

A special called meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Chair, Mr. Tom Ducker – Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly and Mr. Emerson Tripp Wiles participated by phone. Mr. Chris Fraser was absent.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby and Mr. John Emerson were also in attendance.

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

## I. OPEN SESSION

### CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Coats called the August 14, 2014 Special Called meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adopt the August 14, 2014 Special Called Board Meeting agenda. The vote was 8-0.

### III. 3.1 Reconsideration of the Building Project List for District 1 (Ducker, Ascue, Collins and Miller)

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to place on the next ballot referendum a recommendation to create a new K-12 facility replacing Lincoln HS in District 1 at a site to be determined later. He said Career Technology Education would remain on the building list and the renovation of McClellanville Middle School should be removed.

Mrs. Coats asked for clarification. Mr. Bobby said the building project items in question are #17 – renovation of St. James Santee Elementary School, #18 - advanced design at McClellanville, and #31 construction of CTE for Lincoln.

Mr. Ascue said he would remove item #18. Mr. Bobby said it was important to retain the advanced design recommendation. The language of #17 should be revised if it remains on the list. Also, if it is left on the list that means rebuilding. If taken off, it would no longer be needed. In reference to a new K-12 facility, Mr. Bobby said there is already a K-6 facility in place. He asked what would happen to the current site. Mr. Ascue suggested turning the existing facility owned by CCSD, St. James Santee into a 9-12 campus. If not, Lincoln could be replaced as a 9-12 high school.

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to place on the next ballot referendum a recommendation to construct and equip a new 9-12 HS facility replacing Lincoln High School in District 1 at a site to be determined later. This necessitates keeping #17 on the list renovating and equipping of St. James Santee to add middle school grades, change #18 to advanced design for the replacement of a 9-12 high school to replace Lincoln HS at a site to be determined, and removing #31 (construction and equipping of Career Technical Education programming for Lincoln High School). The vote was 5-3 (Coats, Garrett, and Wiles opposed).

Rev. Collins asked Mr. Ascue to amend his motion. Mr. Ascue refused the amendment.

Mrs. Moffly said the community was concerned about the 6-12 grades. If money isn't being used for the K-12 school, then it could be used for 6-12. Mrs. Coats said the money isn't available at this time. Mrs. Moffly said she agreed with Rev. Collins. Mr. Ascue responded that St. James Santee is already being renovated. His motion is to replace Lincoln High School with another high school. Mrs. Moffly asked if there was space at the school for middle school students. Mrs. Coats confirmed that an

existing building would be renovated. She asked why the current Lincoln High School was excluded from the site plan. Mrs. Coats said the current referendum approved earlier was to renovate McClellanville Middle School.

Mrs. Coats apologized for calling the meeting late and thanked state legislators for allowing the board to make modifications at the last minute.

Mr. Emerson stated for the record, that the language must be precise because language matters.

Dr. McGinley said the previous amount was \$501 million. Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Bobby what happens if a school could be built at an amount beyond \$501. Mr. Bobby said since it is a sales tax, it would take 6 years to see how much is generated. He said the district is adding an unknown amount to be determined. After work is done, the amount will be determined. The amount for each project is determined by staff to the best of their ability. The total could be increased by \$25-\$30 million. He said the total potential need is growing to approximately \$540 million.

Mr. Ascue called for the vote at 6:01pm.

Mrs. Coats said the difference in geography from St. James Santee to Wando is 3 miles. Mrs. Moffly said that didn't matter to her. Mrs. Coats said the entire county is looking to see how the board responds to the District 1 request.

Since there wasn't any other business to come before the Board, Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats moved, to adjourn at 6:03pm.