

A regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 22, 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 participated by telephone and voted on agenda items 7.1 – 10.1B.

Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Jeff Borowy, Mr. John Emerson, Mrs. Michele English-Watson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Ron Kramps, Mrs. Audrey Lane, 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, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

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

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to go into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Executive Session items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals**
- 1.2: Home School Applications**
- 1.3: 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 Open Session meeting of September 22, 2014 to order at 5:21pm. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the September 22, 2014 agenda with the following amendments. The vote was 8-0.

Mrs. Moffly suggested pulling agenda item 10.2B – Policy JFABC Student Transfer and 10.3C – HAC Bylaws. However, after Mrs. Coats said the request to place the HAC Bylaws on the agenda came from the HAC Committee because the terms of all members were ending all at once. Mrs. Moffly agreed to only pull agenda item 10.2B – Policy JFABC – Student Transfer. Also, in response to an inquiry from Mrs. Moffly about policy JFABC, Mr. Ducker said the policy was pulled earlier to receive input from principals and it was reviewed and approved earlier by the Policy and Personnel Committee.

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

**A. Wando Teacher Cadets**

The Board recognized the Teacher Cadets from Wando High School. Their instructor is Mrs. Betsy Wilson.

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

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

- Excerpts from two thank you notes were read. One note was from the School of the Arts Teacher of the Year that received two tickets to Oprah’s “The Life You Want” tour in Atlanta. The other note was from Olivia Caya, a Wando student who had an opportunity to study cyber-security onsite in California during the summer with renowned researchers.
- Sullivan’s Island Elementary School Dedication was held earlier this morning.
- The dedication program for Wando Center for Advanced Studies will be held on Thursday morning.
- Annual School Choice Fair was a huge success. The event showcased CCSD magnet, charter, Montessori and alternative options representatives on hand. The deadline is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for application.
- Trident United Way (TUW) campaign kicked off last week. Last year \$137,000 was raised. This year the goal is \$150,000. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> is the TUW Day of Caring. Dr. McGinley encouraged everyone to consider

- volunteering to work on school projects.
- The Sustainability Symposium for middle and high school students was held last week at James Island County Park. This is an all day service-based learning opportunity in celebration of the nation Green Apple Day of Service. Student and teachers from across the district gathered to collaborate with community partners and keynote speakers on various topics in sustainability.
- On Friday afternoon a video was sent to staff about the Classroom Observation Process (COT) expansion and teacher effectiveness efforts. It is not a formal evaluation. However, it is designed for observers to provide feedback about how teachers are doing and replicate the great work teachers are doing across the county.
- From September 22 through October 3, Charleston Adult Education at the Brentwood Campus will give a free GED Ready practice tests to all students that schedule an appointment.
- The kickoff for Parent University is Saturday at Stall High. The theme is "Parents as Partners". Comcast was commended for serving as the corporate sponsor for the event. The management team from Comcast will be onsite to facilitate technology workshops, and a session led by a Comcast Human Resources staff member will focus on resume building and effective interviewing for parents.

**VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Ms. Willette Wilkins, a member of the National Action Network, inquired about the district's expulsion rate and teacher interaction with students. She suggested that some students were treated unfairly by teachers and that teachers should be able to recognize and provide assistance to struggling students.
2. Mr. Mohammed Idris briefly mentioned the anniversary of Hurricane Hugo. Then he expressed concerns about students that are bussed out of their neighborhoods to attend other schools. He asked the Board to vote against the recommendation to expand LTA.
3. Ms. Janice Wright, mother of a Zucker Middle School student, expressed concerns about the length of time her child spends on a school bus. She said up to 2.5 hours some days. Also, she spoke about the day the bus driver forgot to pick the student up. The parent was referred to Mr. Curtis Norman.
4. Mr. Robert Leeper, a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, addressed the Board about the recommendation to expand LTA at another location. He said it would be a disservice to students and staff to relocate the program.
5. Mrs. Beverly Gadson-Birch addressed the Board on behalf of the National Action Network, NAACP, and Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance. She asked the board to consider the equity issues the recommendation to expand LTA has created. Then she suggested the Board fix the mess it has created because of the proposal.
6. Ms. Downing Child, a member of the District 20 Constituent Board, urged the Board to place the 260 students currently enrolled in CCSMS in the Rivers facility and relocate students in the LTA Program to Burke.
7. Ms. Amanda Cameron addressed the Board about teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. She asked the Board to support the HAC bylaw revision.
8. Ms. Mary Shaw addressed the Board about the importance of Health Education for students. She urged the Board to support the HAC bylaw revisions.
9. Mr. Arthur Lawrence inquired about the recommendation to move LTA students from the Rivers facility. He inquired about promises that weren't kept at Lincoln High. Then he urged the Board to fix the problem they created that has African Americans fighting against Caucasians and community members fighting against each other.
10. Rev. Robert Kennedy, an International Ministerial Alliance representative, opposed the recommendation to relocate the Lowcountry Tech since the community was not involved in the decision to relocate the program. He would like to think it is not a racial issue. However, if it's a financial issue, everyone should come together to discuss it.
11. Minister Constance Heyward addressed the Board about equity and fairness for Lowcountry Tech. She urged the Board to keep the promise that was made earlier about LTA.
12. Ms. Sandra Drayton, a CCSMS parent, urged the Board to allow CCSMS to have the Rivers facility.
13. Mr. Ed Fennel, a CCSD school board candidate for the West Ashley seat, addressed the Board in support of LTA. Also, he commented about the child that was sent home from CE Williams Middle for wearing a blue shirt that was the wrong shade. He also expressed concerns to the Board about the recommendation to expand LTA.
14. Lowcountry Tech students, Jackie and Eric Berry, students enrolled in the internship program at LTA, opposed the Low County Tech proposal. They said dividing the school would weaken the program.
15. Mr. Sam Whetsel, business owner, offered support for LTA from an interactive standpoint. After touring LTA he was impressed. The school has a centralized environment. He teaches students to dismantle and

repair iPads.

## VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

**NOTE: Mr. Fraser was contacted at 6:08pm.**

### 7.1: Open Session Minutes of September 8, 2014

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the open session minutes of September 8, 2014. The vote was 7-2-0 (Ascue and Garrett abstained).

### 7.2: Executive Session Action Items of September 22, 2014

The Board voted on the following executive session action items of September 22, 2014.

#### 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve student transfer appeals 1-5. The vote was 9-0.

#### 1.2: Home School Applications

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve home school applications. The vote was 9-0.

#### 1.3: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

*The Board will receive a legal update from General Counsel.*

### 7.3: Financial Minutes of September 8, 2014

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the financial minutes of September 8, 2014. The vote was 9-0.

## VIII. CAE UPDATE

## 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. Expansion of Lowcountry Tech Academy – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance and Operations

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the expansion of Lowcountry Tech Academy (LTA) curriculum and instruction into West Ashley High, Burke High, and a school to be identified in North Charleston and push the start date for the expansion of LTA back to August 2016 instead of June 2016.

Mr. Ascue offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Rev. Collins, to send the recommendation regarding the Expansion of Lowcountry Tech Academy (LTA) to the Strategic Education Committee to have it vetted by members of the community and staff. Mr. Fraser said he was also willing to second the motion, if Mr. Garrett wasn't willing to accept the amendment offered by Mr. Ascue. After discussion, Mr. Garrett refused to accept the amendment. Mr. Garrett said Mr. Ascue wanted the Board to address the expansion and have a committee determine how it should happen. He would accept an amendment if there is a vision. It is not his intent to divide the community, but provide for a facility for students. Mr. Ascue suggested that the stakeholders that assisted with the implementation of LTA should be a part of the LTA decisions going forward. He also suggested that the change in plans for LTA was putting Dr. McGinley in an awkward position with the community.

Mrs. Coats said since LTA does not have a lot of students enrolled, if that campus is empty, the board should consider the facility for CCSMS. It is necessary to have a plan on where to implement the programs. There is no real reason to include North Charleston High School in the recommendation to expand LTA because they do not have space for it. Mr. Garrett said expansion could be at any school in North Charleston.

Rev. Collins said the LTA Expansion was Mr. Garrett's plan; not Dr. McGinley's plan. He went on to say 4-5 years ago, during the Board's discussion of the Rivers building the Board identified funds for CCSMS and LTA. To go against the spirit of what the money was identified for, would be a disservice

to the community. He urged everyone to keep in mind the precedence it would set if a school was built for one charter school. It would also be the expectation of other charter schools, if the recommendation to expand LTA is approved. He reminded the Board that there are many charter schools waiting to come online. The district cannot afford to build LTA programs in other schools. At this point, all that's needed is an advertisement to grow LTA to be a successful program. After the program has had the opportunity to grow, it should be expanded to other schools. The current recommendation to expand LTA sounds good on paper, but the end result would cost millions of dollars and the program would be watered down.

