

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees of the was held on Monday, February 24, 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, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Craig Ascue and Mr. Tripp Wiles participated telephonically. Mr. Chris Fraser was absent.

Mr. Craig Ascue and Mr. Tripp Wiles called in at 5:20pm to vote on OS agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:30 p.m.

Mr. Miller 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: Student Transfer Request (2013-14)

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

OPEN SESSION

5:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Coats called the February 24, 2014 Open Session meeting to order at 5:18p.m. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to adopt the February 24, 2014 agenda. The vote was 6-0 Mrs. Coats announced that Mr. Ascue and Mr. Wiles would be calling in to vote on agenda items.

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

There were no special recognitions to come before the Board at this meeting.

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

The Superintendent shared the following:

- The 4th Annual Teacher Gala was held this past Saturday. Approximately 1,000 guests attended the gala and everyone had a great time. It was really a magical night for teachers and principals. Ms. Anita Huggins, the Director in the Office of Teacher Effectiveness, was recognized. Dr. McGinley said Ms. Huggins and Mrs. Lori Bates brought the idea to her five years ago. She willingly considered it because they said it would not cost the district money, but raise money for the district. This event has helped the district raise over \$100,000 to support the Charleston Educator Symposium. After sharing pictures from the gala, Dr. McGinley said an official report on the gala would be made to the Board in a few weeks. Also, she said, hopefully board members would attend the gala next year if it's not held the same time as the School Boards Association Conference. The gala planning team members were thanked for their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile. Business and community partners were also thanked for showing their support by purchasing tickets, donating their time, treasure or talent.
- The Office of Teacher Recruiting held its first Historically Black and Hispanic College and University Symposium on the College of Charleston campus last week. The purpose of this event is to improve the recruitment of teachers of color. Representatives from eight universities and colleges across the Southeast spent Friday touring many CCSD schools to learn more about our diverse student needs. Matching educator diversity to student diversity is a district goal and this event assisted the district in reaching that goal. Dr. McGinley shared the racial status of CCSD's principals, assistant principals and teachers.

- Dr. McGinley and Bill Lewis witnessed the last beam being inserted into place on Saturday at Sullivan's Island ES. The school will have an ocean and environmental theme and will open August 2014.
- Stall HS Principal, Kim Wilson, was recognized as the SCSCA Principal of the Year. Most recently he was honored by the City of North Charleston Mayor, Keith Summey. February 14, 2014 was named Kim Wilson day in North Charleston for his work.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Terri Dixon, a Zucker teacher, addressed the Board about the bus schedule in North Charleston. She suggested all other schools start time be adjusted to start the same time as Zucker MS.
2. Ms. Evelyn Reddy addressed the Board in support of the West Ashley MS/St. Andrews MS merging proposal.
3. Mr. John Fisher, a volunteer at Jane Edwards ES, addressed the Board in support of the District 23 Task Force recommendation that would keep Jane Edwards open. Busing students is a hardship that would affect students academically. Jane Edwards is the most successful school in District 23. That is because Susan Miles and staff, along with the extraordinary community support make the school what it is. Jane Edwards is faced with a third loss of students and competition from a charter school. However, once the school gives the community hope, they will rise to the occasion and get enrollment up.
4. Mr. Chris Ogeltree addressed the Board about start and end times of Title I Schools. He urged the board to consider adjusting the school day to an earlier time.
5. Chaplain Richardean urged the Board to support the District 23 Task Force recommendation.
6. Ms. Shirley Gaillard urged the Board to support the District 23 Task Force recommendation.
7. Ms. Katie Kooter addressed the Board about the District 10 merger. She asked about the allocation and when the money would be available. She said average learners were not addressed in the merger plan. She said the recommendation would not do anything for the students currently attending the school, but only address the needs of high achieving students.
8. Ms. Jacqueline Jenkins addressed the Board in support of the merger of the District 10 schools if a curriculum for non-gifted students is considered.
9. Mr. Joel Brick addressed the Board in support of the merger of the District 10 middle schools. He said there is some apprehension about opening it in 2015.
10. Ms. Shanta Barron Millan, Chair of the District 23 Constituent Board, inquired about funds they would receive from the collaboration of Lowcountry Charter. Also, she addressed the Board about the recommendation from the District 23 Board she said the Constituent Board and community supported the task force recommendation. She mentioned the individuals that addressed the board at the recent workshop in opposition of the SCTF recommendation. She urged the Board to approve the Task Force recommendation.
11. Dr. Clifford Fulmore, the SC PTA president and a Charleston County resident, addressed the Board about the recommendation for District 23 schools.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1: **Open Session Minutes of February 10, 2014**
Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the open session minutes of February 10, 2014. The vote was 6-0.
- 7.2: **Executive Session Action Items of February 24, 2014**
The Board voted on the following executive session action items of February 24, 2014.
 - 1.1: **Student Transfer Request (2013-14)**
Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve two non-resident student transfer requests to remain in CCSD school for the remainder of the 2013-14 sy. The vote was 6-0.
 - 1.2: **Legal Matters – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel**
The Board discussed legal matters in Executive Session. However, no actions were taken.
- 7.3: **Financial Minutes of February 10, 2014**
Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the financial minutes of February 10, 2014. The vote was 6-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

