# April 26, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, April 26, 2010 in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were also in attendance.

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

Board Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to accept the new agenda and convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

# **Executive Session Agenda Items**

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
1.2: Student Expulsion Appeals
1.3: Acquisition Strategy for Soliciting and Awarding
Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Projects

1.4: Contractual Matters1.5: Appeal Hearing1.6: Legal Matters1.7: Personnel Matters

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson – Mrs. Jordan called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

# III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION 3.1: Parent University

The Board recognized Parent University volunteers and participants. Among them were representatives from Select Health of South Carolina, Piggly Wiggly, Barnes and Noble Book Store, Jim & Nick's Barbeque, Muhammad Mosque of Charleston, Robinson's Chiropractors, CCSD employees and other community members.

# IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 4.1: Superintendent's Report

# Dr. McGinley shared the following:

The district's report card was released recently and for the second straight year, the overall rating was "Average" but the growth rating changed to "At-Risk." The growth rating mirrored a statewide trend and was largely due to a dip in high school end of course exam scores, which dropped about three percentage points. This is something the district must concentrate on—along with closing the achievement gap--through aggressive initiatives like the new district-wide Literacy Plan. On a positive note, 47% of the district's students now attend "Excellent"-rated schools, compared with only 19% of students statewide. Combining this data with the district's

PASS scores and AYP trends, there is obvious signs of progress, while also recognizing that there is much, much more work to be done.

Funding, as always, is a major issue. A series of public budget meetings were held last week and the goal over the next couple of months is to engage the public and staff on how to absorb a possible \$21 million shortfall with the *least* impact on teachers and students. The District was cut to the bone in recent years with furloughs and other spending controls, so there are few options and everyone's help and creativity is needed to balance this budget and maintain progress. This is an absolutely brutal financial year. Dr. McGinley asked anyone and everyone who cares about public education to stay tuned to the issues, and vote and advocate for policies and lawmakers who support schools.

The District will present its recommendation for the temporary relocation of four schools that were seismically studied and found to have life safety issues. Staff will also present the District's recommendation and information about financing. Before doing this, the Superintendent reiterated, that it is a moral imperative and life safety issue. Between the last Board meeting and now, staff did a lot of work ironing out issues, getting public feedback and answering questions to have a clear-cut funding plan that puts the students in each of these schools on a fast track for a return to safe, renovated facilities. In arriving at this recommendation, every stone downtown has been overturned to determine the financial and logistical feasibility of alternative options, and based on the facts, staff's recommendation include the best, most viable short-term options for these schools.

At this time, Mr. Meyers stated, for the record, that the \$21 million shortfall is from the state level. Also, Mrs. Green said the shortfall mentioned is General Operating Funds. In response to questions from Mrs. Kandrac regarding the District's Report Card, Dr. McGinley said the Literacy Plan would address that issue. Dr. Rose also responded to Mrs. Kandrac question about graduation stating that last year's graduation rate was 71%. However, she was unable to respond to Mrs. Kandrac's request to predict this year graduation information.

# V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

# 5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

- 1. Mr. Park Dougherty asked the Board to approve Charleston Math & Science Charter School middle school expansion request, address the seismic issue at Rivers and prepare the school for 400 students to attend school there. He added 4 additional classrooms were needed to house 100 more students.
- 2. Mr. John Freedy urged the Board to carefully weigh the seismic information for Buist Academy.
- 3. Ms. Jameshia Mears, Ms. Shorace Guider, Mr. Jerod Frazier expressed concerns regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy teachers being told in February that they would have to re-apply for their jobs.
- 4. Mr. Mohammed Idris addressed the Board regarding the recent seismic study and relocating students from downtown schools.
- 5. Mr. Philip Overcash and Mrs. Laura Overcash expressed concerns about relocating students from Memminger to the Brentwood campus. They said based on the Memminger parent survey, parents don't want to relocate students and additional time is needed for further discussion. Mrs. Cash urged the Board to keep Memminger students downtown because relocating students may impact the school's enrollment. Therefore, wasting the Global Studies program investment.