Mrs. Moffly said the community at large should look at the history of CCSMS because community engagement took place May 2007. She said 250 members voted at that time to allow the CCSMS to stay at the Rivers facility. Then in August 2010, while Rev. Collins was on the board, taxpayers voted to put LTA at the Burke building, Rhett campus. Rev. Collins said what Mrs. Moffly said was inaccurate. It was a similar program. However, Mrs. Moffly went on to say that the taxpayers voted to place LTA at Burke. Then the Superintendent wrote an Op Ed that the hybrid program sharing was the number one idea from the 2007 community engagement which has led to this dissention. The record needs to be set straight. A successful 50% black/50%white program is at the charter school where 266 students are housed in deplorable trailers. Mrs. Moffly also mentioned the number of buses being used to transport students to LTA to take courses they can take at West Ashley, Burke, and Military Magnet, according to the district's website. Rev. Collins said the information was inaccurate. Mrs. Moffly said the information is on the website as course offerings. If it is inaccurate it should be corrected. She went on to say the board is not addressing the bell schedule issue in Title I Schools on Johns Island that would supposedly cost the district \$2 million to provide more buses. However, eighteen buses are being used to transport students to LTA for computer-based courses that could be taught from their home schools.

Mr. Miller said the LTA expansion has taken on a life of its own. No one affiliated with CCSMS denies that they have the numbers to support using the current facility where LTA is located. Mr. Garrett's recommendation to expand and replicate LTA throughout the district sounds like a great idea. He heard earlier from other CCSMS supporters about the deplorable condition of trailers used by CCSMS. However, many students in the district are also attending classes in trailers in deplorable conditions. He asked the Board to take more time to think about the LTA recommendation. While the LTA program is not where it should be, that could be said across the district because many expectations are not being met. He urged the Board to consider Mr. Ascue's motion and take time to involve all the stakeholders. Mr. Miller said it was a known fact that CCSMS enrollment has grown and CCSMS would love to occupy the Rivers facility. Then he asked what would happen if the downtown enrollment increased after the District agreed to allow CCSMS to use the Rivers facility. Would CCSMS be willing to give the Rivers facility back to the district? He urged the board to do what is in the best interest of all students.

Mr. Garrett repeated his earlier motion and said the District should work with community leaders to come up with a plan to expand LTA to Career Technology facilities throughout the district by August 2016, and if the building is empty, it would be considered for CCSMS.

Mrs. Moffly said the district doesn't know if there is operational money to expand LTA. However, **\$115.8 million** in the referendum to build Center for Advanced Studies.

After Mr. Garrett said he would consider Mr. Ascue's amendment, Mrs. Moffly said Mr. Garrett only wanted to move forward with the part of the recommendation being sent to the Strategic Committee. Then she strongly urged the Board to move forward with the plan. Mr. Ascue said he didn't want it to move too fast that there is no time for public input. Mr. Garrett said the next Audit & Finance Committee meeting is Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Collins suggested the board vote separately on the two motions. Mr. Fraser said the Board should consider the solution for delivering the education to the community would be different if the referendum is approved or not. If it fails, everything would be different. Mr. Ascue said that's why he wanted the community to be involved. Mr. Miller said based on Mr. Fraser's advice, the decision to Expand LTA should be delayed until the vote on the referendum takes place. Mrs. Moffly

questioned the accuracy of the Program of Study information posted for schools on the district's website.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the expansion of LTA, starting August 2016 in a location West Ashley and Burke and identification of an appropriate location in the N. Charleston. The vote was 5-4 (Ascue, Collins, Fraser and Miller opposed).

Mr. Fraser hung up immediately after the vote.

Mr. Garrett said the District should work with community leaders on implementing the LTA Expansion. However, after some individuals from the audience inquired about the second motion, Mrs. Coats said because the motion was the opposite of the motion the Board voted on. And, since the first motion was approved, that motion takes precedence over the second.