There were no Charleston Achieving Excellence updates.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

X. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 A. Meeting Street Education Group – Operational Plan

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the Operational Plan from the Meeting Street Group in regards to Project Liftoff. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Note: Mr. Ascue and Mr. Wiles voted telephonically. Mr. Wiles hung up after voting on this item.

- Mr. Ducker referred to page 36 under the Executive Committee. It was determined that it would be revised to say through the executive committee.
- Mr. Ducker asked about page 37 – appeals to the new executive committee, not CCSD. It was determined that it would be adjusted to say it goes before that committee before coming before the Board.
- Student expulsion appeal section would also be modified to say City of North Charleston and not the City of Charleston.

Dr. Schroder said the school intends to follow state law and follow policies and regulations in accordance to CCSD. The additional layer would simply be to place those individuals in front of the MSEG Executive Board.

- Rev. Collins asked about the appeals for readmitting CCSD students that have been expelled. Dr. Schroder said, as mentioned earlier, MSEG would follow the same appeals process as CCSD. The only exception is that their governance board would review the process first. But CCSD policy would remain in place. Rev. Collins asked if students could appeal to CCSD Board. Mrs. Coats said MSEG would review the appeal. However, students would follow the CCSD Policy for expulsions. Dr. Schroder said the student appeal section in the operational plan would be clarified. Rev. Collins commended them for submitting their operational plan on time.

B. Academic Calendar – 2014-2015 School Year – Dr. Lisa Herring

Mrs. Moffly and Mr. Ducker expressed concerns from the Teacher Alliance group about having three days teacher workdays instead of having three days for professional development workdays (August 11th – 15th). They want the three consecutive days identified for professional development days on Calendar B changed to a teacher workday.

Mrs. Coats asked if it was legal to eliminate a professional workday to allow time for a teacher workday. Dr. Herring said she would check on the minimum and maximum number of days required. Mrs. Coats asked if trainings had already been arranged on any of the days identified. Dr. McGinley suggested the professional development days should not be reduced said since there were six workdays and four professional development days. Mrs. Moffly said Teacher Alliance is asking for more teacher workdays to prepare their room for the start of school. Dr. Herring said she make the teacher workdays and professional days consecutive. However, the days identified for professional development are the only days prior to the arrival of students to prepare teachers for the delivery of instruction. She understands the need to have classrooms ready. However, that time is needed for professional development. Mrs. Moffly said she would like to honor the Teacher Alliance request.

Mr. Miller requested information on the number of professional development days that are required. Mrs. Coats asked if the Board wanted to table this item until March 10th. Dr. McGinley suggested time for staff to get answers before the end of the Board meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the board revisited the Academic Calendar for 2014-15 with information that was requested earlier. Dr. Herring said the minimum number is three days. There are four days selected in Options A and Option B. She asked the Board to consider option B. She shared information on the survey responders—500+. She said professional time prior to the beginning of the school year allow teachers to prepare for the start of school.

Mr. Miller asked what would happen if the beginning of the school year days were adjusted. Dr. Herring said it is critical preparation for the start of the year.

Dr. McGinley suggested a compromise. Then she recommended Aug 11th and 12th be Professional Development days and August 13th would be ½ day for PD and ½ day teacher workday. The board approved the recommendation to approve Option B of the Academic Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. The vote was approved 5-0.