- 6. Mr. Mark Brandenburg said while the recent seismic study provided new information that is more specific, the district has known about its seismic issue since 1999 (Citadel Info). He cited that the district's reaction is because of liability.
- 7. Dr. Barbara Dilligard addressed the Board on behalf of the Burke High School Foundation asking the Board to approve the foundation's request Historical Marker request which is on the Board's agenda. She also told the Board that two \$10,000 scholarships will be offered to Burke High School students this year and the foundation's commitment for future scholarships.
- 8. Ms. Elizabeth Compton, a Buist parent and civil engineer, urged the Board to consider identifying swing space for Buist students closer to Charleston since approximately 77% of Buist students are from other areas.
- 9. Ms. Julie Hussey addressed the Board regarding relocation of Memminger. She asked the Board not to relocate students from Memminger to Brentwood without a solid return plan. She also added relocating the school will interrupt the school's global focus efforts.
- 10. Mr. Kenneth Sellers expressed concerns regarding reduced school allocation for Greg Mathis Charter. He urged the Board to reconsider payment of amounts due to the district and said the reduced allocation would make it impossible for the school to adhere to the district's payment schedule.
- 11. Ms. Ashley Jennings, an architect, addressed the Board regarding the seismic study. She suggested the Board delay its decision if doubt exists. She also said if mold existed in areas identified for swing space, three months is not enough to address the mold issue.
- 12. Mr. David Hudgins and Mr. Todd Leghfield urged the Board to delay its decision on relocating Buist until a more logical plan is developed to avoid the long distance students will have to travel.
- 13. Ms Lisa Bullard and Ms. Mary Elise Marcy asked the Board to support the middle school expansion for Montessori Community School.
- 14. Ms. Diedre Brown addressed the Board regarding a student transfer to Laing Middle. Ms. Brown was referred to Dr. Brenda Nelson.
- 15. Mr. Audreas Maas addressed the Board regarding the seismic study for Buist Academy. Mr. Maas spoke of daily risks and said "too short planning leads to failure". He urged the Board to develop a better plan and not rush to a hasty decision.
- 16. Ms. Shari Andes addressed the Board in opposing recommendations made as a result of the seismic study for James Simons.
- 17. Ms. Kyle Lahm, a representative of the Mayor's Office of Youth and Families, expressed concerns about the use of School of the Arts facility to house students from schools with seismic issues. She urged the Board to use the Bethune campus to house Charleston Progressive Academy. She also expressed concerns about decisions related to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.
- 18. Mayor Joseph P. Riley who arrived later during the meeting commended the Board on finding the best solution to address seismic issues in downtown schools. He urged the Board to consider everything possible not to harm the relationship of students, parents and staff. He said the board must address distance and a return plan which are all difficult. Mayor Riley spoke of a solution noting, no parent input has been received, moving James Simons and Memminger to a playground owned by the City. However, the City will do whatever is necessary to keep peninsular students close. He urged the Board to push harder and take time necessary to make the right decision. He closed by stating the City will cooperate in any way it can.

## VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of **March 22, 2010**. The motion was approved 9-0.

# 6.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 26, 2010

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session:

**1.1: Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approve student transfers A, F, G, H, M, N, O, P, Q, R, T, V, X, Z and CC; student transfer appeals C, D, I, J, K, L, S, W and Y were denied. Student transfer appeals B, E, and DD subject to No Child Left Behind approval and U, AA, and BB approved, subject to forty new 6<sup>th</sup> grade spaces at Moultrie which will be chronologically assigned. The vote was 8-0-1 (Kandrac abstained).

Also note, Mrs. Kandrac requested the Board vote on each transfer individually. However, since the Board did not support her request, she abstained.

**1.2: Student Expulsion Appeals** – The Board identified a date to hear student expulsion appeals and acted on seven appeals (below) heard earlier by a Board committee.

Student Expulsion appeals heard Monday, April 12, 2010

- a. The Board approved a motion overturning District 10 Constituent Board's expulsion decision, reinstating the student to West Ashley Middle School on Board probation. Student must also successfully complete a drug and alcohol program recommended by the district.
- b. The Board approved a motion upholding District 3 Constituent Board's expulsion decision to assign the student to Jenkins Academy for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year on academic probation. Upon completion of the Jenkins Academy program, the student would be permitted to return to his home school, if he is not involved in any incidents at Jenkins Academy.
- c. The Board approved a motion overturning District 2 Constituent Board's expulsion decision and assigned the student to Laing Middle School for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year on strict probation.

