

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 28, 2014, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street. The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, - Chair, Mr. Tom Ducker – Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Chris Fraser was absent.

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

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

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:30 p.m.**

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to go into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Executive Session items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Legal Matters – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel**
- 1.2: Student Expulsion Appeal Decision**
- 1.3: Student Transfer Appeals Received March 5, 2014 – April 23, 2014**
- 1.4: Appointment – Deputy – Capital Programs**
- 1.5: FY2015 Property and General Liability Insurance Package**

**OPEN SESSION
5:15 p.m.**

- II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE**
At 5:50pm Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - Mrs. Coats said agenda item 10.3B was pulled because policy wasn't followed. Also, agenda item 1.4 was pulled earlier by staff.
 - Mrs. Moffly suggested moving agenda item 11.4 – Durham Bus Services after Visitors' Comments.
 - Mr. Miller said 10.2G was pulled earlier by the Policy Committee; however, it was determined that the item would remain on the agenda.

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the recommendation to adopt the agenda with the revisions listed above. The vote was 8-0.

- IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (15 minutes) – Mrs. Erica Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy & Communications**
 - A. Outstanding Risk Management Product Award – pulled**
 - B. Palmetto Gold Award**
Mrs. Melissa Pendergrass, the Director of Nursing Services recognized 4 CCSD registered nurses, Mary Bebensee of Whitesides Elementary School, Cheryl Dunn of North Charleston Elementary School, Faith Hostettler of Harbor View Elementary School, and Sharon Moser of West Ashley High School were the only school nurses in the state to receive the award.
 - C. SC PTA Outstanding Principal Award –** Dr. Clifford Fulmore, the SC PTA State President, recognized Ms. Karen Felder from Jennie Moore Elementary School for being the SC PTA Outstanding Elementary School Principal.
 - D. SCASL Administrator of the Year Award –** Dr. Lisa Herring, Chief Academic Officer, recognized Ms. Connie Doperiela, a recent retiree who served as CCSD's Team Associate of Library and Media Services, for receiving the 2014 SC Association of School Librarians Administrator of the Year award.
- V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

- Today marks the beginning of her 8th year as Superintendent of Schools for Charleston County. Dr. McGinley was appointed April 27, 2007. Members of the Board who worked with her to achieve steady progress were thanked.
- Dr. McGinley shared data from a chart prepared by the Communications Department to illustrate that significant progress has been made and that schools are better for all children in Charleston County.
 - Back in 2007, there were 22 schools rated unsatisfactory or at risk by the state.
 - Today, there are only four schools that are rated unsatisfactory or at-risk.
 - Today only 5.4% of students attend a school that is at risk as opposed to nearly 26 percent who attended in 2007.
 - In 2007 43% of students attended good/excellent schools. Today that number is 60%.
 - Graduation rate has increased. The overall district rate is up from 61.3% in 2007 to 76.9% in 2013. Substantial improvements have been seen with both the Black and Hispanic students over the past 7 years. The graduation rate for Black students has increased nearly 12 points while the Hispanic rate has increased over 24 points.
 - Steady progress and positive results have also been seen in the area of school climate. Over the past 7 years, there have been decreases in both suspensions and expulsions. The District suspension rate has dropped from 16.6% to 9.9% and the overall expulsion rate has reduced by half. Consistent with district progress, there has been a 21% reduction in expulsion rates among Black students
 - Steady progress is evident, especially among the Hispanic and Black student populations and more opportunities are opening up for all students. While there are still a great amount of challenges to overcome, like the lingering achievement gap and a system that exacerbate the historical inequities that exist for some students, the CCSD is moving forward and is focused on ensuring that all students have access to a great education regardless of race or income.
- CCSD is dedicated to providing an excellent teacher in every classroom. The five Teacher-of-the-Year finalists were announced. They are, Ms. Emma Armstrong from St. James-Santee, Mr. Charles Atkins from Sanders –Clyde, Ms. Kimberly Brown from Lincoln Middle/High, Ms. Jamie Cunningham from Liberty Hill, and Ms. Misty LeClerc from Wando HS. The finalist will be announced on Thursday, May 1st at the Charleston River Dogs game.
- This past weekend, Ms. Melissa Yarbrough of St. Andrews School of Math and Science was named the state Air Force Teacher of the Year. This is a great honor and testament to the quality of teaching corps.
- The new Memminger Elementary School held on Friday, April 25th when students, parents, community partners and District 20 Constituent Board celebrated the new school.
- On May 6th, the Coastal Community Foundation will present a special day of giving for the District's special Children in Crisis Fund that was established to provide assistance to students and families who need emergency assistance seven years ago. An anonymous donor will match the amount raised. Therefore, additional funds to help students and families with that experience catastrophic or unplanned incidents. In the past, the funds were used to buy clothes for students who lose their possessions in house fires, purchase food, or school supplies.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Shante Ellis, MLES PTA president expressed concerns about her son being forced out of the Montessori School. She inquired about the instability of principals at the school and said the fight should be for education and not gentrification. She urged the Board to consider a dual track at Murray LaSaine ES.
2. Ms. Yolanda Gibbs, a Murray LaSaine ES (MLES) parent, asked Board members about their participation in the Montessori decision for MLES. She said the community was told they'd have a dual option (Montessori and traditional programs). She asked about options for the students that do not choose the Montessori program.
3. Ms. Juanita Ford inquired about the availability of textbooks at Garrett Academy and other Title I schools for students.
4. Ms. Elizabeth Conant, the parent of a special needs student at Wando HS, addressed the Board about Board Policy IKF and inquired about students with disabilities participation in high school graduation ceremonies.
5. Pastor Thomas A. Dixon displayed a Durham booklet to illustrate issues with Durham buses. He expressed concerns about Durham's dismissal of Ms. Marquette and suggested she be restored to her position and be paid for lost time. Pastor Dixon will provide copies booklet for Board members.
6. Mr. Jerome Smalls, an Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance supporter, urged the Board to consider both the traditional and Montessori programs. Also, he thanked Rev. Collins for assisting an

