

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING AGENDA

75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401



A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, March 25, 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. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Ericka Taylor, and Mr. Padron were also in attendance.

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

At 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to go in Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1.1: Charleston Charter School for Math & Science Renewal Agreement

1.2: District 23 Board Vacancy

1.3: Personnel Matter

OPEN SESSION

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

At 5:15pm 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. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a motion to adopt the March 25, 2013 agenda with the following amendments. The vote was 9-0.

- Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to move agenda item 11.1D Rural Schools up on the agenda immediately after the Superintendent's Report. Rev. Collins asked if that was permissible. General Counsel John Emerson said it was. The motion was approved by consensus.
- Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to change to 10.1 B Budget Amendment FY 2013 to a discussion item. The motion was approved by consensus.
- Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to move agenda 10.1F Request to Purchase Staff Development Services move to Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by consensus.

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

- **4.1: A. Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation** The Office of School Counseling presented a Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
 - **B. CCSD Academic Bowl Recognition** The CCSD Academic Bowl finalists were recognized by the Board. The Exchange Club presented checks to the teams. The winners were: 1st Place Wando HS, 2nd Place James Island Charter HS, 3rd Place Academic Magnet HS, and 4th Place School of the Arts. Ms. Sarah Greenburg a coach at Stall HS was also recognized.
 - **C.** AmeriCorps/Project Hero Recognition The Board recognized AmeriCorps Members with Project Hero. District employees who work with AmeriCorp were also recognized.
 - **D. SC Education Oversight Committee Recognition of West Ashley HS Culinary Student –** Roskyn Coll, the culinary student that won 2nd place in the video contest sponsored by the Education Oversight Committee on Innovation, was recognized in her absence.
 - **E.** Recognition of Carolina Middle School Science Bowl Winners The Board recognized Haut Gap Middle School team for winning first place in the Carolina Middle School Science Bowl. They will travel to the national championship in Washington DC.
 - **F.** House Resolution Presentation Former Board Member, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, was presented a resolution from the SC House of Representative.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

• St. Andrews Middle hosted the state Odyssey of the Mind Competition where primary, elementary, middle school, high school, and college students competed to solve problems in technology, drama, and structure building. Congratulations to St. Andrews who placed first in both the Technical and Structural problems,

- and West Ashley Middle who placed second in the Drama problem.
- Dr. Nelson was recognized for organizing the Second Annual Girls Summit: Raising Successful Daughters in the 21st Century two week ago. The summit had a resource fair for parents and daughters and was an impactful event from start to finish.
- Dr. McGinley reminded everyone about the District's social media presence Face Book and Twitter and invited to sign up to receive timely information.
- An "app" called Common Core Standards is available online for free from app stores or from Mastery Connects. This app makes it easy to access the standards for all grades from any mobile device. It includes synthesized College and Career Readiness Standards for Language Arts and traditional and integrated pathways for Math. Parents were encouraged to download and use with students.

Mrs. Moffly inquired about a Legislation decision to reverse the Common Core Decision. However, it was determined that legislation had not been approved at this time.

Agenda item 11.1D was moved here:

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to reverse the decision the Board approved on January 28, 2013.

Mrs. Coats asked if the intent was to stop scheduled construction projects. Mrs. Moffly said it was necessary to have community engagement to receive input from the James Island community. Mr. Ducker asked if the motion was inclusive of the Head Start decision. Mrs. Moffly said at a Board Workshop, the Board recommendation to staff was to investigate. Rev. Collins said the decision made on January 28th was a bad one and the recommendation should have been broken down into individual parts. Mr. Fraser agreed. Then he asked Mrs. Moffly to amend motion to separate the motions.

Dr. McGinley also responded to questions about the Community Task Force stating that it replaced the Neighborhood Planning Team. The Board added some positions and that was shared with Constituent Board. That was the construct to enable Community Task Force. The only activity involving students is the actions for District 1 and District 23 student movement.

Mrs. Coats read the following motion approved by the Board on January 28, 2013:

District 1:

- Grow St. James-Santee to become a PK-8 school in 2015-16. Testimony from parents indicates a greater likelihood to keep students in if this is a PK to 8 school.
- Allow St. James-Santee to keep 6th graders and add in 7th grade in 2013.

