns and desires of the whole community with the board exercising governance and oversight. The board is required to maintain regular communications with all stakeholders served by the school in order to interpret public attitudes, to identify policies and procedures of the school, and to encourage public involvement.

Whereas, The superintendent shall not knowingly cause or allow any practice, activity, decision or organizational circumstance which is unlawful, unsafe, disrespectful, imprudent, unfair, inequitable or in violation of board policy.

Whereas, Concerning Sullivan's Island Elementary, the board has only approved the concept phases of the building program but has never approved the size or programs being proposed.

Whereas, School Board Governance and Operations states that changes in needs, conditions, purposes, and objectives may require revisions, deletions or additions to the policies. Before a final vote is taken on a new or amended policy, the board may require a written impact statement related to anticipated cost and/or educational impact.

Therefore, I move that CCSD Board direct the Superintendent to provide a detailed written impact statement concerning the size and scope of Sullivan's Island Elementary School to include a traffic study and impact on city services. To that end, I further request a public hearing as soon as possible but within 30 days in order to obtain community input as required above.

Prior to execution of this, CCSD is to give a cost analysis and a time frame. I request that all Town of Sullivan's Island public meetings be listed on the CCSD website."

Mr. Fraser requested clarification on Mrs. Taylor's statement about "execution on this". She stated it meant cost analysis of the impact statement. After Mr. Fraser restated Mrs. Taylor's motion, Mrs. Moffly seconded the motion.

Mr. Lewis responded to a question from Mr. Ascue regarding upcoming meetings, sharing a detailed document listing all meetings with seismic schools. Then Mr. Lewis said the Town of Sullivan's Island agreed that the community engagement process was their process and the Town Council and Mayor adopted that as their tasking to make sure they engaged their community members and set the process. The PTSA, Principal, and School Improvement set the process for parental engagement. The superintendent made sure all the seismic schools were moved together. Sullivan's Island met with other seismic schools. Concerns from community members who suggested they did not know about the SIES building proposal should be addressed by the Town of Sullivan's Island. The three Moultrie News articles (May 25, July 12, and July 26) that mention the process were distributed to the Board earlier by the Board's secretary. Mr. Lewis said since that is a small community, members could have addressed their issues with the Mayor of Sullivan's Island or receive information from him since he lives in that community.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Mr. Lewis if CCSD did a good job arranging and advertising the meetings. Mr. Lewis said the district did not advertise meetings for the Town of Sullivan's Island. However, the school team did a "fantastic job" and meeting attendance was outstanding. The majority of those parents were engaged. Mrs. Kandrac asked if CCSD parents were informed of what's occurred over the past two years, the number of parents who read the Moultrie News, and if the articles were provided to the Board by staff. Mr. Fraser confirmed that the articles were provided. After Mr. Lewis provided copies of the same articles to Mrs. Kandrac, she announced that she no longer receives board updates from the Board's secretary because of a "cyber-space glitch". She asked about community turn out at meetings and venue. Mr.

Lewis said meetings were held at the school. Mrs. Kandrac asked if meetings were done differently during the reconstruction process. Mr. Lewis said it was because a different process was used. Mrs. Kandrac requested attendance sheets for meetings held and asked if questions were received from residents. Mr. Lewis provided information on the process used and said attendees had the opportunity to ask questions. Mrs. Kandrac stated that she did not receive an answer to the question she asked at an earlier meeting. She expressed concerns about district representatives responding to questions received. Mr. Lewis said the design team will attend upcoming meetings and address questions asked earlier.

Mrs. Green stated Mrs. Taylor's motion requires an impact statement on the size and scope, an environmental study, and a traffic study and asked if they were already addressed in the new school building proposal. Mrs. Lewis spoke about the process used and the support for the proposed size of the school and other alternatives are included in the lease. He shared pictures illustrating property lines identified in the lease which is more than the requirement. Mr. Lewis talked about access to the beach, the bus separator then said the issues mentioned by Mrs. Taylor have already been addressed in the lease. Panoramic pictures of the multi-story section, building elevation from different directions were displayed. These pictures were also shared with the Town Council. Mrs. Taylor said she was told some sessions were done in executive session. Therefore, some information was not shared publicly. Mr. Lewis announced a September meeting which will be held on the island to share pictures with constituents. Mrs. Coats said it's a Sullivan's Island issue and they have to make the decision. She reviewed the lease online it is not a done deal because it hasn't gone through the process yet. It requires multiple readings. She said if someone offered to rent her land for \$10 for 75 years, she would build a school on that piece of land. She doesn't want to build on waterfront but no one on Sullivan's Island would rent her land for \$10.

