

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 13, 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. Chris Fraser, Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Ron Kramps, Mr. Louis Martin, Mr. John McCarron, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Erica Taylor, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, Mrs. Anita Huggins, Mrs. Audrey Lane, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to go into Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss the Executive Session items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeal

1.2: Head Start Director Approval – Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Assistant Associate Superintendent

1.3: Workers' Compensation Claim - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

1.4: Workers' Compensation Claim - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

1.5: Angel Oak Elementary Contract - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

1.6: Allegro Charter Application – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

1.7: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

OPEN SESSION
5:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Coats called the October 13, 2014 meeting to order. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser to adopt the agenda with the amendments listed below. The vote was 9-0.

- 1.2 – Head Start Director was pulled and will be sent back to the Policy and Personnel Committee for further discussion.
- 1.5 – Angel Oak Elementary Contract was pulled and will be sent back to the Audit and Finance Committee for further discussion.
- 10.1C – First Steps Contract for Home Visitors was pulled and will be sent back to the Strategic Education Committee for further discussion.
- 10.1D – National Building Science Corporation Lease Renewal was pulled off the agenda earlier by staff.
- 10.10 – Approval of the list of Projects in Waves 6 & 7 was pulled and will be sent back to the Audit and Finance Committee for further discussion.

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

A. Behind the Scenes Hero

Mr. Terrell Pinckney received the first "Behind the Scenes Hero" award this school year for his exemplary work in service of CCSD students. He is a Family Court Liaison and Truancy Administrator. A framed letter of commendation from Ms. Anne B. Seymour, Solicitor from the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court was presented to Mr. Pinckney.

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

- Dr. McGinley thanked the following legislators Representatives Mack, Gaillard and Brown for attending the Legislative Delegation Breakfast earlier today and touring the new Wando Center for Advanced Studies. Representative Stavrinakis has consented to touring the new facility at a later date.
- A dedication program was held for the new public/private partnership at Meeting Street Elementary at Brentwood last week.
- The Montessori Community dedication will be held on Thursday, October 16th.
- The Buist dedication will be held on Thursday, October 23rd.
- As part of the National Walk to School Day, District 10 began their Dignity and Respect Campaign, which is an initiative that is being embraced throughout West Ashley to help make their community a better place to work, live and attend school. More information on this initiative will be distributed at the West Ashley November 7th launch event.
- The recently published End of Course results included the good news of CCSD's improved performance on the end-of-course exam in the areas of algebra, biology, English and history.
- Moody's rating recently upgraded CCSD to an AA1 because of the \$72.6 million in taxpayer savings resulting from CCSD's sixth bond refinancing in the past five years.
- AT&T Aspire was thanked for the more than \$70,000 in grants that was donated to teachers through DonorsChoose.org website for Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester schools.
- West Ashley Alumni, DeKeya Cohen, participated in the semifinals of last week's National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge business plan pitch competition. She was among the top 14 student entrepreneurs in the nation.
- Trident United Way Day of Caring is Nov 14th. Dr. McGinley encouraged Board members to volunteer for a CCSD project.
- Information on CCSD's waiver to modify the Student Learning Objective roll-out in the BRIDGE Grant was shared. Details are posted on the district's website. Also, public comments are welcome through October 20th via email to BRIDGE@charleston.k12.sc.us.
- CCSD is on top of monitoring two infectious diseases--Ebola and D68. The District's Healthcare staff is monitoring student illnesses. Memos regarding the illness can be found on the Nursing Services page located on the District's website.
- October 22nd is National Bullying Prevention Day. Everyone is asked to wear Orange that day for Bullying Prevention.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Terra Enriquez, a member of the Allegro Charter planning Committee, thanked CCSD staff members and the Board for extending the application time to allow them to make necessary revisions. She said the school would be a welcome choice for parents interested in music through education. Music will be infused in an academic environment. He urged the Board to approve the charter application.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: A. Open Session Minutes of September 22, 2014

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly to approve the open session minutes with the following revisions. The vote was 9-0.

- Mrs. Moffly said the minutes should reflect that she asked to send the Health Advisory Committee back to the Policy Committee.
- Mrs. Coats said Mr. Ducker was nominated as the SCSBA Delegate and Mr. Miller was nominated at the SCSBA Alternate.

B. Open Session Minutes of October 6, 2014 Special Called Meeting

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the open session minutes of the Special Called Telephonic meeting held October 6, 2014 with one amendment. The vote was 9-0.

- The vote on the agenda was 6-0; not 9-0.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of October 13, 2014

The Board voted on the following executive session action items of October 13, 2014.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to approve two student transfer appeals. The vote was 9-0.

1.2: Head Start Director Approval – Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Assistant Associate Superintendent

- PULLED

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

1.3: Workers' Compensation Claim - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to authorize to settle a workers' compensation claim. The vote was 9-0.

1.4: Workers' Compensation Claim - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to authorize to settle a workers' compensation claim. The vote was 9-0.

1.5: Angel Oak Elementary Contract - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs - PULLED

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

1.6: Allegro Charter Application – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the revised application for Allegro Charter School of Music. The vote was 9-0.

Rev. Collins asked Mr. Michael Smith if in the near future they could focus on a specialized academic area such as science, math, or technology to strengthen the school. Mr. Smith said their view is that by studying music it would have a great impact on other subject. However, it would be through music. It would be all kinds of music--Classical, Jazz, Blues, Drumming, and music range from Bach, Beethoven to Elvis.

1.7: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

The Board received a legal update from General Counsel.

7.3: Financial Minutes of September 22, 2014

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the financial minutes of September 22, 2014. The vote was 9-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

There was no Charleston Achieving Excellence Update to come before the Board at this meeting.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

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?

B. Head Start/Early Head Start Financials – Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start financial report for the ending period of August 31, 2014. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mr. Ascue said, so far, it appears Head Start has done a good job sticking to their budget. This item was pulled from the agenda. Mr. Garrett thanked Mrs. Taylor for the good report.

Mrs. Coats inquired about the budget pointing out that the budget provided in July is slightly different from the September report. She said it was approximately \$50,000.00

C. First Steps Contract for Home Visitors – Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

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

D. National Building Science Corporation Lease Renewal – Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs - PULLED

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

E. Time & Attendance– Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the purchase of the Time and Attendance System from Kronos. The funding source is General Operating Fund. The amount is \$865,140.40 from General Operating Funds and \$418,110.18 from Fixed Cost of Operations. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ducker questioned the July 2014 starting date. Mr. Bobby said the process started two years ago and they thought it was approved earlier. He said although it's after the July date, staff took the request to A&F and they approved it. Staff is being paid a lot because of the law and due to the cost of delayed payment to staff. He said staff has said for years that it is needed. Mr. Ducker asked if the contract has been executed. Staff said it's not been executed to date. Mr. Bobby said staff looked at multiple solutions prior to identifying this as the best choice.

Rev. Collins asked if new people would be hired. Mr. Bobby said some folks would be brought in initially. However, it should reduce the amount of time staff spend shuffling paper. Rev. Collins asked if staff would be reduced. Mr. Bobby said that he didn't believe that was the case. However, it should reduce operating cost. Rev. Collins said he didn't see a savings. Mrs. Moffly said it is about productivity. She said this system would help the district avoid a lawsuit similar to the one that cost the district a million dollars.

F. 2014 Small, Women & Minority Business Enterprise (SWMBE) Report– Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to accept information regarding 2014 SWMBE Report and approval of staff revising the MBE Utilization Plan, at no cost to the District. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

G. IT Security Assessment – Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to award a contract for a security assessment of Charleston County School District's IT systems and components (P1413) to Networking Institute of Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$163,500 and authorize the rate of \$100 per hour plus travel expenses for consulting services related to remediation. The funding source is the General Fund - \$150,000 prior year encumbrance with the remainder from the current year General Operating Fund. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ascue asked about minority participation. Mr. Bobby said none participated. Then he said this was a difficult search to find someone qualified to do the work. The process has been going on for a year. This is the only company that met the requirements.

Rev. Collins asked, since there was only one company how was the company vetted. Also, he asked about local advertisement. Ms. Robin McNeal, Supervisor in the Procurement Office, said when it was advertised in SCSBO, the information is automatically shared with other companies. Rev. Collins asked if this is the first solicitation for these services. Ms. McNeal confirmed. She said this company would audit the district's software. Mr. John McCarron, the Executive Director of Technology, said there are only certain organizations that are qualified because it takes a broad knowledge, software and security.

H. Request for Proposal P1504 Telephone System Maintenance & Services– Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the Request for Proposal P1504 Telephone System Maintenance and Services for a total of five years in the amount of \$1,413,262.28. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

I. Contract Extension of Parlant Technology (Parentlink ASP License)– Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to extend the Request for Proposal P7043 Automated Notification Systems contract for one year to Parlant Technology. The funding source is Technology Project Fixed Cost of Ownership. The fiscal year cost is \$2.00 per student (48,539 students x \$2.00 = \$72.8-8.50). The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

J. Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2015 Fixed Cost of Operations Funds- Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the reallocation \$7,652 of FY2015 Fixed Cost

of Operations – Classroom Modernization Project funds from Printer Replacement to Classroom Technology Upgrades. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

K. Pest Control Treatment for Sanders Clyde Elementary- Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to procure pest control services from Dodson Pest Control for Sanders Clyde Elementary for \$62,282, plus annual bond renewal for \$4,982. The funding source is General Operating Fund Contingency. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

L. Wando High School Cafeteria Expansion (Addition)- Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the recommendation authorizing staff to award and enter into a contract with Hill Construction Services of Charleston, Inc. at a Not to Exceed (NTE) amount of \$2,994,988.00, for the Wando High School cafeteria expansion (Addition) and Alternates (Solicitation No. 14-CMG-B-005). The funding sources are the One (1) Cent sales tax revenues, Food Nutrition Services Department funds, and Facilities Maintenance Department funds. The vote was 8-1-0 (Garrett abstained).

Mr. Garrett left room at 5:59 and returned to the meeting immediately after the vote 6:01pm.

M. 8% Bond Resolution - Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to approve the 8% Bond Resolution in an amount not to exceed sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000) General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 of Charleston County School District, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment, thereof, and other matters relating thereto. The cost is the usual and customary fees for the cost of issuance which will be funded through the proceeds of the Bond sale. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly).

Mrs. Moffly asked about the use of \$8.3 million to include \$7.3 million for the completion of Laing and Jennie Moore from 2005 savings instead of using the 1 cent sales tax money and additional \$400,000 for the completion of Sullivan's Island because it went over budget. Mr. Ascue asked Mr. Bobby if that was because of cost over runs. Mr. Bobby said on September 9, 2013 the Board approved the utilization of the savings from the program to expand Laing and Jennie Moore. At that time and today, it was strategically thought of and proposed so that savings from the previous program could be used and sales tax funds could be extended as far as possible. Although one item was removed today, he would like to talk to the Board about it in November and say publically to the Board that with the sales tax collection rates moving in the direction they have been and continue with the ability to deal with the commitments and be under budget overall by a significant amount of money, the district is in a position to believe the district would be able to complete Wave 6 and Wave 7. Mr. Bobby concluded that it is pretty exciting and staff looks forward to bringing Wave 6 and Wave 7 to the Board for the approval of the order of the projects so the execution could move forward as rapidly as possible. He also said Mrs. Moffly is correct that another \$400,000 is needed to close out the Sullivan's Island project. The cost of that project, adjustment, and change order were all done with appropriate procedures. The savings is available to complete this project and the Board's approval is requested. Mrs. Moffly said she brought this up because Sullivan's Island was not part of the One Cent Sales Tax so it couldn't take advantage of the money. However, the completion of Laing and Jennie Moore were a part of the project and those funds could have been used to complete those projects leaving \$7.3 million to allocate to projects not included in the referendum. She concluded that if the One Cent Sales Tax funds weren't used, the district would not be able to complete Waves 6-7.

At this time, Mr. Fraser called for the question.

N. 3270 Small Street/Mary Ford Easement- Mr. Michael Bobby - Chief of Finance, Operations & Capital Programs

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation for a temporary encroachment permit and easement agreement between Small Street and Mary Ford Elementary. Although legal fees and recording fees will be required. There is no monetary consideration. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly).

O. Approval of the list of Projects in Waves 6 & 7 (Current Sales Tax Program) - **Pulled**

Since this item was pulled from the agenda, no action was taken.

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. Health Advisory Committee (HAC) By-law Revision and Appointments

Mr. Wiles moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the by-law revision-- staggered terms for the HAC and the positions identified below. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ducker recommended Dr. Laura Alberg for the medical position and Ms. Amy Fribbs for the teacher position.

Mrs. Coats announced that another member resigned last week. Then she asked if the Board wanted to replace the individual at this point. Mr. Ducker said he preferred doing it at a later time.

C. Policy XXXX – Technical and Communication Support for Board Member

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the second reading of the Technical and Communication Support for Board Member policy. The vote was 5-4 (Coats, Garrett, Moffly and Wiles opposed).

Mr. Ducker said this is an attempt to bring the board to the 21st Century. This will allow the Board to move to a paperless environment at little or no cost. Also, he said it would allow board members to request a reimbursement if they desire to.

Mrs. Moffly asked about the cell phone acceptability portion. Mr. Emerson said he anticipates using CCSD equipment and technology through the district's network subject to the district's network acceptability policy. Mrs. Moffly said she disagrees. Mr. Miller said it's optional for those that wish to utilize a district phone. Mrs. Coats said the policy also says the Board could not use the phone in a car. Mrs. Coats said she would recommend the board adopt a policy to get a partial reimbursement instead. Mr. Ducker said some capabilities the board is moving toward require downloading of APPS. It would be downloaded on district-owned equipment. However, not on equipment owned by individuals.

D. Policy JFABC - Student Transfers – First Reading

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the first reading of Policy JFABC – Student Transfers. The vote was 6-0 (Coats, Garrett and Wiles opposed).

Mr. Ducker said it doesn't prevent parents from transferring their children. However, it gives them an opportunity to visit the principal. Mr. Ducker said the item did not come from committee but from four board members (Miller, Ascue, Ducker and Moffly) also note Moffly was on the prevailing side.

Mr. Ducker said the step about sending it to the Constituent Board was removed. Now the parent would only have to have a conversation with the principal or designee and send the application to the receiving constituent district.

Mrs. Coats asked if there was any discussion about principals going out into the community to recruit students. Mr. Ducker said that wasn't discussed. However, they could bring in a group of parents and sign off on the application.

Mr. Fraser called for the question.

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?

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Since there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Mr. Garrett, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07am. The motion was approved by consensus.