Mr. Garrett said he voted for the recommendation he wrote. His intent was to further study with the Audit and Finance Committee. Mr. Miller said CCSMS is leaving the room with the understanding that the campus will be 100% theirs. This happened without the Board determining how to replicate LTA at any other location. His fear is having the program in August 2016 at W. Ashley HS, Burke, and somewhere in N. Charleston that would look just like LTA. Mrs. Coats said she is not accepting anything less than that. And, that's why it should not go into North Charleston High School. Since she is on the prevailing side of the vote, this item could be brought back to the table if it's not going in the right direction. This means taking 100% to North Charleston what they have at LTA. While only two North Charleston students are enrolled in the LTA program, 79 enrolled at Military Magnet. She expects all eight programs in North Charleston and the Board should understand that they will be paid for. Mr. Garrett said he didn't want the board to mishandle the recommendation and cause the board to have to revisit this in three years. After saying that, he said he would accept Mr. Ascue's amendment because he wants to handle it thoroughly. While he anticipated discussing it earlier at the Board workshop that was cancelled. He went on to say that there should be time for public input at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Audit and Finance meeting. Mrs. Coats asked if public input would change anything since the motion was approved earlier. Then she asked if the motion would rescind the earlier motion to allow for public input.

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to send the previous motion to Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Audit and Finance Committee meeting for further consideration.

Mrs. Coats asked if a lease would be done for CCSMS at that time. Mr. Garrett said he would like input from the Board beforehand.

While Mr. Fraser was being contacted by phone at 6:50pm to vote on the new motion, Rev. Collins said the vote of the Board Chair carried the weight because it was the fifth vote. Also, he said the recommendation shouldn't have come to the Board prior to conducting a study, research, or having the financial cost of the expansion of LTA. Therefore, the entire recommendation should be rescinded and sent to the Audit and Finance Committee to further study.

Mrs. Moffly said there are always a lot of unanswered questions. However, the Program of Studies information for individual schools on the website of courses being taught is probably inaccurate and the courses are the same as programs taught at LTA. She said the Board didn't have this information earlier when LTA was planned. Also, she said there should be a minimum number of students enrolled because LTA has a program for one Baptist Hill High School student. The motion the Board voted on earlier was the right one. Moving forward, she would not want to fund a course with only one student.

Mr. Ducker said he was confused because the Board made a decision to expand LTA. Now, the discussion is about revising the decision to send it back to the Audit & Finance Committee. He inquired about the Board's intent at this time. Mr. Ascue said the spirit of what Mr. Garrett is attempting to do is a great thing. However, strong facts and figures need to be reviewed prior to voting on a recommendation to expand the LTA program. Also, community members need to see the facts and figures and be heard. If they see the facts and figures, they may understand that it

was done in the spirit of educating all students. While it could be done, everyone should be brought to the table beforehand. In the meantime, patience is needed from the Board to allow staff to bring facts and figures prior to proceeding on the recommendation. He said while Mrs. Moffly said a lot has been done, he urged the Board to try to get it right this time around.

Mr. Garrett said the Board approved the LTA Expansion and he think it's the sensible thing to do for students and taxpayers. He would like to rescind part three of the recommendation, which is the creation of the plan, and send it back to the Audit & Finance Committee. Mrs. Coats said her concern is that if something contradictory comes out of the Audit & Finance Committee it wouldn't mean anything. Mrs. Moffly said if that was the case, the Board could place the item back on the agenda. Mr. Garret said any amount spent would have to come back to the Board for approval. Cindy said the Board just voted to execute a lease on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. John Emerson, the District's General Counsel, was called on at this time to respond to questions and concerns. Mr. John Emerson said in response to the Board voting for a lease, the board voted and approved an action that would require a Memorandum of Understanding followed by a lease. However, the Board has not set specific terms at this point.

After Mrs. Coats said the motion says no later the October 15, 2014 the CCSMS lease will be amended so that starting August 1, 2016 and no later than January 1, 2017 the CCSMS will be allowed to expand into the entire Rivers campus which is what the Board voted on. Mr. Garrett said he would like to push it out at least 90 days. Mr. Emerson said what the Board agreed to do is to modify the existing lease to take specific steps. The particular lease may or may not have other aspects that are in conjunction with the existing lease that has to be modified to address the specific instructions of the Board. He concluded that some other things in the lease may have to be changed. The decision fundamentally changes the time span of the lease. Therefore, other aspects of the lease may also have to be changed. Mrs. Coats asked what happen if a contradictory recommendation comes out of the Audit & Finance Committee, such as the time allotted may not be enough time. Mr. Emerson said if the Audit and Finance Committee had an adequate number of votes a person who voted the other way could always motion for reconsideration. So, the Board could revisit the motion based on a recommendation from Audit & Finance Committee or suggestion from members of the Board.