Rev. Collins said the town group was involved. However, community members weren't. He urged staff to schedule a meeting with community members and get the issue resolved. Mr. Lewis suggested the constituents who addressed the board earlier address their questions to the Sullivan's Island Town Council since they are the elected officials who voted on behalf of the community.

Mrs. Moffly said when she became involved in May she asked for preliminary drawings which had not been shared at that time. She suggested some things going on with the District and the Town of Sullivan's Island that are antagonistic. I.e., constituents were told to accept what was being offered (school for 500 students) or not get a school at all. Sullivan's island is a unique island and there are only 100+ elementary-aged students living on the island. She said the board did not approve size or program for Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. Moffly added that she wasn't uncertain when the school became a countywide magnet. She spoke of overcrowding at Park West, Highway 41 and McClellanville and students are being recruited to increase SIES enrollment. A school is needed at Park West, not an expensive school for Sullivan's Island. Mrs. Moffly mentioned three other elementary school facilities (Jennie Moore, Whitesides and Mt. Pleasant Academy) nearby that are under-utilized. She wants the school built to the size of the community. She mentioned behind the scenes dealings which she isn't pleased with. I.e., letter Mr. Lewis wrote indicating that district staff would not attend the community meeting. She also mentioned a letter the Superintendent wrote Town Council's District Administrator which she said was disturbing to the Mayor because the letter belittled the mayor and alleged that he was working against the district. Mrs. Moffly suggested these issues be addressed. Mrs. Kandrac asked Mrs. Moffly for copies of the letters she read from. Mrs. Moffly said the mayor's response stated that his first responsibility is to be mindful of the opinion of residents of the Town of Sullivan's Island. She mentioned other issues the town dealt with to include the Ben Sawyer Bridge, Open Land Trust Property, etc. said the plan is to make sure proposals meet the small town criteria.

Mrs. Moffly said in order for this project to be successful, there must be cooperation, creative thinking and understanding, not name calling or threats. She said the board was told the lease was signed. However, the board knows it's still under negotiation. She suggested a smaller school, that is more suitable to the character of their community, be built. She understands the partial magnet process well and \$40,000 grant they would get just for changing the name. She concluded by stating that a 500 student facility wasn't needed and that some of the funds earmarked could be used to address other things such as the overcrowding problem on Hwy. 41.

Dr. McGinley responded to Mrs. Moffly indicating that CCSD staff takes directions from the school board. The first date is 2009 on the heels of staff being directed by the school board to look at schools with enrollment under 500. The directive came from the school board not to build schools of small size because they are too costly on a per pupil basis. That is where it came from. However, if this board is reversing the course and saying it is okay to build small schools, that directive needs to come from the school board. Staff acted in accordance to a mandate from the school board and six schools closed primarily because they were too small and the per pupil expenditure were high.

Mrs. Toya Green reminded everyone that the \$26 million allocated for SIES is from the prior building program and it can't be used for other rebuilding purposes. At a Finance and Audit Committee meeting, the Bond Attorney said the funds could not be reallocated easily. She suggested comments about the beach and who is entitled to go to school there should not be a part of the debate because the beach belongs to all. She believes the Board approved Sullivan's Island for partial magnet status.

Mrs. Kandrac said she recalled that SIES magnet may have been approved in the zone concept, but nothing was approved specifically for Sullivan's Island. She also questioned the May 2009 date. However, it was determined that the issue was addressed at a PTSA meeting, not a board meeting. Mrs. Kandrac requested the date of the meeting.

Mr. Fraser said all the decisions the old board made weren't all bad. He was approached two years ago and he shared information comparing costs of a smaller and larger facilities. He said that was the previous board's directive to build a school for 500. The residents he spoke to were clear that it would be hard to justify a smaller facility from an economic and parity standpoint.

Mrs. Coats asked Mrs. Taylor for permission to make a friendly amendment to her motion to wait to see the outcome after the city of Sullivan's Island's public meeting on September 12th. She said she wanted the cost of the school and all the factors. Mrs. Taylor said she wasn't on the board so she did not know the previous board voted to make SIES a partial magnet. She thought it was going to come into play when the new school was built. She wants information on when the board vote took place and who voted on it. Regarding design, she said the downtown schools do not have to build up on pilings like SIES. There was a variance and way of getting around having to elevate the new downtown schools in based flood zones. She requested information and clarification as to why the district doesn't have to rebuild Memminger and different flood zones. Mrs. Taylor said she isn't sure information was communicated to everyone regarding SIES. Mrs. Moffly validated information that Whitesides and Mt. Pleasant Academy had empty classrooms and Jennie Moore needs more classrooms because of growth on Hwy. 41. Mayor Carl Smith said the lease agreement has been turned into an ordinance and there is a meeting on September 12th. After requesting that meeting be listed on the district's website, she said ratification is in October. In closing, she mentioned the letter Mrs. Moffly mentioned earlier about the letter Mayor Smith wrote to Dr. McGinley indicating that Dr. McGinley has not responded to it to date. She said she would accept the amendment to her motion if the SIES meeting information was publicized and

more constituents were involved.