Note: Rev. Collins and Mr. Garrett did not vote since they were not in the room during the vote.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

11.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Todd Garrett

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?

Mr. Garrett said he did not have a committee update. However, he asked the Board committees consider the old Oakland facility for Orange Grove ES. Mrs. Moffly suggested it be placed on the Audit and Finance Committee agenda. Mr. Garrett said he would.

B. Vacant Seats on the Audit & Finance and Charleston Educational Excellence Financing Corporation (CEEFC) Board

Mr. Garret moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the recommendation to appoint Ms. Susan Leadem to fill the vacant seat on the Audit & Finance Committee and Mr. Abraham Keating to fill the vacant seat on the Charleston Education Excellence Financing Corporation (CEEFC) Board. The vote was 7-0.

C. Request to Purchase Technical Assistance and Staff Development Services from Education 1st

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation to purchase technical assistance and staff development services from Education 1st. The amount is \$63,503. The funding source is Palmetto Priority Grant funds. The vote was 6-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Coats asked if it was a one year expense. Mr. Garrett confirmed that it was only for one year.

D. Maintenance Support for RFID Security Systems

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the purchase of maintenance support for the RFID Security Systems from 3M Library Systems. The cost is \$45,000 per

year. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 7-0.

E. Purchase of Curriculum for Head Start

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the recommendation to purchase the Creative Curriculum Daily Resources for all Head Start classrooms. This is a comprehensive research-based curriculum designed to help educators at all levels of experience plan and implement developmentally appropriate content rich program for children with diverse backgrounds and skill levels. The cost is \$116,000. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 6-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Ruth Taylor said the Audit & Finance Committee reviewed and approved the item earlier. Rev. Collins asked how long the company providing the materials had been used. Mr. Garrett said this is the third curriculum purchased for HeadStart in three years. He requested this be the last one to be purchased.

Mr. Miller asked how often it is purchased. Dr. McGinley said this is a different curriculum targeting different skills. She agreed with Mr. Garrett's comment about the number of curriculums that have been purchased. She said it is necessary to look at upgrading the credentials and training of all early learning teachers including Head Start. That will be addressed through a future recommendation.

Mr. Miller said he and Mrs. Ruth Taylor were interviewed on Friday morning for compliance of the Early HeadStart grant. The district isn't where it needs to be but its making gains and strides ensuring that Board members are receiving the training required for Board members. In the near future Mrs. Taylor will update the board on where the district is and what needs to be in compliance.

F. One Year Contract Extension – RFP 7038

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to amend the recommendation from staff for the Board to approve a one year extension with no further extensions. The district will solicit requests for proposals. The amount is \$200,000. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 7-0.

Rev. Collins said when he came on the CCSD Board SCSBA said two years was a good number of years for audit companies. He said this is the seventh year the same company was recommended. Also, Mr. Garrett said Greene, Finney, and Horton said to contact them if there were questions. Rev. Collins said they were a good company, however, he wanted the bid open to the public.

11.2: Policy & Personnel Committee – Mr. Tripp Wiles

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?*

There was no update since Mr. Fraser was absent.

11.3: 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 he did not have a Strategic Education Committee update.

XII. RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEWED BY BOARD COMMITTEES

12.1 A. Early Budget Decisions Cover Packet – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

1. Funding for Additional ELL Teachers – Mr. Paul Padron

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Funding for Additional ELL Teachers early budget recommendation. The funding source is General Operating Funds in the amount of \$632,000. The vote was 7-0.

2. Additional CTE Staff – This item was pulled during the 2/19/14 Board Workshop. Therefore, no action was taken.

3. Community High School – Dr. James Winbush

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to table the Community High School and request a comprehensive review of all alternative program data with the Community HS is considered. Mr. Ascue asked that cost be attached to all the programs. Rev. Collins added possible location options for the new Community HS. Mr. Garrett asked what could be cut from the budget. Dr. McGinley said she would update the Alternative Task Force information and bring it to the Board to show what is being proposed. Also, she said Clark is not located in a area where most students live. This item was approved by consensus.

Dr. McGinley said the intent was to establish a low cost alternative school close to where students live. Mrs. Moffly suggested the district consider partnering with Trident Tech to address the needs of overage students.

Rev. Collins shared his concern to establish a Community HS with Dr. Winbush. His concern is that the program would not have an impact all students. He expected a program that would provide a lot more. Dr. Winbush said the program was designed to serve pregnant teenagers, dropouts, and those that do not fit into a traditional program. The program combined adult education, traditional and alternative. Rev. Collins said he agreed with the effort to get drop outs to re-enter school. However, he felt some principals will send students with discipline problems there and the program won't meet their needs. Dr. McGinley said the details of the program were thoroughly discussed at the recent Board workshop. It is not a discipline school but a second chance high school. She added that a number of students need to work to add to the family income. The flexible schedule allows some students to work part of the day and gives flexibility to students with babies. About the board's fear that the school would be viewed negatively, as a discipline school, Dr. McGinley said the district will do everything it can to follow the program guidelines and ensure that only a small percentage of students are referred as a result of expulsion. The district has studied this for years and they know there are many students in high schools that are two to three years overage for their grade. They deserve a different setting. A traditional school does not fit the category for those over the age of 18. And, the law requires the district to educate students up to 21 years of age. With discipline referrals, the students would have to have the sign-off and cooperation of their parent.

Dr. Winbush reiterated that it's a good program. Rev. Collins asked if it should be a career school to train students for careers. Dr. Winbush said that's a component in the recommendation.

Mr. Ducker said rather than voting no, he would like a comprehensive report of all services provided at alternative schools. Dr. Winbush said he would be happy to bring it. However, he said, a report of all alternative would include students in other categories that are served.

Rev. Collins said he isn't against the program. However, he felt Liberty Hill and Daniel Jenkins should be able to serve them. Dr. Winbush said Liberty Hill is a special education program and Daniel Jenkins serves younger students 12-16 years old.

Mr. Miller said while he appreciates the concept, he would like to take a closer look at a program that would address overage students and end the cycle of having overage students without the possibility of not graduating or being on grade level in the area of reading. Mr. Miller also suggested staff look at why students aren't achieving in high schools. Dr. McGinley said that's why the Literacy Program was developed four years ago and the students served have higher reading scores. The district can only teach students if they come to school. And, if it is the Board's desire to have information on alternative programs, there is a comprehensive Task Force Report that covers it. She said the district is trying to get students off the streets and give them some career counseling.

Mr. Garrett said 133 students are at Clark and the school has 206 seats. He said he would like to fill the seats and give the school its own BEDS codes. He said it would allow the district to better attract students.

4. Renaissance Schools: Profession Growth: Trust Fund Proposal – Dr. Lisa Herring

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to **not** to approve the recommendation to invest in the addition of Chicora ES for the Renaissance Schools Initiative. The vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Coats said since the program has not been in place a full year, they prefer waiting to see the results.

5. District 2 Magnet School – Mrs. Terri Nichols

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the recommendation to hire a principal for District 2 Magnet school beginning August. The amount is \$112,421 – General Operating Funds. The vote was 4-3 (Collins, Ducker, and Miller opposed).

Mr. Garrett said he would oppose the recommendation if the district is trying to replicate Buist. Mrs. Coats said there would be a future discussion about the type of school the Board wants.

Rev. Collins asked what the full amount was for the District 2 Magnet School. Mrs. Coats said the item was revised at the workshop to only hire a principal at this time. Rev. Collins asked what the principal would be doing. Dr. McGinley said the principal will put the details of the program together—planning, testing, and marketing it to the community and begin hiring staff at the second part of the year. Also, she said putting the program together, planning the curriculum, renovating the building is a full time commitment. Dr. McGinley

said the principal will create any prototype for any future school going forward in other parts of the county. Therefore, the individual hired will have a full time job doing the planning beforehand. Rev. Collins asked if the school would have testing for admissions. Mrs. Coats said that isn't known at this time since it was pulled at the recent Board workshop.

Mr. Garrett reiterated that the details were discussed at the workshop. Then he said the seats are needed for an elementary school. He said he is against testing for the school because it would be detrimental to the other elementary schools in the area. To permit testing for four year old students to enter kindergarten isn't a good idea. Dr. McGinley said the district isn't advocating for testing of four-year olds.

Rev. Collins said he wants to see the budget impact of the whole program. Dr. McGinley said previously there was a budget. Now the school may have a different entrance requirement, they don't have the numbers. Mr. Ducker called for the question.

