

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees of the was held on Monday, February 10, 2014, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – Chair, Mr. Tom Ducker - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Bill Briggman, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mr. Louis Martin, Mr. John McCarron, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance. Dr. Chuck D'Alfonso and Mrs. Audrey Lane were absent.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3:45 p.m.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to go into Executive session at 3:45 pm to discuss Executive Session items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.1: Contractual Matter – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

1.2: Legal Matters – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

1.3: Proposed Revocation of the charter for Apple Charter School – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

1.4: Grade Change for Director of Food Services – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

1.5: Chicora Custodian House – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

1.6: Superintendent's Annual Evaluation Tool

1.7: Early Budget Decisions – Mr. Bill Briggman

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

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the agenda of February 10, 2014 agenda with the following modifications. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to pull agenda items 10.2C, allowing the committee this item because of new committee members; agenda items 11.1A8 through 11.1A11 because they were not discussed by the Audit & Finance Committee; and pull agenda items 11.2A1 through 11.2A6 because of the large financial impact it would have on the 2014-15 budget, further discussion is needed.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications

4.1: A. Teacher Cadets – Wando HS

Ms. Erica S. Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy and Communications, recognized Ms. Betsy Wilson and her Wando HS Teacher Cadets for their passion for education and commitment to teaching. The main purpose of the teacher cadets is to encourage students who possess a high level of academic achievement and the personality traits found in good teachers to consider teaching as a career.

B. Community of Excellence & School of Excellence Awards

Ms. Jane Riley-Gambrell, Executive Director of Communities in Schools and Mr. Jack Mitchell, Communities in Schools (CIS) Board Chair, recognized Principal Miles and Jane Edwards Elementary School. Jane Edwards is one of five recipients of the School of Excellence Award. This is a newly established national honor that highlights the successful implementation of the proven CIS model.

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

The Superintendent shared the following:

- The District's Emergency Management Team, Mr. Jeff Scott, the Director of Security and Emergency Management, and staff members in Facilities, Operations, Food Services and Communications were commended for their leadership during the inclement weather experienced a few weeks ago.
- National Signing Day – Parents, Coaches and others attending the event were thanked. This year 46 student scholar athletes participated in the National Signing Day ceremony. These students will attend college on scholarships. Mr. Spurlock, principals, coaches, teachers and parents were thanked for their efforts in preparing the athletes. Raven Saunders, a Burke HS student, was commended for being recognized nationally as one of the best female shot putters. Oregon, Duke, Louisiana State University, and Virginia Tech are interested in recruiting Ms. Saunders.
- CCSD Board members received information in board's Friday Update on the nominees recognized at the Superintendent's Breakfast last Monday.
- Tonight, a Parent Information Session is being held at Haut Gap to share information on Common Core Curriculum. Other sessions will be held throughout the week.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

It was the consensus of the Board to allow individuals to have 2 minutes each.

1. Mrs. Janice Malone, Principal at Matilda F. Dunston ES, addressed the Board in support of the Fox Lawson Compensation Study recommendation.
2. Mrs. Jane Davis, Principal at Mt. Pleasant Academy, addressed the Board in support of the Fox Lawson Salary Study recommendation.
3. Mr. John Fisher expressed concerns about the possibility of Jane Edwards ES losing another grade level.
4. Ms. Rhonda Hills, a retired teacher and a District 10 Constituent Board member, addressed the Board about District 10 Middle Schools. She supports the change because District 10 continues to lose students. Also she requested financial resources to make the program work and meet the needs of students at all levels.
5. Mr. Rodney Lewis, the District 10 Constituent Board Chair, addressed the Board about the recommendation for District 10 Middle Schools.
6. Ms. Vicki Davidson, a St. Andrews MS teacher, addressed the Board about District 10 Middle Schools. She said a new building is not needed. However, they need resources to expand the curriculum similar to rural schools. She asked the Board to look at the proposal and determine if it addresses all of the needs in District 10.
7. Ms. Rebecca Mercer, a Special Education teacher at St. Andrews MS, expressed concerns about the middle school merger proposal for advanced studies in District 10. She suggested a STEM school, additional resources for St. Andrews MS and West Ashley MS, redrawing the district lines, and a curriculum that would meet needs of all students.
8. Mr. Thomas Colleton, the Constituent Board Chair in District 1, addressed the Board about needs in District 1. He said a new school is needed to prepare students to compete with other CCSD students.
9. Ms. Shorace Guider urged the Board to consider an earlier start time for middle schools. She said the earlier time would allow students that need tutoring services, time in the afternoon for tutoring.

Board Member Elizabeth Moffly said the recommendation was pulled from the agenda to allow the board time to further review the recommendation because of the huge financial impact.

10. Mr. Mark Marchant urged the Board to consider finding a good middle level magnet school to reduce the number of students transferring out of District 1 to other districts.
11. Ms. Harriet Rapinsey, a Haut Gap MS volunteer, addressed the Board about middle school start and end time. She questioned why Title I schools are the only schools with a later start time.
12. Ms. Rosemarie Porter addressed the Board about the start and end times at Title I middle schools.
13. Mr. Duane Smalls, a St. Andrews MS parent, asked the Board to table the merger of St. Andrews and West Ashley Middle recommendation and revisit it when the attendance zone lines are redrawn. He suggested the principals of the two schools work on developing a model middle school. Also, he said since SAMS was renovated 10 years ago, funds allocated for renovation could be used to bring the two schools up to standards.
14. Ms. Audrey Mack addressed the Board about Frierson ES and the plan to take Frierson to the next level. She said the parent survey results support Frierson being a Technology School. However, her concern is that the plan would not bring the school up to level. She questioned the effect one technology teacher would have on bringing the school up to standards.
15. Mr. Ean Tucker, a Haut Gap MS student addressed the Board about middle school start and stop times

highlighting the areas affected—student safety, extracurricular activities and medical appointments. He urged the Board to consider revising the schedule to start at 8am.

16. Ms. Au'Janique Dawkins, a Haut Gap MS student, addressed the Board in support of the recommendation to change the start and end time for middle schools.
17. Ms. Amy McCabe addressed the Board in support of the recommendation for District 10 middle schools. She added that only 46% of students attending middle schools live west Ashley.
18. Ms. Melinda DelMastro addressed the Board in support of the District 10 Middle Schools. She urged the Board to consider the need of a rigorous academic program for middle school students.
19. Ms. Louise Monteith, a Hursey ES parent, addressed the Board about a standalone full Montessori school in the north area. She said a school at a new location would be a waste of money. She urged the Board to consider a full Montessori school at Hursey ES.
20. Ms. Justa Tumminia addressed the Board about middle schools in the West Ashley area.
21. Ms. La'Sonya Blake, a District 1 parent, suggested Board members consider allowing their children to switch places with her children for three months. Ms. Blake read a letter the Office of the Attorney General wrote after the District 1 Constituent Board denied a student transfer request. Then she shared a Nelson Mandela quote—"It always seems impossible until it is done."
22. Mr. Patrick Hayes addressed the Board about executive session agenda item 1.7. He suggested that the discussion should have taken place open session. However, Mr. Emerson told him it wasn't because the intent was to discuss salaries of individual employees. He reiterated that the discussion should have taken place in open session.
23. Ms. Tamara Avery, a CCSD parent, addressed the Board about the District 10 middle school merger. She suggested the merged school would be at capacity if parents in that area opted to send their children there. She urged the Board to take time to make the right decision regarding middle schools in District 10.

Board Member Michael Miller offered his contact information to District 10 constituents to contact him if they wanted to further discuss the District 10 middle school options.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of January 27, 2014

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the open session minutes of January 27, 2014. The vote was 9-0.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of February 10, 2014

The Board acted on the executive session action items of February 10, 2014 shown below.

1.1: Contractual Matter – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Project Lift Off

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the execution of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Meeting Street Group (MSG); with the amendment below. The vote was 7-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed).

Mr. Ducker offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to include verbiage requiring the MSG to bring an operational plan back to the board by March 31, 2014 to include financials, student goals and teacher recruitment. Mr. Ducker said it should be approved by the Board. The vote was 5-4 (Coats, Ducker, Garrett and Wiles opposed).

Dr. McGinley asked Mr. Emerson to respond to the flexibility outlined in School Choice Law. Then she said she supports some of the recommendations and would not want to hold the MSG under the scrutiny of operational issues other choice schools aren't held to.

Rev. Collins questioned why the MSG hasn't held any public meetings to discuss Project Lift Off. Mrs. Coats said there were six public meetings. However, Rev. Collins said those were Board committee meetings. He also expressed concerns about teachers, who are paid with taxpayers' dollars to educate students, not having appeal rights. He said the district has the ability to create any school without the merger. Then Rev. Collins also asked about the discipline process for students enrolled. Mrs. Coats referred him to page 3. Dr. McGinley added that it called for a joint committee with CCSD and the MSG. Then she said expulsion is not a school level issue. Rev. Collins asked about the appeal rights for students. Dr. McGinley said school would address discipline issues. Also, she said this public school would follow CCSD's regulations. If the District is not satisfied with the education provided by the MSG, a termination clause is in the Memorandum of Understanding. Additional

details will be included in the MSG operations plan.

Mr. Miller said Meeting Street Group is already running a good school (Meeting Street Academy). However, Mr. Ducker called for Board approval of the MSG operations plan. And, since it is funded by taxpayers' money, if it is not successful the County Board is accountable to the taxpayers.

Dr. McGinley said page 2 addresses the personnel issue Mr. Ducker asked about earlier. Then she added that if the board did not act on the recommendation soon, the school may not be able to become a reality because they are running out of time.

1.2: Legal Matters – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve a waiver for a make-up day and have the board write a letter to legislators to inform them of the motion. The vote was 9-0.

1.3: Proposed Revocation of the charter for Apple Charter School – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation to revoke the charter for The Apple Charter School. The vote was 8-1 (Collins opposed).

1.4: Grade Change for Director of Food Services – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve recommendation to approve a grade change for the Director of Food Services. The vote was 7-2 (Coats and Collins opposed).

Rev. Collins asked if the change was for one employee or the entire department.

1.5: Chicora Custodian House – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation for the Chicora Custodian House at 1919 Success Street, North Charleston, SC with the amendment shown below. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to amend the motion above to allow the district to bear the closing cost and appraisal costs. The vote was 9-0.

1.6: Superintendent's Annual Evaluation Tool

The Board considered the provisions of a proposed evaluation instrument for the superintendent.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Tool with the following amendments—increasing the weight of the Board's evaluation from 10% to 15% for 2014; reducing people component changing it from 10% to 7% and the Graduation and PASS rates were changed from 6% to 5%. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ducker suggested the Superintendent's Evaluation Tool be adjusted to have a greater impact upon the final result. He proposed that the weight of the Board's evaluation be increased from 10% to 15% for 2014. To accomplish this change Mr. Fraser suggested reducing people component changing it from 10% to 7%. The graduation rate and pass rates were changed from 6% to 5%.

1.7: Early Budget Decision – Mr. Bill Briggman,

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve Scenario One at 50% across the board of the early budget decision for implementing the Fox Lawson Salary Study to include certified school-based instructional staff including teachers, principals, and assistant principals and all other staff. The total amount is \$8,475,000. The funding source is General Operating and SRF funds. The vote was 9-0.

Mrs. Coats suggested that there could be an additional \$3 million which would increase the amount to \$11 million. Mr. Garrett said he preferred this recommendation over the other recommendations.

7.3: Financial Minutes of January 27, 2014

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the financial minutes of January 27, 2014. The vote was 9-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

There was no CAE Update.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

There were no Management Reports.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

A. Audit & Finance Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:
-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
-What is needed to move the item forward?

B. Acquisition of Naviance

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to approve the Acquisition of Naviance for all CCSD middle and high schools. The vote failed 4-5 (Ascue, Ducker, Fraser and Miller supported the motion).

Mr. Garrett said he could not support the recommendation because it is too expensive. Mr. Fraser said the Board should vote on it since the Audit and Finance Committee approved the recommendation. Dr. Herring said the funds would come from Special Revenue, not General Operating Funds.

10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

A. Policy Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:
-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
-What is needed to move the item forward?

B. Donation of Leave Policy

Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to adopt the proposed Donation of Leave policy and simultaneously revocation of the Sick Leave Bank policy. The vote was 9-0.

C. GCCAH Policy – Family and Medical Leave - PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

A. Strategic Education Committee Update

The Committee will provide information and receive input from Board members on the following:
-Items that are currently before the committee that have not been brought forward to the Board;
-Future topics the committee plans to bring forward; and
-What is needed to move the item forward?

Mr. Miller said the School/Community Task Force recommendations were pulled because the Strategic Education Committee didn't have opportunity to review all of the early budget decisions.

XI. RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEWED BY BOARD COMMITTEES

11.1 A. Early Budget Decisions Cover Packet

1. Malcolm C. Hursey ES Curriculum Decision

The Board discussed the community and parent input regarding Malcolm C. Hursey ES. However, no action was taken.

Dr. Winbush shared details from the meeting held last Wednesday. The League of Women Voters tallied votes and Dr. McGinley has the information under lock and keys. Dr. McGinley said she did not open envelope. Therefore, she doesn't know the results.

Dr. Winbush shared details on how the survey was publicized. He said calls were made several times a week starting January and ending February. Mr. Ducker suggested the envelope be opened and the information be shared publicly at this time. Dr. McGinley left the room to get the information. Upon return, Dr. McGinley unsealed the envelope publicly with the actual ballots submitted by parents. Mrs. Coats said there were 72 family votes--53 voted for Montessori and 19 voted for a dual program at Hursey.

Rev. Collins expressed concerns about the survey process.

2. Intensive Summer ELL Program

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Intensive Summer ELL Program early budget recommendation to establish an intensive ELL summer academy in high needs areas. The vote was 7-2 (Coats and Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Coats offered an amendment, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to remove the transportation from field trip transportation and field trip admission. The vote failed 4-5 (Ascue, Collins, Fraser, Moffly and Miller opposed).

Mrs. Moffly said her concern with Mrs. Coats' amendment was that students need exposure. Mrs. Moffly asked why students were struggling if master teachers are in those schools. Mr. Miller said because of the number of ESL students. Mrs. Moffly said she suggested to Mr. Paul Padron earlier that English as a Second Language students would probably understand texts in their own language better.

Mr. Miller said the issue is about summer learning and students going home to non-English families during the summer and losing grounds. This would better prepare them for school. Dr. McGinley agreed with Mr. Miller and said students lose what they gained in the spring and must start over in August.

3. Funding for Additional ELL Teachers – PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore no action was taken.

4. Advanced Placement

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Advanced Placement (AP) early budget recommendation to fund additional positions. The cost is \$1.235 million. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 6-3 (Ducker, Garrett, and Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly said there is a regulation from the State Board of Education on the number of students required to have an AP program because the programs are not free. Dr. McGinley said the district wasn't aware of a number requirement. Mrs. Moffly said she was certain the state board had a discussion on the subject. She also said she was concerned about AP programs at Burke HS where students are bused in for the sake of having a program there and it's getting relatively expensive.

Mrs. Coats asked how many AP teachers were placed at Wando last year. She also mentioned that it is an ongoing expense. Mr. Martin said the allocations provided for Wando and West Ashley HS last year were dollar amounts. Principals took the allocation and added to it for teachers to teach at an additional period during the day. He said teachers were paid to teach during their planning period to stretch the funds allocated further. Dr. McGinley said when she shared the report to the Board there was a huge disparity because some schools don't offer AP courses. The recommendation gives the school a separate allocation for AP teachers. Mr. Martin said since the district's AP program has been very successful the recommendation would address inequities in the district.

Mrs. Coats offered an amendment to place AP teachers in the seven schools only, not in the other 5 schools that already have APs, Mr. Ducker seconded the motion. The vote was 6-3 (Ascue, Collins and Fraser opposed).

Mr. Louis Martin said Advanced Placement programs are working in the schools where there are AP courses.

Mrs. Moffly expressed concerns about the schools identified. Mr. Ascue asked what is needed to prepare student for AP courses. Dr. McGinley said she sat with the Wando AP team and they said community expectation is needed to build expectations. Parents are looking for AP classes. This contributes to exodus out of North Charleston and high transfer rate.

Dr. Herring responded to a question from Mr. Ascue on how to build a pipeline development, stating that the district invested in Project Breakthrough. Also, the District made an investment in the Springboard Program for middle schools. These curriculums are designed to build access.

Mrs. Moffly said as a district the goal is to build a level of expectations if students are interested in taking AP classes. She said if all means all, the level of expectation should be raised. He asked if it is possible to use Skype or other technological ways to serve schools with lower number of

students. Mr. Martin said the AP Anatomy program will be broadcasted from West Ashley HS to St. Johns HS this year via Polycom.

5. Additional CTE Staff – PULLED

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Additional CTE Staff early budget recommendation to fund additional positions. However, during discussion, Mr. Miller said the Strategic Education Committee did not have an opportunity to discuss this agenda item. Also, Mr. Garrett said the Audit and Finance Committee didn't have an opportunity to discuss this item. Therefore, Mr. Fraser suggested the item be tabled to allow time for the Audit & Finance and Strategic Education committees to review the recommendation.

6. Community High School - PULLED

Mr. Miller asked how time-sensitive the Community High School item was because the Strategic Education Committee did not have an opportunity to discuss this agenda item. Also, Mr. Garrett said the Audit and Finance Committee didn't have an opportunity to discuss this item. Therefore, it was determined that these items would be tabled to allow time for the Audit & Finance and Strategic Education committees to review the recommendation.