- African American child from being charged with sexually abusing a teacher.
7. Mr. Jason Slade expressed concerns about the CCSD school system. He also mentioned bus issues.
 8. Ms. Sonja Campbell addressed the Board about bus safety, overcrowding, and other bus issues. After stating that some buses were transporting 60-70 high school students, she recommended all old buses be taken off the bus route. Ms. Campbell made an offer to serve on committee to address bus issues.
 9. Ms. Addlai Brown, a Murray LaSaine ES parent, urged the Board to reconsider the Montessori decision for MLES and allow the involvement of all MLES parents since they were promised a dual track at MLES.
 10. Elder James Johnson, a representative of the National Action Network, expressed concerns about the Board not paying attention to concerns from individuals in the Black community. He expressed concerns about education of blacks and said the district is quickly becoming segregated again, since Dr. McGinley's arrival. He suggested that a protest could be organized in the community if the African Americans continue to be treated unfairly.
 11. Mrs. Beverly Gadson Birch, an Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance representative, requested fairness for all students to include traditional opportunities that would allow students to remain at their neighborhood schools, a reduced number of minority students attending failing schools, an increased number of African American teachers in all CCSD schools. She urged superintendent to consider the bus concerns expressed earlier. Then she urged the urged everyone to stop "playing politics".
 12. Rev. Dungee suggested a facility be located to address the needs of expelled students.
 13. Ms. Kristina Withouk, a CCSD student, expressed concerns about Durham buses. She said the buses are hot and a lot of profane words are written all over the buses.
 14. Mr. Richmond Truesdale, a member of the National Action Network, expressed concerns about inequities in the district citing the number of African American schools that have been closed over the years. He suggested that Americans should spend more time addressing issues in their home country and less time addressing issues abroad. He also urged the Board to consider vocational courses for black schools.
 15. Pastor J. Barbour addressed the Board about Murray LaSaine and James Island Charter HS. Pastor Barbour who served on the JICHS for a number of years said currently there are no blacks on the Board. He urged the Board to consider the election process for JICHS board members. Also, he said three year old white students have already registered for the Montessori School at JICHS and suggested that the district favored white students over black students.
 16. Mr. Eddie Bello, a Waggoner Terrace parent, addressed the Board about a rumor that suggests the three-year old program will change at James Simons Montessori from full day to half day. He said this would pose a hardship for parents and suggested the program change be delayed. Also, he asked the Board to make the 3 year old program a permanent program instead of a temporary program.
 17. Pastor Gordon Cashwell addressed the Board in support of a middle school at the Burke HS campus. He suggested the lottery money be used for curriculum purposes and asked the Board to support a bill to put prayer back in school and take the federal government out of curriculum decisions. He also invited everyone to the National Day of Prayer on the steps of the Customs House located at 200 East Bay Street on Thursday, May 1st at 6pm.
 18. Mr. Peter Lawrence addressed the Board in support of the District 20 Task Force recommendation to have a stand-alone middle school on the Rhett Campus, immediately. He spoke of the efforts of certain individuals to block the stand-alone middle school in District 20 on the Rhett campus.
 19. Mr. Loren Ziff, Co Chair of Push Up & Up, a group that raise money for nonprofit organizations extended an invitation to an event will be held at Marion Square event May 17th from 9:00am – 12:00 pm. CCSD staff member Mr. David Spurlock is working closely with this group. He urged participation of board members and others.
 20. Ms. Jennifer Mosier addressed the Board in support of naming of the Stall HS softball field for Ms. Terri Christensen, a former CCSD teacher and coach that dedicated herself to coaching girls in the community. She urged the Board to support the recommendation.
 21. Ms. Mandy Herring addressed the Board in support of the continuance of a full-day three-year old program at James Simons Montessori.
 22. Mr. Weston Fennell, a Waggoner Terrace resident, addressed in support of a full-day three-year old program at James Simons Montessori.
 23. Mr. Thomas Narselaris, a James Simons Montessori parent, addressed the Board in support of a full day program for three-year olds and how its implemented suggesting that additional resources were needed to fully implement the program.