Rev. Collins asked why it would be necessary to revisit the item when it is a topic on the agenda. Mrs. Coats said because the Board had voted earlier, as a body, to approve the recommendation. Rev. Collins said the topic would be the same. Mrs. Coats said due to a procedural standpoint. Then she acknowledged Mr. Garret. Mr. Garrett said he was aggravated at where the Board was at this point and if the workshop wasn't canceled the Board would have had an opportunity to discuss the item. He requested the District come up with a detailed plan by the next meeting if possible. And, he wants the vision to go forward with the addition of nuts and bolts as suggested by Mr. Ascue. Mr. Garrett inquired about amending the earlier motion to have the District bring a detailed plan for community involvement. Mrs. Coats agreed and said it goes without saying because the recommendation says "the district will work to coordinate..." so it's going to happen. The question on the table is if any of the input is contradictory to the motion it's a mute point. Unless the Board makes a motion to undo something, the motion approved earlier stands.

Rev. Collins said there were two recommendations in the packet. The one from the district recommendation wasn't considered. He said the Board should have voted on both recommendations. Mrs. Moffly said the recommendation from staff did not come out of the Audit & Finance Committee. Rev. Collins said it should be considered because the District stated that they haven't had the time to prepare a budget of overall capital or of future operating funds needed. And, the district hasn't had time to identify qualified instructors for multiple sites. He concluded that in order to make the recommendation feasible, staff needs more time to prepare a budget to relocate and identify a place to place the program. Because there are a lot of unanswered questions and time is needed to identify staff, determine the needs to expand, re-do the Rivers facility that was just renovated for LTA, remove all the equipment purchased for LTA and determine where to put them. The Board is talking about spending approximately \$2 million after investing a lot of money into LTA two years ago. He asked if one vote would just throw the LTA program out without input and at a high price. He suggested that money was being spent foolishly without a plan, study, of

identification of future sites.

Mrs. Moffly said the courses offered at LTA are technology and computer based and one green program with only five students enrolled. Mrs. Coats said the graphics and HVAC programs are not online. There are actually pieces of equipment in those rooms.

Mr. Wiles said he wanted to verify that Mr. Garrett's intent is to work out details in Audit & Finance Committee and not overturn the motion. Mr. Garrett said, at this point, it's probably best if the details were worked out in the Audit and Finance Committee meeting. If Oct 7<sup>th</sup> is not enough time, he would like to hear from the superintendent. Dr. McGinley said to bring a full blown plan in two weeks is a problem because there is no space. If the timing was different and there were Centers of Advanced Studies, it would be different. The District doesn't object to the idea of having the programs closer to the location of students. The District hasn't had the time to look at what programs it would displace. However, if this is the Board's decision, staff will begin the work. She didn't think it could happen in two weeks because it required a lot of logistical work.

Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Martin could address the Board about replicating the programs from LTA to three different locations. However, Mrs. Coats said since the board had already voted it is not a good idea.

At this time, Mr. Garret withdrew his motion to rescind the earlier vote noting that the details would go forward to the Audit & Finance Committee on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Coats said no vote was needed to make that happen. Mr. Garrett apologized for the lengthy discussion noting that his intent was to discuss it earlier during the workshop.

Fraser hung up at 7:08pm.

**10.2: Policy & Personnel Committee – Mr. Tripp Wiles**

**A. Policy Committee Update**

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**B. JFABC - Student Transfers - 1st Reading – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel**

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the first reading of policy JFABC – Student Transfers. The vote failed 4-4 (Coats, Garrett, Moffly and Wiles opposed).

Mr. Ducker said the principals provided input and they favor the recommendation.

Rev. Collins said there should be options for those parents that have to work. Mr. Ducker said he would consider a revision for those parents.

Mr. Wiles said, while the effort is to support failing schools, he didn't think the District should have the right to say his child had to attend a failing school. Also, it's a hardship for parents.

Mrs. Coats said she would like to see other opportunities for principals to be more involved in the community.

**C. HAC Bylaws - Proposed Revision to Current Bylaws – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel - PULLED**

**10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller**

**A. Strategic Education Committee Update**

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**XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**11.1: SCSBA Certification of Delegates for Delegate Assembly December 2014**

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the recommendation to nominate Mr. Ducker

as the delegate and Mr. Miller as the alternate to vote at the upcoming Delegate Assembly Meeting in December 2014. The vote was 8-0.

