

**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, August 8, 2011, with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser – Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrak, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ann Oplinger - Vice Chair, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly were absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Lisa Herring, 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 August 8, 2011 to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals**
- 1.2: Solicitation for Enrollment Growth Analysis and Enrollment Forecasting**
- 1.3: Teacher Appeal**
- 1.4: Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Tool for FY2010-2011**
- 1.5: Home School Applications**
- 1.6: Student Appeal Hearing**
- 1.7: Principal Appointments**
 - A. C.E. Williams Middle
 - B. West Ashley Middle
 - C. Zucker Middle

OPEN SESSION

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

Mr. Fraser called the Open Session meeting to order at 5:23 p.m., followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rev. Collins moved, seconded Mrs. Coats, to adopt the August 8, 2011 board agenda. The motion was approved 6-1 (Kandrak opposed).

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

4.1: Youth Endowment of the Arts Grant Recipients

Mr. Charles Fox President for the Youth Endowment of the Arts presented mini grants to CCSD recipients. Funds were raised at the Charleston Marathon event which raised \$21,000 for grant awards. The grant recipients are:

- Angel Oak
- EB Ellington
- North Charleston Elementary
- Sanders Clyde Elementary
- Stall High
- Military Magnet
- Stono Park ES

4.2: South Carolina School Boards Association Boardsmanship Institute

The following Board members were recognized and presented certificates pins for reaching new SCSBA Boardsmanship level during the FY2010-2011 school year.

- Craig Ascue – Level 2 – Silver Pin

- Cindy Coats – Level 2 – Silver Pin
- Chris Collins - Level 2 – Silver Pin
- Mary Ann Taylor - Level 2 – Silver Pin
- Chris Fraser - Level 2 – Silver Pin
- Elizabeth Kandrac – Level 4 – Gold Pin
- Mrs. Ann Oplinger will be recognized and presented a silver pin at a future meeting for reaching Level 2.

4.3: First Day Festival Proclamation

Clara Heinsohn read the following proclamation in recognition of the First Day of School.

First Day of School Initiative Proclamation

Whereas, First Day of School is a national celebration which began in 1997 that generates widespread community support for schools and excitement about the beginning of another school year; and

Whereas, currently entering its fourteenth year, the First Day of School Initiative encourages parents to attend with their children on the first scheduled day of school; and

Whereas, the mission and purpose of First Day of School is to celebrate education by hosting special activities and getting parents to come to school with their children on the first day of school each year; make parents feel welcome; encourage their continuing involvement; then reap the benefits as parents, schools, and communities team up to support their children's education; and

Whereas, the best way to connect to our schools is to be there from the beginning and focus attention on the importance of schools in our community; and

Whereas, by having their parents attend the first day of school, the students feel more excited about the beginning of the school year; and

Whereas, in conjunction with the first day of school, Tuesday, August 16, the community will come together to celebrate education at the 14th Annual First Day Festival on Sunday, August 14, 2011 from 1 pm – 4pm at Liberty Square at the SC Aquarium and the Charleston Maritime Center; and

Now, Therefore, the Charleston County School Board fully supports and endorses the 2011 First Day of School Initiative.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 8th day of August 2011.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- 2011 school year is one week away. The district is still looking for certified math teachers. Tuesday August 16th is the first day of school.
- The Hootie & the Blowfish Roundup is scheduled to be held next week.
- The First Day Festival will be held this Sunday.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently honored 200 students.
- The district held an upbeat county-wide administrator's meeting last week.
- A meeting with Calhoun Street staff is scheduled for Friday.
- Priorities – Effective Teacher and Leadership and Literacy Initiative.
- Reorganization was done and 65 middle management positions have been cut.
- Three major steps in the area of district accountability—an accountability and instructional support log was designed to document services provided (to be shared with Board); administrators are looking at those schools that didn't make AYP and how to address this issue, a directory was developed to list who to call for what.

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

1. Ms. Mary Jane Watson – Town Council Member for Sullivan’s Island supports new school on

Sullivan's Island.