24. Mr. Mohammed Idris expressed miscellaneous concerns about individuals on Calhoun Street taking credit for God's work.
25. Ms. Heather Reese, a Murray LaSaine parent, requested equality for all students. She urged the Board to consider a dual track at MLES.
26. Ms. Leah Waters expressed concerns about Durham bus services and the dismissal of former employee, Ms. Cooper. She said Ms. Cooper was unfairly terminated for calling a parent to inform them that the bus would be late because of mechanical issues. After the dismissal of Ms. Cooper parents are faced with lots of inconsistencies with student pick-up and drop-off.
27. Ms. Phylcia Anderson, a Durham bus driver, addressed the Board about the infestation of insects (bees, roaches, etc) and rats on bus #39 and residue left on bus after the use of pesticides. She shared pictures illustrating the infestation of roaches on buses with the Board.
28. Ms. Joan Hepburn, the parent of a Special Education student, addressed the Board in support of the Durham bus driver that was wrongfully dismissed by Durham Bus Services. She said Ms. Cooper was very conscientious and helpful with her son.
29. Mr. Ray Estelle, a Durham driver, expressed concerns about the infestation of pests (roaches, rats, and bees) and unclean buses. He mentioned a recent news article about SC buses being the oldest in the country.
30. Mr. Edward Jones, chair of the District 20 Constituent Board, addressed the Board in support of the District 20 Task Force decision. He urged the Board to support the recommendation for all District 20 schools to have grades CD-8 with exception to James Simons ES and Buist Academy. He also urged the Board to address issues related to safe transportation for students.
31. Ms. Shanequa Ellis suggested relocating Sanders Clyde students in grades 6-8 to the Burke facility because of overcrowding. Also, she said it would allow students to get academic credits.
32. Mr. Kevin Frayer, a CCSD student, addressed the Board in support of moving grades 6-8 to the Burke facility. He said this would allow the students the opportunity to receive high school academic credits.
33. Ms. Beth Barrow addressed the Board in support of three-year old program at James Simons ES program and the stand-alone middle school program. She encouraged the Board to consider the program proposed by Dr. Lenhardt for middle school students.
34. Ms. Liisa Sewell addressed the Board about the half day program for three-year olds at James Simons ES. She said it is disruptive to have three-year olds napping while older students are being instructed.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of March 24, 2014

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles to approve the open session minutes of March 24, 2014. The vote was 8-0.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of April 28, 2014

The Board acted on the following executive session action items of April 28, 2014.

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

The Board discussed legal matters in Executive Session. However, no action was taken.

1.2: Student Expulsion Appeal Decision

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve overturn the District 4 Constituent Board's decision and re-admit the student to the Daniel Jenkins Creative Learning Center for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year. The vote was 8-0.

1.3: Student Transfer Appeals Received March 5, 2014 – April 23, 2014

Mr. Miller moved, on behalf of the Strategic Education Committee, to take action on student transfer appeals received March 5 – April 23.

