

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, October 28, 2013, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue - Vice Chair, Mr. John Barter, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary.

Staff members Mr. Bill Briggman, Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mr. Louis Martin, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

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

At 5:00 p.m., Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to go in executive session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved by consensus.

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals**
- 1.2: Student Transfer Appeal Employee Request**
- 1.3: Legal Updates**

OPEN SESSION
5:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Then she called for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to adopt the October 28, 2013 board agenda with the amendment shown below. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications

There were no special recognitions.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

- The deadline for choice applications is Friday, November 1st. CCSD has greatly expanded its number of school choices to provide programs that are more dynamic, motivational and focused on meeting the needs of today’s students. All across the county, the district offers neighborhood, charter, magnet, and partial magnet schools. Choice applications do not include No Child Left Behind waivers.
- Mrs. Drema Johnson in the Facilities Maintenance and Asset Management staff were commended for coordinating the 12th annual Mark Cobb Memorial/Ron McWhirt Scholarship golf tournament last week. This year’s corporate sponsors were Bonitz Flooring Group, Durham School Services, GCA Services Group, Limehouse produce, SCE&G, Clean Masters, SSC Service Solutions, South Carolina School Plant Management Association and Spartan Chemical.
- During tonight’s Charleston Achieving Excellence update the board will receive important information on Vision 2016 in response to an earlier Board request.
- The 2013 state report cards will be released and the district is optimistic about seeing gains on many levels. Dr. McGinley concluded that she looks forward to sharing the results with the community when they become available.
- A Studer conference was held in Atlanta last week. CCSD was well represented. Board members Mrs. Cindy Coats and Mr. Chris attended the conference with Mrs. Audrey Lane and other district employees.

Mrs. Moffly requested the deadline for Choice applications be moved from November 1st to December 1st. Dr. McGinley said while she understood and appreciates the concerns related to the change from a parents’ perspective, there are a lot of deadlines for testing at Academic Magnet and 700 auditions at School of the Arts and the timetable is tight with the upcoming holiday concerts already scheduled. Mr. Padron said this is a transition year but it is a lot of work on the front and tail end. Students shifting from one school to another

causes chain reaction. Mr. Padron expressed the importance of parents submitting the application. Then they would be allowed time to get their information in.

Mr. Fraser said if they are denied, they would have to submit transfer appeals.

Mr. Padron responded to Mr. Ascue concerns about changes related to the deadline. Mr. Padron said Buist numbers were down. Staff will check to see what they can do to work with students.

Mr. Miller suggested staff start reminding parents earlier in the year with the school calendar. Mr. Padron said there were many efforts and they will look at each individually to see how to make it work for parents.

Mrs. Moffly asked about the best way to address this issue given the timeline. Mr. Padron said his office would continue to seek ways to make the process easier.

Mr. Garrett asked if it was possible to make the registration easier for parents who have to register more than one child. Mr. Padron said he would see what could be done.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mr. Muhammed Idris expressed concerns about what is being taught to students in the district about Halloween and Christmas celebrations.
2. Mr. Jack Mitchell, a representative from AT&T recognized Dr. McGinley and Mr. Louis Martin for their support with the district's "Don't Text and Drive" campaign. Nine CCSD high schools met the criteria to participate in the program. Over 6,000 students signed the pledge not to drink and drive to include 89% of students at Baptist Hill HS and 81% at School of the Arts.
3. Mr. Eugene Bowman expressed concerns about an incident involving his son, the football coach and former coach at Burke HS that resulted in his son being suspended for two days and not being allowed to continue playing football at Burke HS.
4. Mr. Tony Lewis expressed concerns regarding the incident that occurred at a recent Burke HS football game. Mrs. Coats informed Mr. Lewis that this matter should not come before the board at a board meeting if a formal complaint had been filed against a CCSD employee.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Miller, to approve the open session minutes of October 14, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of October 28, 2013

The Board voted on the following executive session action items of October 28, 2013.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to deny student transfer appeals A, B, and C. and revisit C after additional information is provided. The vote was 9-0.