Mrs. Moffly suggested it be the “board reserves the right to determine the scope and size of SIES”. Mr. Fraser said that has already been determined. He then asked Mrs. Coats for clarification. Mrs. Coats said there was nothing to discuss until the town of Sullivan’s Island ordinance is approved. Mr. Ascue suggested no motion was required at this time. The board just needs to monitor the situation for now. Mrs. Taylor called for the question. Mrs. Kandrak moved the board meet Tuesday, September 13th after the Town of Sullivan’s Island meeting.

Mr. Fraser restated the motion, “*the Superintendent to provide a detailed written impact statement concerning the size and scope of Sullivan’s Island Elementary School to include a traffic study and impact on city services and that a public hearing as soon as possible but within 30 days in order to obtain community input on the topic. Prior to execution of this, CCSD is to give a cost analysis and a time frame. I request that all Town of Sullivan’s Island public meetings be listed on the CCSD website.*”

Mrs. Kandrak requested the news paper be added. She said these announcements were free of cost. Mrs. Taylor agreed wherever it was free because she wants to get the word out.

The motion failed (Ascue, Coats, Green, Oplinger and Fraser opposed).

It was also determined that the September 12th meeting to September 13th to allow the board to attend the Town of Sullivan’s Island meeting on September 12th. It was also determined that the SIES topic would be discussed at the next board meeting on September 13th.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Fraser said there are a number of vacant Charleston Education Excellence Financing (CEEF) positions he would like for the Audit and Finance Committee to get with Mr. Bobby to discuss filling those positions.
2. Rev. Collins said about **Board Policy BDDA – Board Information Requests** it would be helpful if other board members gave input to the Policy Committee. He said the goal was not to contact staff members whenever but defining a specific time to communicate with staff without going through the Board’s Administrator. Mr. Fraser said in addition to staff providing an update on the status or previous requests during the Superintendent’s Update, a number of workshops have been scheduled for opportunities for the board to get together to schedule meetings on specific topics.
3. Mr. Fraser announced that a workshop is planned for Tuesday, August 23rd and Thursday, August 25th 2-5pm.
4. Mrs. Moffly asked about the Superintendent’s proposal for self assessment and evaluation for this year. Mr. Fraser said the board has approved the evaluation for last year and the purpose of the workshops this week is to establish goals and objections for evaluation before the year begin. Mrs. Kandrak asked why the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee didn’t address this issue last earlier. Mr. Fraser said that was
5. Mrs. Taylor asked that Policies IHAAA Literacy Requirements and Intervention, the Student Transfer Policy and Board Committee policies come back. Dr. McGinley said staff is looking at the transfer policy and they are complicated. Mr. Bobby has developed a flow chart which tracks transfer. The intent is to bring it back to the board in September.
6. Mrs. Taylor wants and update on North Charleston High, Stall HS and Burke HS as to what schools are below the projected current enrollment. Mr. Bobby said he requested 30 days earlier to get it done. Now he needs up to sixty days to get work done. The board agree to 45 days to get enrollment information.
7. Mrs. Taylor requested Jennie Moore ES status of the new building and if they would need additional funding.
8. Mrs. Taylor asked if the Board voted on GDOA Classified Reduction in Force Policies and

- revisions. She said it should be reiterated that it has been taken care of.
9. Mrs. Taylor requested a Day Porter transition update to make sure they have been offered opportunity to talk to Mr. Bobby to correct salaries and benefits.
 10. Mrs. Taylor commented on hatchet job the Post and Courier article about Mrs. Kandrac spending a lot of funds, she asked for the track record on the number of meetings the board was required to attend. Mrs. Kandrac said she didn't read the article but she attended most state conferences and some members attended conferences but didn't stay and others didn't have the same expenses because agencies or sponsors covered their expenses. Mrs. Coats requested a spreadsheet listing meetings attended since February. Mrs. Taylor said the district could save money by opting not the pay \$28,000 a year South Carolina School Boards Association membership because some trustees don't think they get a "bang for the buck". She wants to know who is spending the money and who is attending meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adjourn at 9:37 pm.