- Full approval of student transfer appeals #4, 11, 49 & 50;
- Full approval of #20 to James Island Middle - secondary choice; and
- Respond to all other student transfer requests will continue the process in accordance to policy JFABC.
- Deny all out-of-county transfer requests.

The vote was 7-1 (Collins opposed).

1.4: Appointment – Deputy – Capital Programs

This item was pulled.

1.5: FY2015 Property and General Liability Insurance Package

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the recommendation authorizing \$5,977,000 to procure property and general liability insurance for FY2015. The funding source is FY 2014 General Operating Fund. The vote was 8-0.

7.3: Financial Minutes of March 24, 2014

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Wiles, to approve the financial minutes of March 24, 2014. The vote was 8-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

The Board did not receive a CAE Update.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

There were no management reports to come before the board.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: 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?

No information was provided.

The Board took a five minute break at 7:35pm.

B. Belle Hall Elementary School – Design Services for Phase 2 – Parking and Phase 3 Playground

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to approve a recommendation authorizing staff to award the design contract for Belle Hall Elementary parking and Phase 3 – playground to John Ciccarelli Architect, in the amount of \$176,181.00. The funding source is FY2014 Fixed Cost of Ownership. The vote was 7-0. Note: Rev. Collins did not vote since he was out of the room.

C. New Chicora Elementary School – Building and Finishes

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a recommendation authorizing staff and the superintendent to enter a contract for the New Chicora Elementary School – Building & Finishes Package at a Not to Exceed (NTE) amount of \$20,700,000.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 8-0.

Mr. Bobby said the opening is August 2015.

Rev. Collins asked about where it was advertised. Mr. Lewis said due to the shortage of time, the Audit and Finance was asked to invoke the summer schedule.

D. Surplus Asset Request for Establishing Protocol to Further Develop a Transaction with Respect to 11 ½ St. Phillips Street

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve a recommendation that the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees under the Board approved protocol for handling surplus property and assets approve the recommendation for staff to enter negotiations and bring a recommendation with the American College of the Building Arts to bring back to the Board for their final approval a proposed transaction to sell the 11 ½ St. Phillips Street property. The funding source is Fixed Cost of Ownership funds to handle the preparation of due diligence, sales documents and recording of all legal documents upon the completion of this transaction. The vote was 8-0.

Mr. Ascue asked if property is traded, will there be a MOU to allow students participation. Dr. McGinley said she would work with Mr. Martin to see if there are opportunities to recruit CCSD students.

E. Burke High School – Career Technology Education (CTE)

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, on a recommendation authorizing staff to negotiate and award a contract for Burke High School – Career Technology Education (CTE) with Gantt Huberman Architects, at a cost Not to Exceed (NTE) \$368,000.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 8-0.

Mrs. Moffly asked for clarification of the District 20 request for the Rhett Building. Mr. Garrett responded and said there is enough space in the Rhett building.

Mr. Miller said they spoke with the District 20 Task Force and they said a portion of the Rhett building would be demolished. BL said the intent is to rehabilitate the Burke campus. Upgrading would be done to rehabilitate the facility to effectively utilize the space. He said the Culinary program would not impact the middle school program. If there are two stand-alone schools there,

the front entrance may be moved to Fishburne for Burke and the middle school entrance may be on Sumter St. Also, the gap may be closed on Fishburne for better security. He said it may be best to come back to the board to address middle school issues and not have two architects working on both projects at the same time.

F. Charleston County School District – Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to award the design contract for CCSD EOC to Rosenblum Coe Architects, in the amount of \$126,535.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 8-0.

G. New James Island Charter High School – Additions and Renovations

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder for the James Island Charter High School – Additions and Renovations at a Not to Exceed (NTE) amount of \$20,200,000.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 8-0.

H. Purchase and Installation of Modular Office Space Inside the Distribution Center at Bridge View

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to purchase and install a modular office space to consolidate the seven Plant Operations managers into office space inside the Distribution Center (warehouse) at Bridge View. The estimated cost is \$72,869. The funding source is savings in the solid waste fee from FY2013-2014. The vote was 8-0.

I. New North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School – Building and Finishes

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a recommendation to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible responsive bidder for the New North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School – Building & Finishes Package at a Not to Exceed (NTE) amount of \$18,000,000.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 8-0.

J. Fixed Cost of Ownership Prioritized List of Projects for FY2015

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the Fixed Cost of Ownership Prioritized List of Projects for FY2015 without a millage increase. The total amount is \$130,000.00. The vote was 8-0.

Mr. Garrett said the amendment included a millage increase. He did not support that.

10.2: 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?

B. Policy JFAB - Nonresident Students

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the second reading of the revisions of policy JFAB. The vote was 6-2 (Collins and Miller opposed).

Mr. Ducker said staff suggested it be effective during the 2015 school year. Ownership of property in a zone would not guarantee admission into a school. EM asked if this was in accordance to the state law. Mr. Ducker said it was. Mrs. Coats said the highlighted section was added to the policy.

C. Policy JLCD - Assisting Students with Medications

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the second reading of the revisions of policy JLCD. The vote was 8-0.

D. Policy JFABCA - Voluntary Transfers of Children of CCSD Employees

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the second reading of the revisions of policy JFABCA. The vote was 8-0.

E. Naming of the Charleston Progressive Academy Media Center

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to name the media center at Charleston Progressive Academy “Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson Media Center”. The vote was 8-0.

F. Naming of the New Meeting Street Education Group School at Brentwood

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to table the recommendation to name the naming until a meeting is held to discuss the same. The recommendation will come before the board on May 27th. (Ascue and Collins opposed).

Mr. Ducker explained that the Policy Committee suggested naming the school “Brentwood Leadership Academy” instead of the “Leadership Academy of North Charleston” which was

suggested by the Meeting Street Education Group. However, since the Policy Committee Meeting, a new recommendation was made to name the school "Meeting Street Elementary at Brentwood".

Mr. Miller expressed concerns that "Brentwood" was added without input from the community. Mr. Allen, a representative with the Meeting Street Group, said a large meeting has not been held to discuss the name. Rev. Collins suggested a meeting be held before the school is named. Mr. Allen said the intent is to discuss the name with a small group of approximately 20 individuals. Also, he said if a new name is being created, "Meeting Street" should be considered in addition to "Brentwood" for branding purposes.

G. Naming of the Stall High School Softball Field

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to approve the recommendation to name the Stall High School Softball Field for Terry Christiansen Seal. The vote was 8-0.

H. Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

Mrs. Coats led the discussion on Policy IKF sharing an option to address participation in commencement exercises. She said the Board could waive the policy for this year and use policy that was in place prior to revisions.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to waive the policy for this year and use policy that was in place prior to revisions. The vote was 8-0.

10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

A. Strategic Education Committee Update

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

No information was provided.

B. Acquisition of Naviance

Since the policy requires that four board members-one on the prevailing side-can bring an item back to the board, the Acquisition of Naviance item was pulled from the agenda.

C. District 20 School/Community Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to table the District 20 Community Task Force Recommendation to build a free-standing middle school in the downtown and send it to the SEC and other necessary committees prior to bringing it back to the Board on May 12th. The vote was 8-0.

During discussion, Mr. Miller asked the Strategic Education Committee (SEC) members if a recommendation is being made to have stand-alone campuses for all but Buist Academy and James Simons Elementary. Mr. Ducker said that wasn't the recommendation SEC voted on. However, he could support it. Rev. Collins said it was his recommendation that the middle school would begin with the sixth grade at the Rhett building. Dr. McGinley said there hasn't been any parent engagement meeting for input. Also, she said Sanders Clyde was built for middle school. That would require discussion with the faculty. She suggested the delaying until August 2015.

Mr. Garrett said while the Board is of being racists again, he supports integrated schools. He has had conversations with Mr. Miller and Dr. Alfonso and in reviewing the integrated and segregated data he is aware that the scores are much better at integrated schools. He said adding a middle school at Burke would not improve integration because the middle program would not have its own principal. Dr. McGinley said Dr. Lenhardt has presented the advanced program in District 20 around the community presenting an advanced program in District 20. Her only reservation is that Sanders Clyde parents haven't been engaged. Therefore, only Memminger and Mitchell students would be sent to Burke.

Mr. Ducker asked the two District 20 Community leaders, Mr. Edward Jones and Arthur Lawrence to provide input. Mr. Lawrence said he is the neighborhood association representative and Mr. Jones is the Constituent Board representative on the District 20 Task Force.

Mr. Miller asked if a higher level product could be delivered to District 20 students. He said parents want the same offerings as students at the merged schools in District 10. Mr. Lawrence said the proposal is opportunity for the District to showcase what it has done thus far. He also said the

“elephant in the room” are individuals that don’t want the middle school on the Burke campus for selfish reasons.