District 3:

- Head Start remains in annex while Murray LaSaine ES goes through building renovations to facilitate the maturation of the Montessori program in the new building.
- Murray LaSaine ES moves into swing space at James Island ES in summer 2014.
- James Island ES will take Murray LaSaine ES students who do not opt for Montessori program.

District 23:

- For 2013 move 6th grades to Baptist Hill MHS.
- As of 01/02/13 projected enrollment for Jane Edwards Elementary for 2013-14 is under 100 students in grades PK-5.

Mrs. Coats said the Community Planning Team was not a part of the recommendation. However, it was incorporated per Mrs. Moffly's inquiry.

Mr. Fraser said he was prepared to make a motion regarding District 1 and District 23. However he didn't feel it was fair to change the District 3 motion since it wasn't properly noticed. Rev. Collins suggested the Board going to Murray LaSaine to receive input from that community.

Mrs. Coats said the motion on the table from Mrs. Moffly would reverse all of the decisions approved earlier. Mrs. Moffly said she only wanted to vote on decisions related to District 23, District 1.

After Mrs. Moffly withdrew her motion, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to reverse the grade configuration decisions made January 28th (6th grade in District 23, transferring students to St. James Santee in District 1). The motion was approved 9-0.

Mr. Barter asked if more sixth grade classes should be established in District 23 or should students have the option of going to Baptist Hill HS since teacher contracts issuance is approaching in April and given the existing concerns about middle school in District 23.

Mr. Miller said at the last District 23 community meeting parents expressed concerns related to having sixth grade students on a high school campus (Baptist Hill HS). He said more engagement with 4th and 5th grade parents was needed. Mrs. Coats agreed and suggested that at this time it could a monetary issue. Then she asked if it should be an action item on the next board agenda. Mr. Fraser said he would support it. Mrs. Moffly said she would also like to move in that direction. Mr. Miller said he wouldn't want the majority of MS teachers housed at Baptist Hill High. He preferred having the number of teachers determined by student enrollment. Mrs. Coats said student enrollment would determine teacher assignment.

At this time, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to establish a voluntary sixth grade class at Baptist Hill HS. The motion was approved 6-3 (Collins, Miller and Moffly opposed).

Rev. Collins said the decision approved by the Board may have an impact with low student enrollment. However, Mr. Ducker said it would give parents a choice to keep students at elementary schools or move them to Baptist Hill HS. Mr. Barter added that the offer to Jane Edwards and other District 23 schools is an opportunity to select a more integrated Middle School.

Dr. McGinley said she shared the configuration for sixth grade in a separate building at Baptist Hill HS campus with the Board at a recent workshop. Parents could schedule visits to review Baptist Hill HS option. Mr. Ascue inquired further about educating students at Baptist Hill HS. Dr. McGinley said only a small number of teachers would have to be added to Baptist Hill HS since middle school certified teachers are already there.

Rev. Collins asked about courses offered to students at Lincoln and said staff should present the plan of courses at schools before the Board votes on the decision.

Mrs. Coats said she wanted the same level of quality for all sixth grade programs. Dr. McGinley said Middle School certified teachers are not in elementary school settings. It would be difficult to have the four content knowledge teachers in a school with only one sixth-grade class. Then she said when grades 6-8th are in the same setting, they would have the content courses.

Mrs. Moffly said she prefer having sixth grade students in elementary schools because that is a critical time for students whose hormones are raging. Mr. Barter said he, Mr. Ducker, and Mrs. Moffly support the same level education in rural school environments. He requested the information from staff in an upcoming Board Update.