Student Expulsion appeals heard Monday, April 21, 2010

- d. The Board approved a motion overturning District 2 Constituent Board's expulsion decision, allowing the student to apply to the Summit Program or a Virtual Program for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The student is prohibited from entering the school or school grounds for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Student may return to Wando during the 2010-2011 school year on Board probation.
- e. The Board approved a motion overturning District 2 Constituent Board's expulsion decision, allowing the student to apply to the Summit Program or a Virtual Program for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The student is prohibited from entering the school or school grounds for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Student may return to Wando during the 2010-2011 school year on Board probation.
- f. The Board approved a motion overturning District 2 Constituent Board's expulsion decision, allowing the student to apply to the Summit Program or a Virtual Program for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The student is prohibited from entering

g. The Board approved a motion overturning District 2 Constituent Board's expulsion decision, allowing the student to apply to the to the APEX Program Initial Credit Program at Wando. The student is prohibited from entering the school or school grounds, except for business purposes—student must be accompanied by his parent. Student will not be permitted to march at graduation with the senior class.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the Board committee's recommendation on the seven student expulsion appeals shown above. The motion was approved 9-0.

The Board also agreed to hear student expulsion appeals on Monday, May 3, 2010 starting at 2:30 p.m.

# 1.3: Acquisition Strategy for Soliciting and Awarding Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Projects

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of staff's recommendation to grant exemption to the CCSD Procurement Code, and approval to solicit bids on a limited basis to the following general contractors. The motion was approved 9-0.

- 1. General contractors previously pre-qualified for construction projects under the 2005-2009 Building Program or
- 2. General contractors currently approved for Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (I.D.I.Q.) construction projects, or
- 3. General contractors having performed satisfactorily on CCSD construction or renovation projects within the last three (3) years of similar nature, scope, complexity with a contract award amount \$2,000,000 or greater.

#### 1.4: Contractual Matters

A. Charleston Charter School for Math and Science Charter Amendment – The Board approved the request from Charleston Charter School for Math and Science to change in the number of students in two grade levels shown below, at no cost to the District. The motion was approved 9-0.

2010-2011 Projected Enrollment	2010-2011 Amended Enrollment
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 40	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 60
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 60	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 60
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 60	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 60
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 80	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 80
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 80	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 80
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 80	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 60
Total Number of Students – 400	Total Number of Students - 400

B. Contract award for CCSD Storage Area Network (SAN) – *A recommendation to approve the contract award for CCSD Storage Area Network* – The funding Source is FY2010 Fixed Cost of Ownership Funds up to \$140,000. The Board approved the contract award for CCSD Storage Area Network. The vote was 9-0.

# 1.5: Appeal Hearing

The Board discussed a request for an appeal hearing for Buist Academy. The Board approved a motion to overturn the District 20 Constituent Board's April 14, 2010 admission decision for Buist Academy. The motion was approved 9-0.

### 1.6: Legal Matters

The Board discussed legal matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

**A.** Gregg Mathis Charter – The Board will identify a date to hear the appeal requested by Gregg Mathis Charter.

#### 1.7: Personnel Matters

The Board discussed personnel matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

## 6.3: Financial Minutes of March 22, 2010

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the financial minutes of March 22, 2010, 2010. The motion was approved 9-0.

## **VII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE**

# 7.1: North Charleston High School TAV Results

Mrs. Juanita Middleton, principal at North Charleston High School presented the school's TAV Results to the Board. Mrs. Middleton shared six challenges identified by the SACs and TAV teams and strategies put in place to address issues identified. In response to an inquiry from a Board member regarding the school's report card, Mrs. Middleton said students are scoring high and passing their courses. Additional help is provided for those failing their courses. She said this year's HSAP score is 57.4 - standard; Math 47.3. However, the intent is to significantly improve the scores. In response to a question from Rev. Collins about the number of students who will graduate, Mrs. Middleton said out of 170, approximately 150 will get a diploma. Mrs. Jordan thanked Mrs. Middleton for her leadership and the improvements made at North Charleston High since the school was reconstructured last year. Mr. Ravenal said Mrs. Middleton does a good job and success follows her.

## 7.2: Sixth Grade Academy Update

Dr. Gepford presented an update on Sixth Grade Academy to the Board. He said  $6^{th}$  Grade Academies will be located in each zone. Students from West Ashley Middle and Burke Middle (56 students) will share a combined  $6^{th}$  Grade Academy; Haut Gap - 14 students; James Island Middle - 12 students; Wando South - 27 students.

At a recent job fair, 42 candidates were identified for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Academy. He went on to say he was impressed with the candidates and that the intent is to have the best candidates throughout the district. Selecting students this year is important to maximize intervention services provided by Voyager and others. He shared mid-year progress and said the MAP test is not the primary measure because of teaming. The PBIS Team is working with behavior issues and they are seeing progress. Dr. Gepford responded to a number of questions from Rev. Collins and Mrs. Kandrac regarding restructuring decisions, assessment tools, and use of a Reading Specialist with a Masters in Reading. Mrs. Jordan requested information be provided at an earlier time to avoid last minute decisions. Rev. Collins suggested more time be allotted to allow the program to develop. In response to data Rev. Collins cited regarding progress being made at the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy, Dr. McGinley asked Dr. Rose to validate the data.