2. Mr. Hartley Cooper - Shared a letter from the Mayor pro-tem reiterating support from the Town of Sullivan's Island Council to approve a lease agreement in August.
3. Ms. Lauren Ziff, a Sullivan's Island parent reaffirmed that the community supports rebuilding of Sullivan's Island Elementary.
4. Ms. Ann Huskin addressed the Board regarding the need for a mental help worker at RB Stall High. She said the school does not have funds for this position and urged board to find funds for this much needed position.
Mrs. Kandrak asked for clarification. Mrs. Huskin said mental health worker position help deflate school incidents.
5. Ms. Kyle Lamb addressed the Board on behalf of Mayor Summer, who had could not attend the meeting because of another engagement. Principal Grimm said a program was needed at North Charleston High to draw more students to the school. The mayor has engaged a broadcasting group to help. Mr. Grimm is putting the best teachers with kids who need most help. Ms. Lamb said Mr. Grimm's energy is infectious and she hopes the community would support him. She also said she is excited about the PASS scores for CE Williams, Mr. Grimm's previous assignment.
6. Ms. Gwendolyn Robinson, with the NAACP Executive Board and Citizens united for Public Schools, expressed concerns regarding the appointment of an interim at North Charleston High and the hiring process. She urged the Board to create written policy to address future hiring decisions by second nine week of this year.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1: Open Session Minutes of June 27, 2011, June 30, 2011, and July 26, 2011

Mrs. Kandrak moved, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of the June 27, 2011, June 30, 2011, and July 26, 2011. The board voted separately on each as shown below:

- June 27th approved 6-0;
- June 30 approved 6-0; and
- July 26th approved 6-0.

- 7.2: **1.1 Student Transfer Appeals**

The Board approved student transfer appeals A, B, C to James Island Elementary, E, F, G to Mitchell or a Dist 20 School with space, H, I, J, K, L pending availability of space, M,N, O, P, Q, R to Burke MS, S to James Island Elementary, T, U, V; Denied W, X; Pulled D. The motion was approved 6-0.

1.2: Solicitation for Enrollment Growth Analysis and Enrollment Forecasting

The Board approved a motion to re-solicit the Enrollment Growth Analysis and Enrollment Forecasting. The motion was approved 6-0.

1.3: Teacher Appeal

The Board approved a motion upholding nonrenewal of an annual contract teacher. The motion was approved 6-0.

1.4: Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Tool for FY2010-2011

The Board approved the Superintendent's Evaluation Tool for FY2010-2011. The motion was approved 5-1 (Kandrak opposed).

1.5: Home School Applications

The board approved six home school applications. The vote was 6-0.

1.6: Student Appeal Hearing

No action was taken.

1.7: Principal Appointments

- A. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Shannon Cook as principal at C. E.

Williams Middle. The vote was 6-0.

- B. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. LaCarma Brown as principal at West Ashley Middle. The vote was 5-1 (Taylor opposed).
- C. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Jay Perlmutter as principal at Zucker Middle. The vote was 6-0.

7.3: **Financial Minutes of June 27, 2011, June 30, 2011, and July 26, 2011**

Mrs. Kandrac asked if amounts could be written differently using a less than or equal to sign before the \$75 million. Mr. Bobby said he would amend the report.

In response to a question from Mrs. Coats about the status of the parking lot, Dr. Winbush said it was not finished at this point. However, it's being worked on.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: **Audit & Finance Committee**

A. Capital Projects Report-May 2011 – The Board received the Capital Projects Report of May 2011 as information.

B. Reconsideration of 2011 Audit Plan - The Board received the Reconsideration of 2011 Audit Plan as information.

C. Renovations to Pinehurst Elementary & Northwoods Middle – Mrs. Coats said the Audit and Finance Committee approved the vendor list earlier. However, the cost was not provided at that time. Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of the recommendation to award the contract for Renovations to Pinehurst Elementary and Northwoods Middle to a low bidder, Metro Contracting, Inc. The motion was approved 6-0.

Mrs. Coats asked if the vendor recommended to do the work had to meet certain expectations prior to receiving new jobs. Mr. Bobby said the vendor had met enough obligations to move forward. Mrs. Taylor asked about BEDS codes. Mr. Bobby explained the re-utilization of two schools which were merged (Birney and Midland Park). Mrs. Taylor asked if the schools were reconstituted when they merged. Dr. McGinley said Stall and A. Birney kept BEDs code when it moved. However, Midland Park was overcrowded so the Midland Park facility was used and the old A. Birney facility was renovated for a new elementary site. The only new BEDs code is for the primary school which did not have a code. The history of the school follows the school.