Ms. Kala Goodwine, Principal at Baptist Hill Middle High School, addressed the Board in support of having sixth grade at her school. She said elementary school teachers can't offer what Middle/HS setting could offer in the program of studies. She commented on virtual courses and foreign languages offered and said while the community buy in is appreciated Baptist Hill Middle High is prepared to offer the best Middle School education in District 23.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Ms. Anne Knight Watson expressed concerns about grade configurations in District 1 and questioned why configurations weren't done earlier when the McClellanville Middle School was closed.
- 2. Dr. Dilligard announced the formation of the new Coalition of Citizens for Schools that Work (CCSW), a group that was organized to address common issues and concerns regarding the operation of schools in CCSD. The group is an outgrowth of the Burke High School Foundation which initiated a project to address the future of Burke High School. The purpose of CCSW is to ensure that all children in CCSD receive the best education possible and that all students have equal and equitable access to a quality education. CCSW is composed of representatives from neighborhood/community associations, alumni associations, community foundations, constituent boards, civic groups, and interested persons.
- 3. Ms. Matasse LeQue, a member of the Coalition of Citizens for Schools that Work, addressed the Board about the new plan for Burke and urged the Board to consider all students in the plan to include those currently enrolled at Burke and those residing in the neighborhood. She further urged staff to consider needs of students and provide summer school or after school curriculum to make Burke HS competitive.
- 4. Ms. Sara Mack, a member of the Coalition of Citizens for Schools that Work, asked the Board to consider

proposal regarding making Sanders Clyde a stand-alone school. If the school is changed, Bay Side students would have to be bused to Chicora and not be allowed to attend the school in neighborhood. She also commented about the division of seats at Memminger to provide 1/3 for MUSC, 1/3 for District 20, and 1/3 for countywide and questioned why African American students were being bused elsewhere.

- 5. Rev. John Paul Brown expressed concerns about inequality in CCSD. He suggested staff arrange a series of meetings at the schools.
- 6. Mr. Robert Grant expressed concerns about busing students from Frierson. Mrs. Coats said the current Board has not discussed closure for Frierson ES.
- 7. Ms. Jenny Lackie and Mr. John Fisher thanked the Board for reversing the January 28th decision
- 8. Ms. Audrey Lisborn Mitchell Math & Science addressed the Board about the continuation of the Art of Reading Camp Program sponsored by the YWCA.
- 9. Ms. LaQuana Smith addressed the Board in support of the Art of Reading Camp Program at Mitchell ES.
- 10. Jim Marianski a resident of Sullivan's Island appealed to the Board to reverse the decision about Sullivan's Island ES.
- 11. Ms. Barbara Spell addressed the Board urging reconsideration of the proposal for Sullivan Island ES. She urged the Board to insist that Town Council allow residents the opportunity to vote.
- 12. Ms. Janice Chisolm addressed the Board about Edith L. Frierson ES about plans to close the school and bus CD students to another school. She said in 2009-10 the sixth grade was taken away and Haut Gap became a partial magnet reducing student enrollment at the school.
- 13. Mr. Thomas Colleton thanked the Board for reversing the District 1 decision. He said they have joined forces with Coalition of Citizens for Schools that Work because they have similar concerns. He expressed concerns about the composition of Community Task Force and suggested having more than one member of the Constituent Board on the Task Force and said it was a conflict of interest to have principals making decisions regarding their schools.
- 14. Rev. Alonzo Washington said schools and churches are the landmarks of communities. He cited race and economic concerns related to school closure. He urged the district to consider all students in decision making.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: A. Open Session Minutes of March 11, 2013

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the Open Session minutes of March 11, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

Mrs. Moffly identified a correction for agenda item 7.1—stating that in the last sentence the word should be state standards, not curriculum.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of March 25, 2013

The Board voted on Executive Session items of March 25, 2013 which follows:

1.1: Charleston Charter School for Math and Science Renewal Agreement – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to Renew the Charleston Charter School for Math & Science Renewal Agreement, with the following three stipulations. The vote was 9-0.

- 1. Increase the insurance for Charleston Charter School of Math and Science up to \$5 million as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement.
- 2. Increase class size with the understanding that it would be within the existing facility.
- 3. CCSMC must provide annual reports on performance measure in alignment with Vision 2016 and a report on diversity in the school.

1.2: District 23 Board Vacancy

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to direct the constituent board to re-advertise the District 23 Constituent Board vacancy. However, after discussion Mrs. Moffly withdrew the motion.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to postpone the decision until the first Board meeting in May and have General Counsel John Emerson see if the individual is willing to resign from the other political office position to serve on the constituent board. The vote was 8-1 (Coats opposed).