1.2: Student Transfer Appeal Employee Request

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the student transfer request from the CCSD employee. The vote was 9-0.

1.3: Legal Updates

The Board received legal updates from General Counsel.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: A. Vision 2016 Presentation

Dr. McGinley presented highlights from the 140 page Vision 2016 presentation in response to the Strategic Education Committee's 10/14/13 request. The document grew out of questions from the committee.

Mr. Miller said after Dr. McGinley presented the Vision 2016 information to the Strategic Education Committee he asked her to present it to the full board.

Below is a summary of the presentation:

- The first and last 20 pages would have been a great introduction for a board workshop presentation.
- Table of Contents – section 2 covers the 2004-2007 and 2008 – 2011 school year. The work began with former superintendent Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson in 2004.
- Page 7 – Educational Effectiveness – ASPIRE and Principals for Tomorrow began.
- Page 10 – 2004-2011 – The state was introducing a gradually increasing scale for report cards so

in 2010, schools that received good scores were lower on the scale.

- Soon the new report cards should come in and the district anticipates good results.
- Educator Effectiveness – The law as it relates to the Constituent Board’s authority to hire teachers changed and the Elementary, Middle, and High School Learning Communities were created.
- The CCSD blueprint for Elementary, Middle, and High School principals was highlighted. Dr. McGinley said when she was hired as a principal she was only given the keys to the building; and no directives.
- Page 21 – The four strategic program areas were identified--Educator Effectiveness, Literacy Based Learning, Innovative Schools and Systems, and Partnerships.
- The Glossary of Project Terms includes acronyms frequently used by staff.

Questions

- Mr. Ducker thanked Dr. McGinley and staff for the time devoted to compiling the document. He said this document would serve as a guide to help the Board understand program requests brought to the board for approval. When requests come to the Board, the Board will ask where the request fits in.
- Mr. Fraser said he would like to tie it back to student achievement. He would like to see what is making a difference since there are limited resources. Dr. McGinley said staff would do a cross reference to show results. Reports are also being collected by staff to be used as reference.
- Mr. Ascue asked about measuring where the district is currently and how to close the gap and engage parents and students at the sixteen failing schools utilizing the document presented. This should be the first priority. Also, he wants the district to address diversity issues.
- Mr. Barter said the document is a wonderful reference document to tie to outcomes. He suggested it was a sign of progress.
- Dr. McGinley said it’s a work in progress. Staff captured what is being done in the district. However, they did not zero in on all the needs. The board should be pleased with the next district report card and the number of failing schools should be lower. District staff continues to study to see what could be done to accelerate schools. While North Charleston Elementary has shown improvement, it is not making the gains it needs to. There is great success at schools in North Charleston, but student mobility is an issue. Students are constantly moving in and out. This district’s vision will be revisited to determine how to measure progress. Dr. McGinley said she will have a conversation with the Board about the same.
- Mr. Barter said since no organization could afford all the ideas that are presented. He is looking for staff to present ideas and programs that would make the gains.
- Mrs. Moffly asked about the 2014 goals and what the district’s goal is now it’s clear that the district won’t reach 100%. Dr. McGinley said the test will change to Smarter Balance in 2015. Now, the elementary report card is based on the PASS test and High School is based on end of course exam, HSAP, graduation rate, and other measures. Mrs. Moffly asked about numbers on page 17 and the achievement gap. She read the ACT assessment results and found it interesting about the core and non-core curriculum results. She asked about the non-core curriculum completer. Dr. Donnelly said those are students on track for college. Mrs. Moffly asked about the best place to place resources. She spoke about the excessive cost for Lowcountry Tech with only 125 students enrolled. She wants to see the cost analysis with programs, i.e., Literacy. Mrs. Moffly said about partnerships, they often serve for a fee. She said the Community Education was no longer partnering with the Charleston County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Bobby said previously there was a joint agreement. It has been changed to increase services and opportunities. PRC feel they can do a better job with parks and recreation. The biggest change will be in the rural areas. However, the services will not be decreased by any means.

Mrs. Moffly said they did not renew the contract and they were paying 50% of salaries which they will no longer pay. She asked if that amount would be included in the district’s budget. She also asked about expenses listed under Community Education for electric bills.

- Rev. Collins asked the title of Mrs. Sara Scales on page 77. Dr. Herring responded stating she was a Math Curriculum Specialist. Rev. Collins asked staff to describe how students learn mathematics. Dr. McGinley said students moved from rote learning to math conception. Dr. Herring added that the Common Core standard has college readiness that involves complexities—how and why. The new math textbooks have been adopted for Kindergarten through Secondary School. Dr. Herring said there is a focus on the numeracy plans to enable students to use math

with relevancy. Rev. Collins asked if goals could be added at each grade level to ensure best outcomes. Dr. McGinley said that is the next step. Every time a report comes out, staff reads and unpacks it to see what could be done differently. She spoke about identifying the root cause which could be linked to how teachers are allocated. Staff will look at recommendations to bring to the Board in the spring. Schools must decide whether to include Remedial or AP classes. Decisions will have to be made regarding programs to fund after staff identifies the root cause. The priority was Literacy and there has been growth in that area. Now staff needs to look at Numeracy.

- Mr. Miller said the goal of the Strategic Education Committee (SEC) is to change the lives of students in the district and the Board is committed to closing the gaps. The SEC members are not educators. However, they are looking for staff to tell them what could be done to address academic issues to close the gap and raise achievement.
- Mrs. Coats said the document presented allows the Board to effectively make decisions. This tool should be used by staff to tell the Board why resources are needed.
- Mrs. Moffly requested that the courses be broken down by school. Mrs. Coats suggested it be requested under new business.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

Mr. Bobby introduced staff members Ms. Terri Shannon, Ms. Kelly Meyers, Mr. Allen Milburn, and Ms. Lisa Cizler.

9.1: A. How to Use the Budget Book – Ms. Lisa Cizler

The Board received information on how to use the budget book.

- The budget book and how to use it.
- The budget book is online with detail by schools, per pupil expenditures by funding source.
- The PDF document is searchable.
- “Other Resources” provides information on funding sources and what is included in those funds.
- Staff will be available to help board members who have questions.

Questions:

Mr. Ducker asked how to look at all of a school's funding. Ms. Cizler said that information was in the budget book.

9.2: 4th Quarter Financial Report FY2013 – Ms. Terri Shannon

The Board received the 4th Quarter Financial Report as information.

- The district has improved its Revenue, Expenditure and Fund Balance.
- Good news - Revenues are over and Expenditures are under what was budgeted.
- The County implemented their new software which resulted in new numbers—overall the amount 103% of what the district budgeted.
- Amounts that are over-budget are on the revenue side.
- The district did not have to use any of the \$5.5 million Fund Balance allocated last year.
- Expenditure projections were close with the exception of the transfer to charter schools. There were more students in charter schools this year which resulted in a higher amount.
- Where the money goes, Salaries and fringe, custodial and grounds, electric and property and charter school totaled over 94% of the district's budget.
- FY13 Revenue is over expenditure by \$16 million.
- The undesignated fund balance - \$32 million. That includes the \$5.5 million that was set aside.
- The total fund balance with the 30% increase is up to \$72 million. However, there are some things money must be set aside for—encumbrances, insurance, prepaid property insurance, and this year \$10 million set aside to balance the FY2014 budget. It stills puts the district in a good position of having \$53 million in undesignated funds. That is 14.8% of the district's budget.

Questions:

Mrs. Coats asked if this was the unaudited amount. Mrs. Shannon confirmed.

Mrs. Moffly asked about the \$20 million delinquent property tax amounts and if funds could be used for Carolina Park ES. Mrs. Moffly said she just wanted to established that this amount could be used to build a school and she will proceed in bringing forth a recommendation to use these funds over one cent sales tax funds.

9.3: Future Referendum

Mr. Bobby presented the future referendum to the Board. A summary follows.