## **VIII: MANAGEMENT REPORT**

# 8.1: Capital Projects Report for February 2010

The Board received the Capital Projects report for February 2010 as information.

## 8.2: Capital Plan Options

Mr. Michael Bobby presented Capital Plan Options to the Board. Mr. Bobby shared the three parts which he said created the whole picture.

- 1. Relocation could costs up to \$1.85 million are funded through Bond Anticipation Note. Any increase would require an amendment to BAN Resolution at the 4/26 Board meeting.
- 2. Defining Independent Return Strategies (Seismic Relocation)
  - Two "Return Strategies" are shown below.
  - The differences revolve around the use of Rivers site and 75 Calhoun.

School	Туре	Return Strategy 1 (Not Recommended)	Return Strategy 2 (Recommended)
Memminger	Elementary	Original site	Original site
James Simons	Elementary	see Rivers	Original site
Buist	Elementary: county- wide magnet	to 75 Calhoun	Original site
Charleston Progressive Academy (CPA)	Elementary: county- wide	Original site (not a complete rebuild)	Original site (not a complete rebuild)
Rivers	Was Middle/HS and now Charter for Math & Science (funded from 2004, 2005 and 2006 for portion of project)	Upfit for Math/Science Charter and add a wing for James Simons, which becomes a Montessori school	Upfit for Math/Science Charter and Low Country tech (existing purpose for site)
Sullivans Island	Elementary	Rebuild at original	Rebuild at original
Estimated Total Cost *		\$ 150,000,000	\$ 175,000,000
Portion Paid from Prior Program		48,500,000	48,500,000
Net Funding Requirement		\$ 101,500,000	\$ 126,500,000
* Conceptual plan. Detailed cos	t estimates have not been	completed to date.	

Return Strategy 2 – Recommended \$175,000,000

#### 3. Financing Options

- \$300 Million Capital Program Sales Tax Referendum (Short–term)
  - o Could be completed as General Obligation Bond Referendum
- \$500 Million Capital Program General Obligation Bond Referendum
- Independent Return Strategy (Schools with Seismic Life Safety Issues) \$150 million to \$175 million

Mr. Bobby reviewed each part individually, noting consideration of a longer term Sales tax that supports \$500 million of projects with a term to be no longer than 8 years. He said future approval regarding the November Ballot issue would soon come to the Board. The return timing identified is Summer 2014 and noted the seismic issue has been moved to the priority list. Mr. Bobby spoke of various decisions and the impact it would have taxes. Advanced design will begin immediately – funded from current capital program and construction occurs

over next two fiscal years. Information on Existing Obligations was shared. Three options presented are listed below.

# Option A (2) - Sales Tax to Fund \$500 Million Program (8 Years)

- Referendum held in fall of 2010 to fund \$500 million building program
- Program is primarily "pay-as-you-go" with 8% debt used as short-term/interim financing to facilitate potential cash flow shortfalls
- A \$60 million Sales Tax Revenue Base growing at 2% completes \$500 million in projects within 8 years

## Option B - \$500 Million General Obligation Bond Referendum

- Referendum held in fall of 2010 <u>Not Recommended</u>
   Significant Increase in Millage (Property Tax) and Long Term Interest Cost
- Cash flow needs are funded with periodic General Obligation Bonds.
- Debt service structure can be optimized around existing obligations, but aggregate millage levy reaches approximately 43 mills by 2015 and declines thereafter with growth in tax base.
  - Estimated Interest cost of \$320 million over life of financings
  - Retain 8% debt capacity throughout program

# **Option C – Independent Return Strategy**

- No referendum
- Phasing for seismic projects is structured to ensure availability of 8% debt
- Current 8% debt capacity is \$175 million. \$103 million is allocated to, or reserved for, fixed costs of ownership, modernizations, Installment purchase and 2010 QSCB.