1.3: Personnel Matter

The Board discussed a personnel matter in executive session.

7.3: Financial Minutes

The Board approved the Financial Minutes of March 11, 2013 and received updates of the Financial Minutes of November 12, 2012 and December 10, 2012 shown below.

A. Financial Minutes of March 11, 2013

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Financial Minutes of March 11, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ascue asked about 10.1G annual subscription amount. Mr. Bobby said the subscription is for one year only and he was hopeful about a long term solution to fix the internet problem.

B. Financial Minutes of November 12, 2012

The Board received the Financial Minutes of November 12, 2012 as information.

C. Financial Minutes of December 10, 2012

The Board received the Financial Minutes of December 10, 2012 as information.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1: A. Head Start February 2013 Financial Report – Dr. Lerah Lee, Executive Director – Early Childhood Education

The Board received the Head Start February 2013 Financial Report as information.

Mr. Steve Markiew said the district is 75% through the grant period and is right on target. There are no major issues or concerns at this time. Mrs. Coats asked if this is a rollover grant and why all the budgeted funds weren't used. Markiew said this is the second year of the grant and adjustments were made earlier that created credits. He said they are working their way through the process to see if adjustments are needed since this is the first year and a learning curve.

Mr. Garrett asked about the Early Childhood curriculum. Dr. Lee said the creative curriculum is used for infants and toddlers. She said Mr. Markiew spoke earlier about CD/HeadStart collaboration teachers. Then Mr. Garrett asked if students were tracked from HeadStart all the way through school. Dr. Lee said they are working to provide a seamless approach from Head Start through the elementary grades. The primary academy process is new but they are working on a way to monitor achievements.

Rev. Collins asked about Early Childhood capacity. Dr. Lee said 1,145 students are enrolled in HeadStart and Early Childhood. That is their funding capacity. Rev. Collins asked if there could be more space next year. Dr. Lee said that is the maximum number of students they can enroll. Rev. Collins suggested growing the program. Dr. McGinley said it could be expanded outside of HeadStart but it would require more funds and space. Mr. Barter said the District could expand the program outside of HeadStart.

Mrs. Moffly said at a recent workshop it was mentioned by Dr. McGinley that research has proven that there is no benefit to the program. She said the program was basically a "babysitting" program which is expensive. Then she asked about the funding match by CCSD and if it included facility and transportation. Dr. Lee said the 20% match is approximately \$2 million. Dr. Lee said while there are long term benefits, the most important part at this point is social/emotional development and that is a key predictor for academic success. Therefore it is necessary to build the foundation early to avoid a struggle later on.

Mrs. Moffly said research to prove that the earlier children institutionalize the more behavioral problems they will have earlier on. Mr. Barter and Mrs. Coats reminded the group that the financial report was the only thing being reviewed at this time. After Mrs. Moffly said decisions about the future of the program need to be considered; it was determined that it was a topic for a future Board workshop.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee - Mr. John Barter

Rev. Collins left the meeting at 7:35 pm. Therefore, he did not vote on the remainder of agenda items listed below.

A. Funding for Fixed Cost of Ownership Needs for Fiscal Year 2014 & Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2013A and

Series 2013B - Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve a recommendation to adopt the resolution approving the Spring 2013 Bond Anticipation Notes Series 2013A in the amount of \$33,000,000 and Series 2013B in the amount of \$25,000,000 to fund projects identified by staff. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ducker asked how amounts were determined. Mr. Bobby said projects estimates came from facilities folks, Construction Managers, and technology staff. After Mr. Bobby said these are high level estimates he said concerns with any could be directed to him. Mr. Ducker asked why stadium light funds are identified for James Island Charter. Mr. Bobby said because they have needs in that regard. Other larger amounts would be identified in the next building program.

Mrs. Moffly asked if some projects listed would come up for replacement in the next building program. Mr. Bobby said the things identified are things that could be done now. There are far more projects and if anyone feels that something else should be considered, they should call it to his attention. Mr. Bobby said no contract is being awarded to anyone at this time. Mr. Bobby said approval of this item gives the board the opportunity to get the money in hand. If the Board desires to review the list further, they must do so soon, preferable at the next Board workshop, since the intent is to get the work done this summer.