- Charleston Achieving Excellence Strategic Program on pages 91-93.
- Fund balance could be used for capital needs. However, the Fund Balance amount should be

higher than 5% for catastrophic events and credit rating purposes.

- Mr. Bobby spoke of changes in the future to include paying employees differently, creating a self sustaining model. He cautioned everyone to be careful about one-time amounts. In November a Board policy should come to the Board about fund balance.
- About the future referendum, the district is in the third phase. By the end of 2016, the district would have spent \$1.4 billion on rebuilding. However, there is a lot more to be done.
- Deferred capital maintenance must be considered. Significant resources must be identified in order for the \$1.4 billion spent to see its life span. The current program ends December 31, 2016.
- Every building program under Mr. Lewis' term allowed a smooth transition to include land and advanced designs.
- Based on decisions made prior to being on the referendum in 2010 program, a lot of changes continue to be made to the building program.
- Going on the ballot in November 2014, before the 2016 program ends, will allow a seamless transition. If the district waits until 2016 and is not successful, all the construction work and planning would be jeopardized unless there is a willingness to invest in 8% Debt and heavily increase property taxes to move forward with plans in 2016.
- The challenge is that the current legislative statute, as written, does not allow the district to be on the ballot sooner than two years prior to termination and must be in even-numbered years—holding general election. To do otherwise, requires a change in the statute. Efforts to promote idea with the Legislative Delegation were outlined.
- Other factors: Ability to exceed 8% statutory cap for capital improvements--the district's ability to accelerate timing and sequence of projects, and create an opportunity to use B.A.N. approach to start projects before 2016 and borrow against proceeds and deliver programs like Carolina Park earlier, elimination of cash flow concerns,.
- Ability to reduce millage - Horry County School District is the only other county that had the ability to reduce the millage. Horry has reduced their property taxes from 28 to 10 mills since 2008.
- Other Factors - Products that are food stamp eligible would be exempted, that will result in a \$9 million exemption over a six year term. Extending the sales tax over a six year term—construction, major capital, reducing tax burden and debt service.
- Use of Revenue – Phase IV Construction (new/replacement) and Renovation, Major Capital Improvement—Roofs, Doors, Windows and Air Conditioners, Reduce Tax Burden from 26 mills to a lower amount (to be determined).
- If the sales tax extension is not considered, the 8% debt strategy or General Obligation Bond would have to be considered for 2016-17.
- Whatever choice the board makes, the district must effectively communicate with the community.

Rev. Collins inquired about the district's debt. Mr. Bobby said it is significant and listed in the budget book. Rev. Collins asked about the statute as it relates to the purchase of food products with food stamps. Mr. Bobby explained. Rev. Collins asked where the bulk of money for capital projects came from. Mr. Bobby said property taxes. Rev. Collins asked if the one cent sales tax pays off the debt. Mr. Bobby said none of it paid off the debt. It allows the district to extend it. Rev. Collins asked which would reveal more revenue—the one cent tax or property taxes. Mr. Bobby said he would have to bring that information back to the Board. Rev. Collins asked about ability to pay down debt. Mr. Bobby said if the district has an opportunity, some amounts could be paid off.

Mrs. Moffly suggested breaking down the deferred capital. Also, she said if there are annual inspections on roofs, the warranties should cover repairs. Mr. Bobby said there is a program that is going to contract to address such issues. Mr. Lewis said the board has done a good job in phasing the building programs to not have everything done at once. At this time, a funding stream is needed for maintenance for the new school buildings coming on now. The district has wiped out the backlog because schools have either been built or renovated. Thereby driving down the maintenance backlog. The district's building program is in good shape. A recommendation will go before the Audit and Finance Committee to identify the amount needed for replacement program.

Mr. Ascue inquired about the current building program and maintenance. Mr. Lewis said he had a recent conversation with former board member Mr. Brian Moody about maintenance on existing buildings.

Mr. Fraser said if the district does not invest in the maintenance of its facilities, the life cycle would be reduced. He said it is cheaper to maintain a building than replace it.