Mr. Ducker asked the two representatives if they would support a free-standing middle school in the upcoming building program. They confirmed. Mr. Ducker asked if the K-8 elementary schools would remain the same as of February 2014. Mr. Lawrence responded that he supports S. Clyde, Buist and J. Simons remaining K-8. Then, Mr. Lawrence urged the Board not allow Mr. Henry Copeland, who had interrupted all of the Task Force meetings, to interfere with the process.

Mr. Ascue said he didn’t want to disrupt Sanders Clyde since it is doing well. Then he suggested Sanders Clyde be excluded from the District 20 middle school plan. Also, he requested the plan address diversity issues. Dr. McGinley said Dr. Lenhardt has devised a plan to address diversity and has vetted it in the community. Also additional details on projections and other details were provided by Walt Pusey. A standalone school would allow offering of specialty programs. She reiterated that her only concern is parental input. The program could startup this year with a small group of students from Mitchell and Memminger.

Mrs. Coats said a lot is tied to this proposal and there is not a lot of money involved. However, a lot of other things are wrapped into the District 20 recommendation.

Mrs. Moffly suggested the Board only vote on a standalone middle school for grades 6-8 in the Rhett building this coming school year.

Rev. Collins asked Mr. Jones to share his request. Mr. Jones said wanted a K-8 program at Buist Academy and James Simons. Also, he wanted 6-8 grade students in the Rhett building this upcoming year. Mr. Garrett said this recommendation was not voted on by the District 20 Constituent Board. Mr. Jones said it was. Rev. Collins inquired about Task Force meetings. Mr. Jones said the meetings were held at various schools in District 20. Mr. Jones suggested a Sunday meeting for parents. Mr. Garrett said a new downtown middle school couldn’t be justified.

Mrs. Coats suggested pulling the recommendation and bringing it back at a future meeting with three separate motions.

Rev. Collins suggested voting on the recommendation to have the middle school in the Rhett building. Dr. McGinley agreed that the vote needs to be broken down to 3-4 motions. Also, she spoke of the importance of Dr. Lenhardt sharing the program vision at the board meeting on May 12th.

Mr. Miller requested Mr. Maurice Cannon accompany Dr. Lenhardt during the presentation. Mrs. Coats asked Board members to email their specific requests to her.

Rev. Collins requested meetings be held for parent input.

D. Pilot Course Applications – Approval for 2014-2015

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to approve the recommendation for Pilot Course Applications which follows—Science – West Ashley HS – Investigative Research I & II; English – West Ashley HS – Essentials of Writing; Fine Arts – Academic Magnet – Honors Guitar I & Honors Guitar II; Social Studies – Burke HS – Global Studies I; Social Studies – Military Magnet Academy – Global Studies II. The vote was 8-0.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: Career and Technology Education Textbook Selection

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approve the recommendation to approve instructional materials for Career and Technology Education. The vote was 8-0.

11.2: June 6th Makeup Day

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the recommendation to designate June 6th as a make up day. The vote was 8-0.

11.3: HAC Advertisement

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve a recommendation to advertise for volunteers to fill the following HAC seats (one clergy, one student, and one teacher). The vote was 8-0.

Mrs. Coats said the list of candidates has been exhausted. Therefore, an ad would be posted in paper and on the website.

11.4: Durham Bus Services (Moffly, Miller, Garrett, Collins and Ascue)

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee to with Rev. Collins, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Ascue to investigate the concerns listed and brings a report to the board on May 2014. Also, Dr. McGinley was asked to identify two staff members to serve on the committee. The vote was 8-0.

After Mr. Ducker said some of the buses are state owned buses, Mr. Miller suggested having a state representative to serve on Ad Hoc the committee.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Miller requested clarification on the 3-year old Montessori Program at James Simons ES. Dr. McGinley said she would bring information back to the Board. The issue is that they don't have what is needed to accommodate 3-year old students who take naps.
2. Mr. Ascue requested information on Murray LaSaine Montessori be provided at the next Strategic Education Committee and Board meetings. Mrs. Coats said she would pull the information.
3. Mr. Ducker suggested Board members take the time to read the visitors' concerns and consider discussing at upcoming committee meetings.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, at 8:57pm Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to adjourn the meeting.