Note: Potential complications – Structure uses almost all 8% debt capacity

- » Limits ability to address other needs for an extended period of time
- » Leaves District exposed to potential for decrease in assessed values

#### IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **9.1:** Relocation of Schools with Life Safety Issues A recommendation to approve the Relocation Plan for Schools with Life Safety Issues listed below. Funds for this plan will come from the current Capital Program for Advance Designs and 8% Debt Capacity Financing Plan as presented.
  - 1. Memminger Elementary School of Global Studies to Brentwood School site
  - 2. James Simons Elementary School to Brentwood School site
  - 3. Buist Academy to the current Wando South Campus\*
  - 4. Charleston Progressive Academy to the Berry Campus (the former School of the Arts campus).
  - 5. Sullivan's Island Elementary School to the current Whitesides Elementary School site.

During discussion, Mr. Meyers said he prefers the downtown solution for downtown schools i.e., Fraser, Archer or other sites located downtown. He went on to suggest the rotation of schools in swing spaces, informing parents of risks and if they are concerned, permission will be granted to transfer to another school. Then in the fall, ask the community to allocate more money to expedite the projects. He said, with three vacant properties, the District could consider consolidating different grade levels in sections. Mrs. Jordan said physicians take an oath to do the patient no harm, now that the District 20 seismic issue is known, she is reminded of the "do

no harm" oath of physicians. She said the Board must make a decision to leave District 20 students in seismically challenged buildings and vote it up or down tonight. Delaying would jeopardize getting the work done in a timely fashion. Parents deserve an answer from the Board. Mr. Fraser said he takes his responsibility seriously. However, he does not like the idea of relocating or doing nothing. He felt the Board needed to think about the fiscal aspects. Mrs. Green said it's not easy thinking about the liability and it boils down to what she could live with, regardless of the outcome. She supports moving schools as soon as possible. Rev. Collins said there were other schools with issues and no funds left to work with. Mrs. Kandrac suggested Mrs. Green abstain from voting on relocation of schools with seismic issues because she has a child at Buist Academy and she works for a law firm who is a contractor. Mrs. Green response was that she would not abstain.

Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to amend the recommendation from staff and not identify swing spaces at this time. The motion failed 3-6 (Green, Jordan and Oplinger supported the motion).

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve funding for replacement of identified schools (Buist Academy, Charleston Progressive, James Simons, Memminger, Rivers, and Sullivan's Island), using available 8% fixed cost of ownership money along with the \$48 Million in contingency funds from the 2005-2009 building program be used to finance reconstruction or rehabilitation of the schools at issue, unless and until a preferred financing plan is presented and approved. The motion was approved 9-0

Note: Mrs. Green said the above motion is the recommendation of the Capital Planning Committee.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to direct staff to: a) give notice to all families of seismic risk, with open transfer options to all students at each affected school, and b) propose a sales tax referendum to accelerate seismic repairs and other construction. The motion was approved 5-4 (Collins, Green, Kandrac and Oplinger opposed).

Also during discussion, Mr. Bobby said the \$25 million allocated for Rivers and \$23 million allocated for Sullivan's Island could only go to another project in the 2000 Building Plan.

9.2: Utilization of Indefinite Delivery Quantity contractors for the Solicitation and Award of Summer 2010 "Make Ready" Renovation projects — A recommendation to approve the current I.D.I.Q. contractors for the "Make Ready" summer renovation projects identified below. The district's CFOO will determine the funding source for these "make ready" summer projects. The five qualified contractors are Stenstrom & Associates, Hightower Construction, Infinger & Associates, International Public Works and Metro Contracting. In accordance to the I.D.I.Q. contract, no individual contract can be greater than \$500,000.

School	Swing Space
Sullivan's Island Elementary	Whitesides Campus
Buist Academy	Wando South Campus *
Charleston Progressive Academy	Berry Campus
Memminger Elementary	Brentwood Campus
James Simons Elementary	Brentwood Campus

<sup>\*</sup>Pending Engineer Review

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the I.D.I.Q. contractors for the "Make Ready" summer renovation projects identified above. The motion was approved 9-0.