6. Training for Teacher Assistants – Dr. Lisa Herring

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the recommendation for training for teacher assistants. The vote was 5-2 (Garrett and Moffly opposed).

7. Fifth Quarter Extended Learning Time – Dr. Lisa Herring

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to not approve the recommendation for Fifth Quarter Extended Learning Time in the Innovation Zone Learning Community. The cost is \$309,000. The funding source is General Operating funds. The motion failed 1-7 (Moffly supported the motion).

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the recommendation for Fifth Quarter Extended Learning Time in the Innovation Zone Learning Community. The cost is \$309,000. The funding source is General Operating funds. The vote was 6-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mr. Miller asked about the success of the Fifth Quarter Program. Dr. Winbush said the program runs 20 days each summer. He said years ago there were nine failing schools in the Innovation Zone, today there are only two. They have had the Fifth Quarter program for three years now. This will be the fourth year and students attending are improving. All the students are at-risk students grade three through eighth. They are already projecting 400+ students in the Innovation zone. Their focus is reading, writing, math, and arts.

Mr. Miller asked how many students were in the program in previous years. Dr. Winbush said the program has grown from 175 to 320 in previous years. The intent is to increase the number of students to 400+ this year since a new school was added. Students are tested before the class and after. There are four classes – Reading, Writing, Math, and Arts. Rev. Collins said initially he didn't support it. Now that he has seen the results, he would support it. The program starts at 7:30am and ends at 1pm.

Mrs. Moffly said this program is growing even through there is a Literacy program. Mrs. Moffly said the work should be done during the regular school day.

Dr. McGinley said summer learning loss is a serious problem for students that don't have books or are exposed to learning opportunities. The data shows success with a population that hasn't been successful. She said spending \$650 per student is less than \$900 or \$10,000 which is the cost for a student that has to repeat a grade level. She said it's a small investment. The district is working in the Literacy Academy. However, for those students who don't receive help at home, it's a good environment. Mrs. Moffly mentioned a Harvard Study called "burnout from no timeout." She said funds should be used to send students to summer camp and give students exposure to the world.

Mr. Miller asked for demographics of students. Dr. Winbush said they have 4,000 they come from at risk Title I schools and have issues in reading or MAP. It is mainly a male population. He said while some parents don't agree about summer school. It is working. Summer learning has proven to be a success. Mr. Miller asked about the success rate for the 325 students that attended the program last year. Dr. Winbush said Mr. Ducker asked for the info. He submitted it. Of the 325, only 27 were retained and 6 of them didn't attend school.

Mrs. Moffly asked the grade level.

Mr. Garrett said it's a good recommendation if the money could come from the existing budget. Also, he said the amount voted on for AP classes was more than needed. He asked if that money could be used. Mr. Bobby said because a lesser number of teachers the total cost was reduced. However, no money was saved.

Mrs. Moffly suggested Board members take a reading test to determine their grade level.

8. Middle School Transportation Adjustment – Mr. Michael Bobby

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to **delay** the recommendation to change the Title I Middle Schools' Bell Times of 9am - 4pm to 7:30pm – 2:30pm until March 10th to get information on consulting services. The vote was 7-0.

Dr. McGinley said the F&A asked that the district look at the entire plan for the district. However, Mr. Bobby said he didn't have the staff available to look at redesigning the bus schedule. She said staff will attempt to bring a recommendation in the future to address some of the concerns heard from visitors. Mr. Bobby said he will make a proposal for a comprehensive schedule and bring a short term solution that would be less expensive. The recommendation made earlier involved additional buses. Mr. Bobby said he will bring something to the Board on March 10th. However, it may not be all the board wants. He plans to bring the recommendation for someone to do the study.

Mr. Garrett said the Board voted on \$2.135 million for AP at the last meeting. If it is less, he wants staff to bring something to the board clarifying the amount.

Rev. Collins said two years ago, he addressed this concern. He wants at least one to two schools addressed next year and others addressed in the future. Mrs. Moffly agreed with Rev. Collins.

9. Add Ten Mobile Classrooms - CE Williams MS – Mr. Michael Bobby – Moved to

12.2-3 to allow the Board to discuss the District 10 Task Force recommendation first.