Dr. Winbush said it was critical to get Board approval soon so a principal could be hired to start in August. Also, he said it is critical because this program would serve those students that are not being served and do not fit the traditional academic plans. He spoke about how students are placed into the program. Dr. Winbush said the plan would reduce drop-out rate and improve graduation rate.

Mrs. Moffly suggested it was a lot of money for only 100 students. Rev. Collins said he likes the idea of having an alternative school. Although he doesn't know the location, he would like the opportunity to have a conversation with Dr. Winbush about the alternative school.

Dr. McGinley said they are looking at having it in a true alternative setting other than a high school setting. This could consolidate the Summit Program.

Mr. Fraser said the Board had already approved \$12 million tonight. He asked the Board to consider collapsing some of the other programs to avoid backing itself into a corner. Mrs. Coats suggested pulling this item from the agenda. Mr. Ducker said he was unsure how the Board would determine which items were most important and he doesn't want to feel pressured into denying the last item on the list.

At this time, Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to pull the remaining Early Budget Decisions because of the total amount funds the Board had already committed at tonight's meeting. Therefore, agenda items 11.1A6, 11.1A7, 11.1A8, 11.1A9, 11.1A10, 11.1A11, and 11.1A12 were all pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Fraser suggested the Board vote on the mobiles at CE Williams Middle. However, Dr. McGinley said 10 mobiles may not be available at this time. Mrs. Moffly suggested a board workshop to discuss Early Budget Decisions. Dr. McGinley supported the recommendation to schedule a workshop. However, she said due to time restraints, some things could not happen in May such as hiring principals. Also, she said the money to train classroom assistants required approval earlier. After discussion, Mr. Fraser agreed to also pull agenda item 11.1A-12.

7. Renaissance Schools: Profession Growth: Trust Fund Proposal - PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

8. District 2 Magnet School - PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

9. Training for Teacher Assistants PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

10. Fifth Quarter Extended Learning Time PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

11. Middle School Transportation Adjustment PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

12. Add Ten Mobile Classrooms - CE Williams MS PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

11.2 A. School/Community Panning Team Recommendations Reviewed by Committees

1. District 1 School and Community Task Force Recommendation PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

2. District 9 School and Community Task Force Recommendation PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

3. District 10 School and Community Task Force Recommendation PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

4. District 23 School and Community Task Force Recommendation - PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

5. District 20 School and Community Task Force - PULLED

The Board received information from the District 20 School/Community Task Force. The final recommendation from the Committee was not available at this time since the next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2014. No action was taken.

6. Suggestions from Other Community Teams

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, this topic was not discussed.

XII. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Project Lift-Off Exemptions

The Board considered proposed exemptions from the law for the Project Lift-Off School.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles, to exempt the Meeting Street Elementary Group (MSEG) from the following statutes: S.C. Code Ann. Section 5-25-410 et. seq. (The Teacher Employment and Dismissal Act) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-26-40(H). The motion was approved 6-3 (Collins, Miller and Moffly opposed)

The School of Choice law (SC Code Ann. § 59-19-350) is the basis for the creation of the school nicknamed Project Lift-Off. It provides, among other things, that a school district may create a school that may be exempted from certain laws that public schools are otherwise obliged to honor. Such exemption is permitted if each law from which exemption is sought is approved by two-thirds majority of the school district's board of trustees and also approved by the S.C. State Board of Education. District staff and MSEG recommend that the CCSD Board approve, by a two-thirds majority, certain such exemptions. This is at no cost to the district.

B. District's Procurement Review Panel

The Board received information on the District's Procurement Review Panel correcting a mistake made in reference to the board representative. On August 12, 2013, the Board selected Mr. Tom Ducker to serve as its representative. However, on December 9, 2013, the Board inadvertently voted a second member to the panel. Therefore, Mr. Ducker will serve as the Board's representative.

Mr. Ducker stated for the record that he was willing to have the Board vote on the recommendation again.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

13.1: Citizens on Committees – Mrs. Coats

The Board discussed the adding community members to Board Committees. Mrs. Coats said notices will go out this week regarding having citizens serve on Board Committees. Mrs. Moffly said she wouldn't want citizens to hold meetings in absence of CCSD board representatives. Mrs. Coats said that would not happen. Then she said the Audit and Finance charter has a provision that says its members would be voted on by the Board.

At 8:12 p.m., Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to adjourn the February 10, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.