B. Budget Amendment FY 2013 – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations Note: Changed to a discussion item.

The Board discussed the recommendation to pay the step increase for 2012-13 to the administrative staff who were included in the pay for performance group as identified in the original budget resolution and who otherwise would have received a second step increase if not exempted from the same by the action of specific to administrators pay for performance concept. The payout amount is \$18,931.85 plus benefits at 23.7% for a total of \$23,418.70.

Mr. Barter said thirty five were identified and twelve of thirteen are considered for pay for performance. The Audit & Finance Committee will review further and bring a recommendation forward. No action was taken since this item was changed to a discussion item.

Mr. Fraser said he is disappointed that there is no plan at this time due to the change in philosophy. Mr. Garrett said he supports evaluation and Pay for Performance starting at the top and working to the bottom. Mrs. Coats said it is clear that the tangible goal has not been reached and she would like to see tangible evidence.

Mr. Ducker asked about the plan for evaluation and what will be different next year as opposed to previous years. Mr. Barter said it would be discussed and reported out at a future meeting. Dr. McGinley said she was not a part of discussion. However, Mr. Bobby shared some hurdles to make it happen. She said awarding the 13 was going to be the basis for future decisions. She said the results would be provided until the test scores are received. She said the issue was that the 13 were being treated different from others. Mr. Barter invited the Superintendent and Board members to attend the Audit & Finance meeting to discuss this topic and asked Mrs. Portia Stoney to include information available in the Friday Update.

C. Modification of Approved Project List under the Qualified School Construction Bond Program – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, approval of the allocation of remaining Qualified School Construction Bond funds for projects listed below. The funding source is Qualified School Construction Bond Program. The vote was 8-0. Note Rev. Collins left earlier, therefore he did not vote on this item.

- Renovation of student restrooms at Lincoln HS.
- 2. Replacement and repair of the Laing MS roof along with other appropriate building envelope repairs to ensure integrity with respect to water intrusion to include appropriate flashing, potential tuck pointing and sealing, windows, and doors.
- 3. Expansion of the training room at Wando HS to support the sports medicine program, a career technical education program offered at Wando HS.

Mr. Ascue asked if some projects could be moved from the FFE to QSCB. Mr. Bobby said it could be moved, but some projects weren't eligible for QSCB. He didn't suggest the Board move in that direction because he didn't see anything on the FFE list that is eligible for QSCB. Mr. Ascue

asked about the field house at Baptist Hill HS. Mr. Bobby said the list of projects is what the Board voted on earlier and the field house was not included in the project.

D. Montessori Community School of Charleston (QSCB) – Trident Construction Change Order No. 004 (Cooling Tower) for Approval – Mr. Bill Lewis, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve a recommendation to award a change order to Trident Construction to provide a cooling tower for the Montessori Community School of Charleston and Springfield ES common/shared area, in the amount of \$229,955.83. The funding source is Qualified School Construction Bond Program. The vote was 8-0. Note Rev. Collins left earlier, therefore he did not vote on this item.

Mr. Ducker asked if Trident bid on this project. Mr. Lewis said it is designed to accelerate a cooling tower. Mr. Lewis said the intent is to accelerate the project.

E. Montessori Community School of Charleston (QSCB) – Trident Construction Change Order No. 005 (Soil Mitigation Earthquake Drains & Surcharge) for Approval – Mr. Bill Lewis, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve a change order to Trident Construction for a soil mitigation program (installation of earthquake drains & surcharge) for Montessori Community School of Charleston & Springfield ES common/shared area, in the amount of \$433,569.31. The funding source is Sales Tax funds. The vote was 8-0. Note Rev. Collins left earlier, therefore he did not vote on this item.

F. Request to Purchase Staff Development Services

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a recommendation to approve a contract request and funding to purchase services from EDUCATE 1st. The funding source is Federal Funds. The amount is \$59,000. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Note: This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

10.2: Policy Committee - Mr. Chris Fraser

A. Second Reading Policy BBAAA - Constituent Board Powers and Duties

- Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the second reading of Board Policy BBAAA – Constituent Board Powers and Duties. The vote was 8-0.