Mr. Lewis said he is involved with the Council of Great City Schools and they produced a white paper to be presented at the conference in November. Many districts across the nation have spent a lot of money on buildings but have not invested in maintenance.

Rev. Collins asked about Fund Balance. Mr. Bobby said fund balance was up because the district has protected it from one time amounts. Utilizing these funds for a one time capital program was not recommended.

Mr. Barter asked if the district has the option of placing the referendum on the ballot in 2014 or 2015. He said it would be wiser to have 2015 as an option. He also said one good thing about it is that tourists pay a portion of the cost of building schools. Mr. Barter suggested that taxpayers hear more about the number of schools built verses the knowing about the amount spent. Also he said because of the growth anticipated, it is necessary to keep building schools.

Mr. Garrett asked Mr. Lewis if he said 30% of referendum amount should be used to maintain existing buildings. Mr. Lewis said the district was benchmarking Wasaau County and it would be transparent by identifying maintenance needs and amounts.

Mr. Fraser suggested the importance of millage reduction.

Dr. McGinley said Mr. Barter's point about focusing on the number of schools built is a good suggestion. Also, she said it is necessary to look at safety, vestibules, air handling, and security.

Mr. Miller spoke of the importance of being transparent and sharing information with the community.

Mrs. Coats said it was the consensus of the Board to use the presentation as a blueprint and have amounts added to it for various projects.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. John Barter

A. Audit & Finance Committee Charter

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the amended September 8, 2008 revised Audit & Finance Committee charter to incorporate finance duties performed by the committee and changes the term of its members from two years to one year and specify Charleston County Board of Trustees. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to remove the word Board from the charter. The motion failed 2-7 (Ducker & Moffly supported the motion).

Mr. Barter said there was already a charter in place. The only change is on page three. He said salary issues are no longer in the charter and will be forwarded to the Policy Committee. Mr. Barter suggested the charter be amended to reduce the term of service to one year instead of two years.

Mr. Ducker asked about the language in the charter. Mr. Barter said it is in the American Institute of Certified Accountants. It is simply a disclaimer that says they hire the auditing firm but are not responsible for them if their work is poor.

Mrs. Moffly said since it's the committee's responsibility, why is the word Board listed. Mr. Barter said it could be taken out, but he would not recommend it. Mrs. Moffly said she wants the Board to have the right to direct the audit. Mr. Barter said if that's the case, he no longer wants to be on the committee.

Mr. Ducker said he is clear now that Mr. Barter explained it. Mr. Garrett said the Board could initiate an audit at any time for anything. However, the person hired is responsible for the technical part of the work.

10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

Mr. Fraser said the Policy Committee will review its charter at the next meeting on November 1, 2013. A recommendation will come before the Board on November 11, 2013.

10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

A. Strategic Education Committee Charter

Mr. Miller said the Strategic Education Committee's charter recommendation will be revised and brought back to the Board for approval due to questions he received from other Board members.

B. Common Core State Standards Community Meetings – Pulled

In response to the Board's request to address the Strategic Education Committee's October 14, 2013 request related to Common Core State Standards community meetings, Dr. Herring said she shared a recommendation with the Strategic Education Committee meeting last week. The full recommendation will come before the Board on November 25th.

- Mr. Ducker said Strategic Education Committee did not vote on the recommendation from the district that was presented at the last committee meeting.
- Mr. Miller suggested this item should be pulled to allow the committee to discuss further prior to bringing the recommendation before the Board.

10.4: Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Tom Ducker

A. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Mr. Ducker presented the following Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Purpose:

To streamline the Board's decision making process and place more emphasis upon the committee structure.

Committee Members: Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. John Barter, Mr. Chris Fraser, and Mr. Craig Ascue

Recommendations:

- **All issues for Board decision must first be reviewed by a committee**
 - Executive session items and items requiring immediate action are excluded
 - Issues not assignable to a committee will be managed by the Board Chairperson
- **Establish an agenda setting schedule**
 - Agenda items must be submitted by 5:00PM on the Monday prior to a Board Meeting
 - Unless agreed by the Board, no additional items may be added after that time.
- **Board members may submit info requests or agenda items for the Board in writing to:**
 - A committee that oversees that area -or, if none exist, then submit the request to the chairperson
 - Four members may also submit a request or an agenda item to a committee or chairperson
 - The committee or chairperson must report to these requests within 30 days

Recommendations:

- **Schedule workshops regularly**
 - Set schedule for half days or evenings
 - Workshops may also be conducted during Board Meetings, if time allows
- **Develop an annual Board calendar of events to include district and community meetings**
- **Modify the charter of the Policy Committee to include personnel matters**
- **Reconstruct the two board meetings to create a monthly Business Meeting and a monthly Academic/Education Program Meeting.**
 - Meeting One: Audit and Finance and Policy and Personnel- matters
 - Meeting Two: Strategic Education matters
- **Other Recommendations:**
 - Modify the Special Recognitions Agenda
 - Limit Board Meeting Special Recognitions to 15 minutes
 - Schedule during the Strategic Education Committee Meeting
 - Include only regional, state, or national honorees
 - Recognize other achievements using -school assemblies, annual award dinners or partnership luncheons
 - The chairperson may deviate as required
 - Task the Strategic Education Committee to review all student transfer requests
 - Informational updates should be provided to members as they are available and not

- just on Friday
- Add an “Old Business” item to allow members/staff to discuss previous issues/decisions
- Retain the “New Business” item to allow members/staff the opportunity to raise new issues for discussion
- **Going Forward**
 - Obtain Board approval to proceed on 10/28 and implement on 11/1
 - Modify policies for Board approval
 - Revise meeting agendas to include:
 - Monday, November 11 will be a Business Meeting
 - Monday, November 25 will be the Academic/Education Program Meeting

Mr. Fraser spoke about the importance of adding items or information after the agenda deadline. He said board agenda items should be pulled if they are not provided on time. Mrs. Coats agreed and said that was in accordance to Board Policy.

Rev. Collins said because the wrong version was provided in the agenda packet, the item should not be voted on tonight.

Rev. Collins asked the goal to have academics at one meeting and policies at another. Mr. Ducker said the goal was to shorten the meeting. Mr. Barter said exceptions could be made when needed. He said the second meeting would allow the Board time to discuss other important topics.

Rev. Collins said the proposal could work. But it has the potential of being disastrous.

Mr. Ascue said while he understood that Rev. Collins didn't want staff to rush through items, the proposal could work. Mrs. Coats said the board has an obligation to attend meetings if they are interested in asking questions.

Rev. Collins asked the history of this model. Then he requested a trial period. Mr. Ducker opposed. Mr. Fraser said if it doesn't work, the board could address the issue, if necessary.

Mrs. Coats and Mr. Ascue agreed that the committee structure is working well at this time.

Mrs. Moffly suggested the recommendation be forwarded to the Policy Committee to change the policy, prior to approval. However, the Policy Committee members disagreed.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the recommendation and address it at the November 11th board meeting.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: A. Low Country Charter School Request to Extend Facilities Use Agreement

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the request for a month-to-month extension of the Lowcountry Leadership Charter School's facility use agreement. The vote was 5-4 (Ascue, Coats, Collins and Miller opposed).

Rev. Collins asked who placed the item on the agenda. Mrs. Coats said Mr. Bobby who the request from the construction company to alter the contract. Rev. Collins suggested that the item should have been directed to the Audit & Finance Committee. Mr. Barter disagreed.

Mrs. Coats asked the original end-date on the current lease agreement. Mr. Bobby said November 13th. Then she said if the lease was pulled to go to a committee that would only give them a two day notice if the recommendation was to end the lease.

Rev. Collins inquired about the terms of the lease. Mrs. Coats said it was a month-to-month lease. That's why they are coming before the Board now to have it altered. Rev. Collins inquired further about why the item was on the agenda. Mr. Fraser said a decision was made when the Board Chair

and Vice Chair met with the Superintendent to review the agenda.