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the recommendation to add capacity to CE Williams MS by purchasing and placing eight mobile classrooms (four double), relocation of two mobile classrooms (one double) and purchase a mobile bathroom. The Fixed Cost of Ownership, upfront purchase and placement cost is \$1.1 million; FF&E - \$120K; and \$35k annual operations. The vote was 6-0. Note: Mrs. Moffly did not vote since she was out of the room.

12.2 A. School/Community Planning Team Recommendations Reviewed by Committees

1. District 1 School and Community Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, the District 1 School/Community Task Force recommendation to move the District 1 sixth grade to Lincoln, adopt an environmental theme with a STEM focus, and provide a new facility, contingent upon funding. The vote was 5-2 (Coats and Garrett opposed).

Mrs. Moffly offered an amendment to the motion to identify funding to say contingent upon funding in the extension of the next sales tax program. Mr. Ducker accepted it as a friendly amendment.

After discussion, Mr. Ducker refused the friendly amendment. Then Mrs. Moffly offered a new amendment to say provide Lincoln HS a new high school contingent upon funding.

Mr. Miller said the Board should not revise the School Community Task Force recommendation.

Mrs. Coats offered another friendly amendment to say provide details at an upcoming workshop. However, it was not accepted.

Mr. Ascue asked Mrs. Moffly to proceed with caution and not to put herself in a box. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Garrett to tour the school to see the HUGO line that still exists. Students in Awendaw deserve a state of the art facility. Mr. Miller said because this is a small school, it doesn't mean they deserve less. Dr. McGinley said it would leave the impression that if a one-cent tax go forward, the expectation is that it will be approved. She said as Mr. Bobby suggested, all capital projects should be considered at once.

Mrs. Coats said if the one-cent sales tax extension is not approved, that means, Lincoln would not be built. Mr. Garrett shared statistics in Lincoln and downtown area. While he is not saying not to build a new school, however, there is no sustaining population to build a new school. Therefore he could not support tying it to the sales tax extension until there is a viable program at Lincoln HS because they are getting far more resources than other schools.

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the District 1 Constituent Chair, said his board is scheduled to review 70 student transfer request to transfer students from St. James Santee and Lincoln HS. Also, Mr. Colleton read a letter requesting a student transfer from Lincoln to Wando.

Mrs. Coats said building a new facility doesn't build a program. Rev. Collins said since spending \$20,000 per student, what would be the cost to place the students at Lincoln. Dr. McGinley said it would be hard to justify putting in majors. She said the compromise would not be to rebuild a career academy at Lincoln. Mrs. Coats called for a decision.

Mr. Garrett asked the rate of financing capital project and terms. Mr. Bobby said there is still an intention to do three things, continue master building program, be able to reduce property tax by paying off long term debts, and have a stream of funds for capital maintenance. Mr. Garrett said to build a school for 138 students is absurd. He said it would be incredibly expensive to provide a new school for such a small number of students. Mrs. Coats said as discussed at the workshop, they must encompass options. The vote is that there needs to be a capital improvement in this area.

Rev. Collins asked what could be done to attract more students in that school. Mrs. Coats said the Task Force recommendation addressed that. Mrs. Moffly said Mr. Lewis shared census data and living/attendance data at the recent Board workshop. The number of people living in that area that they don't send their kids to the public schools. Those that send their kids to public schools send them to larger schools. Kids commute for more opportunities. This is the only school district that still funds small schools. Berkeley and Dorchester schools have closed their small schools. There is only one small school still open—Cross HS and that's because of the distance. Mr. Lewis said Berkeley and Dorchester schools are much better school districts because they made the hard decision to close small schools to eliminate them and isolated schools. He said Mr. Garrett made a valid point. Dr. McGinley said the recommendation from the SCTF, they support some of what they are asking for. All of the capital has to be made that the one cent tax has to be approved and its necessary to look at all projects across the district. She recommended the capital projects be placed in a big pot and reviewed all together.

Mrs. Coats said this was a short-term recommendation meaning no school would be built by August. Mr. Ascue said the Board should limit recommendation only to what could be done in one school year.

Rev. Collins said the facility is needed but he wants details on the building plans. Mr. Ascue said they'd have to receive input from the the community to determine the scope of the project

Rev. Collins asked about making the school more attractive. Mr. Lewis said the choice of Wando is not the same as Lincoln.

Mr. Bobby said every SCTF element could be a building capital project. He suggested the independent decisions be lessened by allowing some things to happen in the spring.