Rev. Collins asked if work was being done at no cost to the district. Mr. Bobby said there was a cost and funds came from the Pinehurst roofing and another source and the settlement was not intended to replace entire building.

10.2: **Policy Committee**

A. First Reading – Policy JFABC – Student Transfers – Rev. Collins said in June the Policy Committee meeting they discussed student transfers. Rev. Collins moved approval on behalf of the committee, of the first reading of Policy JFABC. Dr. McGinley said after constituent board meeting last week, there are some things the committee may need to rethink with constituent boards. She suggested senior leadership further review the policy and bring back questions they have or questions from constituent board. Also, cost for mobile classrooms will be addressed. Mr. Ascue spoke of the Constituent Board meeting stating that they had a huge turnout. Those people have issues so each constituent chair or vice should be involved.

Mrs. Coats said the lottery method versus the waiting list should be prioritized so those who get in aren't ones who apply at the last minute. Dr. McGinley said one issue is how to define capacity related to the physical site and program. A common deadline for transfers NCLB, Magnet, Volunteer transfers is needed. Currently, all have different deadlines. Traditionally, magnet schools handled their own acceptance letters. If the district is going to get a better handle on it, all issues must surface and be addressed. Mr. Bobby has developed a flow chart or process. Mr. Fraser suggested it may be necessary to look at it globally and recommend a better process. Rev. Collins said since Policy Committee meetings are publicized, individuals could address concerns at the committee level instead of addressing them at the Board level. The district need to address capacity issues and define capacity and programs each school year. Mr. Fraser said since the policy has greater implications, it may require more than involvement of the committee. Mrs. Taylor suggested these issues be addressed by the Board level. Rev. Collins requested staff provide capacity numbers based on programs at schools. Chairman Fraser asked Mrs. Taylor to postpone until the following week of Sept. 12th.

B. First Reading – Policy BDE – Board Committees

Rev. Collins said Mrs. Moffly wanted the last line in red to read “citizen or tax payer may be allowed to speak at committee meeting if recognized by chair for input purposes”. The Board discussed the possibility of having community members serve on the committee. Mr. Ascue said there were already experts on committee. Mrs. Kandrac added “also in audience”. Mr. Fraser said policy does not prevent the chair from recognizing someone. Mrs. Taylor said a certain core group of citizens are interested in policies. They will not have a vote, but have a voice. Mr. Ascue said if a specialist is invited, it should be listed on the agenda. Dr. McGinley said necessary to have structure and even Board meetings have section for them to address the Board. If not structured visitors could dominate the meeting. Rev. Collins said that would allow other board members to have input. Mr. Fraser suggested the committee agendas have a section for public comments limited to a couple of minutes.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to amend the policy changing the last line to read “or vote of a majority”; the motion was later withdrawn and it was determined that the policy would go back to the committee.

Mrs. Coats said Policy JFAA is mentioned, but it has not had second reading. She suggested the committee review to see which policies hasn't had a second reading.

- C. Health Advisory Committee Revised Bylaws – Mrs. Taylor spoke on behalf of Mrs. Moffly.** The Board received a note from Mrs. Moffly to revise the bylaws and a job description for a CCSD liaison to serve as the secretary. Mr. Fraser suggested the bylaws be brought to next meeting.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: Extension of 2012-2013 Thanksgiving Holiday – Kandrac, Taylor, Ascue, Moffly & Collins

Mrs. Kandrac suggested staff issuing a teacher survey prior to considering an extension of the 2012-2013 Thanksgiving Holiday next school year.

11.2: Board Expenditures for FY 2011

The Board received the Board Expenditures for FY2011 as information.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

12.1: New Business

Individual Board members identified the following:

- Coats – IPAD information;

- Taylor – Literacy information; look at administrative positions—principals and assistant principal pool
- Kandrak – Invite the Council of Government to a board meeting to say who they are and what they do and how they can help district and save money; Audio Visual recording studios in schools; Community Programs partners—since Wando has more partners, maybe some would be willing to sponsor schools in North Charleston; a CCSD map showing where schools are;
- Collins – Discussion on Heery Construction Chicora Contact –Mr. Fraser said it was a contractual matter;
- Fraser – School Profile sheet;
- Mr. Fraser also announced upcoming Board workshops scheduled for Aug 23 and 25th – 2-5pm. and a Special Called meeting on Aug 15th to address the S. Island lease and student transfer appeals

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to adjourn at 6:49pm