Mr. Fraser said his only reservation is that he asked earlier for proof that the project would be completed on time. To date, he hasn't seen it. The Board was specific in outlining the terms of the lease. The Board said the lease was finite and sixty days. However, he hasn't seen anything factual that would make him think the charter school won't want to be there until February 2014. While he is willing to help, he would like to see the evidence.

Mrs. Coats said while they may not have that evidence. She did some research and a notice was sent to parents of students at the charter school today that says they anticipate an October 30 finish date. They still believe they can be out in time and the lease will allow enough time for them to comfortably vacate the Schroder facility. She said a month to month lease is odd, given that information. Mrs. Moffly questioned why the Board would suggest giving up revenue when the building would otherwise be empty. Mr. Fraser said he didn't say he wouldn't vote for it. He only wanted to make clear that the Board requested that information and it was not provided.

Mrs. Coats reiterated that the request is for a month to month extension and they have not given the district a date when they can anticipate using the building again. Mr. Wilcher said the request was for contingency purposes.

Mr. Ducker asked staff to confirm that they are asking for an extension through December 13th. Mr. Bobby said they approached him to get a contingency plan in place in the event something catastrophic happens to alter their schedule. At that point they indicated that their construction schedule was on time. After seeing the need to plan for the unseen, they decided they needed a contingency plan. While staff developed the plan, the Board could opt to change it from month to month or end the lease on Dec. 13th.

Mr. Barter inquired about the month-to-month lease and how much notice the district would have to give them if termination was being considered. Mr. Wayne Wilcher said a 30-day notice was required. Also, if the lease was being extended for one month only, the district would have to communicate that to the charter.

Mr. Miller inquired about the payment agreement. Mr. Wilcher said the charter met all contractual agreement as it relate to payments, to date.

Rev. Collins asked if the price would remain the same. Mrs. Coats said there was never discussion about increasing the cost earlier. However, the Board could make that decision if the decision is made to extend the lease. Rev. Collins asked about the charter exit date.

Mr. Ascue asked the construction company for proof of the exit date. Representatives from the construction company spoke of the most recent inspection date postponement. Also, they said after receiving a letter from the district's attorney, they made a decision to come before the board for an extension of the lease. They spoke of the ongoing efforts to adhere to the terms of the current lease. They also said it would be easier to stay at Schroder than to find an interim facility if there was a delay in the building schedule. The plan is to move out of Schroder on November 7th and be done by November 13th, if everything goes well with the facility inspection.

Mr. Garrett asked if the amount would be pro-rated. Mrs. Coats said the month-to-month agreement means they will not pay if they are out by November 13th. But they are obligated to paying for a month at time. Also, Mr. Bobby said the district had a right to terminate the lease.

Rev. Collins asked why consider month-to-month if they only need 30 days. Mr. Bobby said they asked for a month extension and staff wrote in month-to-month. However, the he would be willing to amend the lease if that is the wish of the Board. Mr. Fraser said the charter school could come to the board on Nov. 12th to say they no longer need the facility.

Rev. Collins moved to amend the motion to extend the lease until November 30, 2013. However, no one seconded the motion.

B. Consideration Legislative Committee

The Board will discuss the possibility of having a Legislative Committee at a future board meeting.

New Business

1. Mrs. Moffly requested a breakdown of Advanced Placement courses per school and the overall cost to include where students come from.
2. Mr. Barter asked Mrs. Coats and Mr. Ascue to have a discussion with the Superintendent about bringing ideas to the Board she would like to explore to address students that are not making gains.
3. Rev. Collins requested a staff member be assigned to address the Burke issue the parent brought to the Board. Mr. Fraser supported this request and asked staff to identify the 10% of students on the bottom and bring a recommendation of what could be done to close the gap.
4. Mr. Miller said the Health Advisory Committee will meet to discuss a sex education curriculum and bring a recommendation to the Strategic Committee.
5. Mrs. Coats said since Mr. Miller will not be able to attend the SC School Boards Association Conference, should his votes be given to Rev. Collins the alternate or Mrs. Moffly. Rev. Collins said although he is not registered, he will attend the conference.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, at 8:50pm, Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.