B. Second Reading Policy GCKBA - Transfer of Administrative Staff - Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the second reading of Board Policy GCKBA – Transfer of Administrative Staff. The vote was 8-0.

C. Second Reading Policy GCQC- Resignation of Teachers – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the second reading of Board Policy GCQC – Resignation of Teachers. The vote was 8-0.

D. Second Reading Policy KB- Parental Involvement in Education – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the second reading of Board Policy BBAAA – Constituent Board Powers and Duties. The vote was 8-0.

Mr. Fraser suggested modifying item to bring back to board before promulgated.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: A. Approval of Academic Summer Camp Expenditures through Title I Funding – Mrs. Michele English Watson, Ex. Director of Federal Programs

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve a recommendation to approve academic summer camp expenditures through Title I funding. The cost is \$491,050. The funding source is Title I funds. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed)

Mrs. Michele English Watson shared information regarding the Kaleidoscope Summer Camp goals, research, and implementation.

Mrs. Moffly asked if parents could opt out on the testing and said students were over tested. Mrs. Watson said the test is to identify the student level and said it is not a comprehensive test.

Mr. Ducker said he wanted to see the Summer Camp results. Mrs. Michele English-Watson said it was

required since they are using Federal funds. Clemson would do the evaluation.

Mr. Miller asked about University Instructors. Mrs. Michele English-Watson said they were identified and utilized during No Child Left Behind. CCSD teachers would be hired and paid to tutor students.

Mr. Barter said he wants to see program evaluation for its effectiveness.

Mrs. Coats asked about Kaleidoscope. Mr. Tom Widlowski said it was a fee based program. Mrs. Coats asked about the 5th QUARTER program. Mrs. Michele English-Watson said 5th quarter would target middle and high school students. The summer program would target elementary students. The Summer Program is a parent choice program.

Mr. Ascue asked how many students targeting. Mrs. English Watson said 900. Mr. Ascue said he liked the layout of the academic program.

B. Purchase of DIAL 4 Assessment – Dr. Lerah Lee - Executive Director – Early Childhood Education

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve a recommendation to purchase DIAL 4 assessment. The cost and funding sources are shown below. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Fund 100 (GOF) \$11,300
Fund 340 (EIA) \$27,000
Und 841 (Head Start)....\$24,930
Total \$63,230

Mr. Miller asked about the process and asked if it would be changed. He spoke about her daughter's testing experience citing that she was handed off to two strangers for testing. Also, he said the results were never shared with him. However, upon his inquiry, he learned she scored too high but still did not receive results. Dr. Lee said the process has not changed over the years but could be reviewed with staff. But teachers are friendly and inviting and they do an effective job of explaining the process. However, she will investigate to see if there are gaps. Dr. McGinley said she appreciates the input and would look at changing the process more child-friendly to make children feel safe. Mr. Fraser said he received similar input from a constituent about testing for a magnet school.

C. James Simons Historic Marker - Mr. Bill Lewis, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to place a State Historic Marker on the campus of James Simons ES and hold an unveiling ceremony on April 12, 2013, at no cost to the district. The vote was 8-0.

D. Small Rural Schools

The Board discussed and voted on reversing the Next Step – Board Recommendations from November 28th Board Workshop: Under-enrolled Schools – action item of Jan 28th moving 6th grade from Lincoln to St James Santee and moving the 6th grade from Jane Edwards to Baptist Hill MS.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a motion to reverse the January 28th decision to move the 6th grade from Lincoln to St James Santee and move the 6th grade from Jane Edwards to Baptist Hill MS. 6th grade from Lincoln to St James Santee and moving the 6th grade from Jane Edwards to Baptist Hill MS. The Vote was 8-0.

E. Request to Purchase Staff Development Services (Previously agenda item 10.1F).

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a recommendation to approve a contract request and funding to purchase services from EDUCATE 1st. The funding source is Federal Funds. The amount is \$59,000. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Note: This item was moved during Approval of the Board agenda.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. The motion was approved by consensus.