Mr. Ascue suggested Mr. Wiles and Mr. Garrett should consider attending the conference.

**11.2: APUSH Resolution - Ducker, Garrett, Wiles, and Moffly - PULLED**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Ducker said visitors addressed the Board about the Advanced Placement (AP) History framework, not the book and they talked about what has changed. He listed items left out of the framework. He said Texas asked the College Board to re-write the book. He asked that the board ask the State Superintendent and State Board to delay it for a year. Mrs. Coats said it was already approved and is being used. She would support a recommendation to revisit it prior to the next school year. Mr. Ducker said he would accept that.

Mrs. Coats asked why it didn't go before the Strategic Education Committee. Mr. Ducker said it was presented earlier. However, no action was taken. Dr. McGinley said since she did not have an opportunity to provide input on the APUSH recommendation, Mrs. Hairfield wrote a paper that is included in the agenda packet. Then she asked Mrs. Hairfield to provide input on the recommendation. Mrs. Moffly disagreed and said the agenda item was board driven. However, Mr. Ascue, Rev. Collins, and Mr. Garrett said they wanted information from Mrs. Hairfield. Mrs. Hairfield said she spent this morning with the education oversight committee addressing questions about the Advanced Placement, History framework. The AP courses are already approved because they are college courses. They are written for college use and high school students that may opt to take the AP course. One misconception is that some individuals think it is driven by common core. However, it was completed before the College Board hired the person that is involved with Common Core Curriculum. The original framework was five pages, now its eight pages. She shared the difference between the framework and the curriculum. While no details were shared, four hundred college professors identified topics of things that would be on the test. Teachers have the flexibility to flesh out the curriculum however they choose and the SC standards help teachers populate raw topics as they teach. Some concerns expressed highlight negative aspects such as dropping of the atomic bomb and were American values used in the decision-making. The district is trying not to teach finite values to students. Since everyone has access to technology, anyone could read about topics individually. The intent is to have students read multiple sources make their own decision and back it up with evidence. She said students are being taught that they should make their own decision and back it up with evidence.

Mrs. Moffly attempted to interrupt Mrs. Hairfield twice. The second time Mrs. Moffly suggested Mrs. Hairfield was lecturing the Board. However, since other members were still interested in hearing more about APUSH, Mrs. Hairfield proceeded with the discussion. She said there are claims that the new framework is not inclusive of critical documents and excluded people, places and events. The old document was five pages. The new one is three pages. However, the new framework lets the teacher determine which event or topic to teach that helps students understand the concept. The district uses SC standards as opposed to the old standards which allow the teacher to determine what to teach. None of the standards were written by the College Board. The AP History Framework was written by college professors. The College Board only wrote the questions and David Coleman did not have anything to do with the Framework. Mrs. Hairfield said she was confident that the new framework would help students do better on the end-of-year test. AP teachers have had professional development training and they are collaborating with each other. Mrs. Hairfield said she supports the new framework and would be happy to address the Strategic Education Committee about the details.

Mr. Ducker questioned why framework went from 5 pages to 98 pages. Mrs. Hairfield said that was incorrect. The framework went from five pages to eight pages. Other items included are surveys that were never released from the college professors on topics they wrote questions from. Now teachers know the topics they must determine how to teach it. Mr. Ducker said teachers are given latitude or are allowed to supplement the materials other than what they'll be tested on. Mrs. Hairfield said it eliminates the guess work for teachers since they teach what is in the SC standards. Mr. Ducker asked about the connection between the framework and SAT. Mrs. Hairfield said that there is not a connection to her knowledge. However, she would research it. Then she said the

Budget and Control Board issued the new contract for the state assessment and it was issued to the ACT which is going to provide a seamless assessment program for grades 3-8, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, work keys, etc. The next year it'll go through ninth grade. The best way to put the concerns aside is to listen to the experts. She has read input from the experts, National Council for Social Studies, National Council for History Education, she has talked to and observed the District's AP History teachers, and she understands the concept of it, and the district is better off using its own standards and help students. Mr. Ducker asked if the test is written on SC standards. Mrs. Hairfield said the test would be open-ended so the student could formulate their own answers.

Mr. Ducker agreed to pull the item. The board supported that recommendation.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, at 7:37p.m. Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.