Mrs. Moffly called for the question.

2. District 9 School and Community Task Force Recommendation

FRIERSON - Mrs. Coats suggested voting on Angel Oak and Frierson separately. Then

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation for Frierson ES. The vote was 7-0

Mr. Miller said Frierson ES situation was similar to Lincoln HS. The area is growing slowly and parents are constantly leaving.

Dr. McGinley said Frierson is on Wadmalaw. Angel Oak is on Johns Island and it doesn't have an enrollment problem. The SCTF recommendation would bring the school up to the level of other partial magnet schools.

Mrs. Moffly suggested the recommendation for Angel Oak be approved for one year and re-visited next year. Mr. Lewis said Angel Oak is in the building program and there is no space or swing space. He said renovations should be completed first to not inconvenience folks during construction.

Mr. Lewis said Angel Oak is a "pod school". That means it doesn't have the space needed and there are limitations on what could be done in that building.

Mrs. Moffly initially suggested adding 3 teachers--music, arts, PE/Drama at Angel Oak next year.

Dr. McGinley said schools are treated equitably. Mrs. Terri Nichols, Associate Superintendent, said this year they have an arts and dance teacher. The enrollment is 300-400 students. They would probably need less than a teacher point to have a full time art and music teacher. Then the principal at Angel Oak said they have .6 music, .8 PE and .6 art teacher. There are 406 students so they are at capacity. Dr. McGinley said one FTE would allow Angel Oak to have a full time music, art, and PE teacher and an extra \$40,000 would be needed for a full-time dance teacher. That could be paid for out of Rural School money.

Rev. Collins said he supports the original recommendation. Mr. Ducker asked about equity with dance programs across the district. Mrs. Nichols said he would check to ensure that there is equity.

ANGEL OAK ES

After discussion, the Board decided to delay the decision and send the Board an update on what other partial magnets receive.

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to postpone or delay approval the recommendation for Angel Oak to allow staff to bring a study of what all partial magnet schools allocations as well as facility information for Angel Oak to the Board on March 24th. The vote was 7-0.

3. District 10 School and Community Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the District 10 School/Community Task Force recommendation to merge West Ashley MS and St. Andrews MS for 2014-15.

The merger included a staffing program as defined by the staffing plan. In addition, there are \$3.4 million of estimated capital improvements that would be completed over a 2-3 year period. Capital items are identified as well. The vote was 6-0. Mrs. Moffly did not vote since she was out of the room.

Mr. Miller added that a strategic team should be developed to structure the new merger school. Mrs. Coats said Mr. Rodney Lewis, the District 10 Board chair, will identify individuals to include Ms. Mary Runyon, Ms. Kathy Lewis, Ms. Barbara Williams, Mr. Dave Spurlock, Mr. James Braunreuther and others. Mr. Padron said if the District 10 SCTF recommendation is approved, they'd get started soon. Mr. Padron responded to questions about allocations. He said the allocations would be combined. The program will only one additional pathway would be added. Then he spoke about the core content. Mrs. Coats suggested Mr. Miller review Mr. Padron's springboard. Also during discussion, Mr. Ducker said he would forward Ms. Kooter's email to Mr. Padron.

Rev. Collins asked what would happen when the schools merge. Mr. Padron said the only requirement is to add the accelerated program to the traditional school. Rev. Collins asked if the school would be renamed. Dr. McGinley said that hasn't been considered.

4. District 23 School and Community Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the District 23 School & Community Task Force recommendation (below) for reorganization for the 2014-15 school year. The vote was 6-0. Note: Mrs. Moffly did not vote on this item since she was out of the room.

The recommendation was to close Blaney ES at the end of this school year, re-draw the attendance lines between E.B. Ellington and Minnie Hughes, and divide the students at C.C. Blaney between the two schools. Jane Edwards and Minnie Hughes 6th graders and all rising 6th graders would attend Baptist Hill Middle School. C.C. Blaney would be re-opened as a school for advanced placement in 2015.

5. District 20 School and Community Task Force

The Board received information from the District 20 School/Community Task Force. However, no action was taken.

6. Suggestions from Other Community Teams

The Board reviewed suggestions from other community teams. Those suggestions are in the green notebooks provided to the Board earlier.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:39p.m.