- **9.3:** Montessori Community School of Charleston Middle School Expansion a recommendation to support and fund the Montessori Community School of Charleston middle school expansion adding  $7^{th}$  grade during the 2010-2011 school year and  $8^{th}$  grade during the 2011-2012 school year. The total cost for the 2010-2011 school year is \$110,000 (\$90,000 GOF; \$20,000 Fixed Cost of Ownership). Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the middle school expansion for Montessori Community School. The motion was approved 9-0.
- **9.4: Restructuring of Burns Elementary** The Board received information on Restructuring of Burns Elementary. Mrs. Michele English-Watson presented a verbal and PowerPoint presentation on restructuring Burns Elementary, pointing out that the state does not wish to take the school over. Therefore, that is not an option. Mrs. Watson also shared the following:
  - In the state of SC, there are two academic accountability ratings Absolute and Improvement Ratings and Federal AYP Ratings
  - Below Average-School performance is in jeopardy if standards are not met
  - If an At Risk-School performance fails to meet the standards, the school must develop a plan on how to address Federal Accountability Adequate Yearly Progress
    - Must-Have met all targets and sub-targets as defined by NCLB
    - Not Met-Have missed same target(s) for two or more years-Identified as in Need of Improvement
  - When a Title I school has missed the same target(s) for two consecutive years-the Title
     I school is identified as in need of improvement
  - Parents must be offered options: Public School Choice or Supplemental Educational Services (SES-free tutoring)
  - School Improvement Status ranges from Newly Identified, Continuing School Improvement, Corrective Action, Plan to Restructure
  - Edmund A. Burns ES is currently identified as in need of improvement in the Plan to Restructure Status.
  - The plan to Restructure:
    - o Reopen the school as a public charter school;
    - o Replace all or most of the school staff, which may include the principal;
    - o Enter into a contract with an entity, such as a private company;
    - o Turn the operation of the school over to the state department of education; or
    - o Implement any other major restructuring of the school's governance

Mrs. Terri Nichols responded to concerns about what will be done differently to include a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Academy. She also said the school will be under the supervision of Dr. Winbush in the Innovation Zone. Mrs. Jordan said she wants to see accountability in place, similar to North Charleston High. Mrs. Nichols said there would be a whole lot more accountability. She also responded to Rev. Collins' question about the level of schools under Dr. Winbush pointing out that he oversees Turnaround Schools. Dr. McGinley said Turnaround Schools could be discussed at a future meeting. Rev. Collins said the school needed the best qualified principal who represents that community.

- **9.5: Textbook Adoption for 2010-2011** *A recommendation to approve the Textbook Adoption Recommendation.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Text Adoption recommendation. The motion was approved 9-0.
- **9.6: Applications for new and continuing Pilot Programs** *A recommendation to approve new and continuing Pilot Programs at Wando High, at no cost to the district.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of new and continuing Pilot Program Applications. The motion was approved 9-0.
- **9.7: Oakland Elementary School Casework Change Order** A recommendation to approve a change order for Oakland Elementary School casework with Martin Engineering, Inc for "Teaching Wall" casework unit in thirty-five classrooms in the amount of \$275,440. The project will be funded from construction contingency and savings within previously Board approved project budget. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the change order for Oakland Elementary School casework. The motion was approved 9-0.
- **9.8:** Burke High School Historical Marker A recommendation to approve the location of a dedicatory and state historical marker on Burke campus to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of this school, at no cost to the district. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the dedicatory and state historical marker location on Burke campus. The motion was approved 9-0.
- **9.9: 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Reallocation** A recommendation to approve the 2005 Building Program Bond Fund reallocation. The funding source is North Charleston High School 2005 Building Program project funds. The amount is \$500,000. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of the 2005 Building Program Bond Fund reallocation. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.10: Contract award for CCSD Storage Area Network (SAN) Moved See Executive Session agenda item #1.4B
- **9.11:** Facility Use Agreement between Trident Technical College and District for Wando High School A recommendation to approve a modification to the Facilities Use Agreement between Trident Technical College and the District for Wando High School, at no cost to the district. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the modification to the Facilities Use Agreement between Trident Technical College and the District for Wando High School. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 9.12: Approval Second Reading Board Policies
- A. KF Community Use of School Facilities
- B. GBEBA- Tobacco Free Schools Employee/Visitor

A recommendation to approve the first reading of Board policies listed above. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the second reading of Board Policies KF and GBEBA. The motion was approved 9-0.

**9.13:** SCSBA 2010 Nominations for Board of Directors/Officer – Mr. Fraser nominated Toya Green to serve as SCSBA Board Officer, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger. The motion was approved 9-0.

- **9.14: NSBA Membership** The Board discussed the NSBA membership. Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to renew the District's NSBA membership. The vote failed 7-2 (Collins and Kandrac supported the motion).
- **9.15:** Constituent Boards Annual Report to the Board The Board received annual reports from Districts 1, 2 and 20 as information.
- **9.16:** Constituent Boards/Expulsion Appeals As requested by Collins, Kandrac, Jordan and Toler, the Board discussed Expulsion Appeals and Constituent Boards. Rev. Collins requested Constituent Boards/Expulsion Appeals be discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools