

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, November 29, 2010 with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser –Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Vice Chair, Mrs. Ann Oplinger was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Scott, Mrs. Audrey Lane, and Mr. Bill Lewis were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Fraser called the meeting of November 29, 2010 to Order at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to go into Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 1.1: Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education Charter Amendment
- 1.2: Student Transfer Appeal
- 1.3: District 3 Constituent Board Vacancy
- 1.4: Library Book Appeal Hearing
- 1.5: Contractual Matter
- 1.6: Legal Briefing
- 1.7: Student Expulsion Appeal Follow-up

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Board Chair – Mr. Fraser welcomed everyone to the November 29, 2010 Board meeting. He led the group in a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

3.1: Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club

The Board recognized Mr. Lew Mellow with the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club and Community of Readers for providing shoes for CCSD students.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. McGinley personally welcomed new board members: Craig Ascue, Cindy Bohn Coats, Elizabeth Moffly and Mary Ann Taylor, since she was not at the last meeting. She said she is looking forward to working with each of them.
- Dr. McGinley provided updates on a couple of items, beginning with follow-up from her trip to the Greening of America's Schools conference in Utah. She spoke about the purpose of the trip with ten mayors and ten superintendents. She spoke of the recent sustainability meeting, why this is important, next steps.
- The new intern from the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Lauren Scott was introduced. Ms. Scott will be helping the district with this work on greening schools and following Mrs. Melissa Metarazzo who is the Broad Intern. Both at no cost to the district.
- The other update was on the District's Gifted and Talented program. The program directly impacts two of our core goals-closing the achievement gap and elevating achievement overall-by meeting the needs of our gifted and talented population; reaching out to underserved students to increase participation in gifted programs; and offering enrichment classes and teacher supports to increase students' exposure to challenging material. You'll get more details later, but I wanted to give you some context and tie this presentation into our strategic "big picture."
- Finally, in the spirit of the holiday, I want to close with a brief video on one of our teachers: Mr. Braeden

("Bray-den") Kershner. I'm not sure if you saw this story, but it ran nationally on Thanksgiving, and it's a testament to our teachers' creativity and excellence...And a reminder of why I'm thankful and privileged to be CCSD's superintendent. Today's America clip on Mr. Kershner was shown. Afterwards, Mr. Braeden was recognized.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not to exceed 30 minutes)

1. Mr. Henry Copeland expressed concerns regarding Freedom of Information requests he submitted to the district.
2. Mr. Christopher Morgan, Ms. Fran Clasby, Mr. Ian Tomlinson, Ms. Michelle Smyth, Ms. Tanya Hanchon and Ms. Amanda Herring urged school to consider a Montessori Program during the redesign of James Simons.
3. Mr. Jack Richardson, the new Chairman of the Board at Gregg Mathis Charter, shared information with the Board on the new direction the school is taking with vocational and educational tracks.
4. Mr. Anthony Bryant addressed the Board regarding letters he sent to General Counsel.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open Session Minutes of November 8, 2010

The Open Session Minutes of November 8, 2010 was approved unanimously with necessary corrections noted below:

- Mrs. Kandrac said regarding Page 6.1-1, item 1 that after receiving the majority vote, no votes were counted for the other four members who did not support the first vote in the Election of Officers. Also, Mrs. Kandrac said the chair mistakenly announced a 6-3 vote that only had five in favor and no votes were counted, four members did not vote one way or the other.
- Mrs. Taylor said she nominated Rev. Collins for chair; not Mrs. Kandrac.
- Mrs. Coats said she did not vote to approve minutes or financial minutes of October 25, 2010.
- Mr. Fraser noted the 8% tax cap should be 8% Bond cap on page 5.1.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of November 29, 2010

1.1: Pattison 's Academy for Comprehensive Education Charter Amendment – The Board approved the October 11, 2010 request to amend their charter application approved August 13, 2009 to read:

- PACE will serve children Kindergarten – 8th grade and will increase each year by one grade level for 4 years to 12th grade or age 21 for children with disabilities. PACE will increase by 5 students for the 2nd year and determine growth moving forward as facility allows. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.2: District 3 Constituent Vacancy– The Board approved a motion denying three student transfer appeals due to lack of space. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.3: District 3 Constituent Vacancy– The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. Warren Sloan to fill the District 3 Constituent Board vacancy. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.4: Library Book Appeal

The Board identified a date to hear the Library Book Appeal – Friday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

1.5: Contractual Matter - The Board received a Legal Briefing in executive session. However, no action was taken.

1.6: Student Expulsion Appeal - The Board identified a date to hear a student appeal. However, no action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of November 8, 2010

Mrs. Green motioned, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the financial minutes of November 8, 2010. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

7.1: Capital Projects Report – The Board received the Capital Projects Report as information.

7.2: September 2010 Interim Report on Special Revenue and EIA Funds – The Board received the September 2010 Interim Report on Special Revenue and EIA Funds as information. Below is information from the PowerPoint presentation Mr. Bobby shared:

Fiscal Year	General Operating	Special Revenue	EIA	Food Service	Debt Service	Total
FY2008	\$324,373,955	\$56,215,458	\$41,086,950	\$20,908,636	\$52,408,487	\$494,993,486
FY2010	\$306,426,843	\$64,825,866	\$30,051,689	\$18,974,521	\$89,000,166	\$509,279,085
FY2009	\$317,630,848	\$49,312,667	\$40,873,837	\$19,996,399	\$72,039,745	\$499,853,496
FY2011 original budget	\$329,548,266	\$79,875,999	\$26,560,434	\$20,070,369	\$78,892,418	\$534,947,487
FY 2012	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Mr. Bobby reminded everyone that the Stimulus amount will go away soon. Therefore, the district would have to make significant decisions. He also mentioned other reductions forthcoming and said time will be allocated to illustrate these how these things work.

VIII.CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Gifted & Talented

Ms. Denise Zacherl and Ms. Karen Reed presented the following information:

Program Goals

- 🌐 **Increase in and improvement of services** for GT students, particularly special populations and needs such as highly gifted, minority gifted, low income gifted, twice-exceptional gifted, and socio-emotional needs
- 🌐 **Develop and/or increase knowledge base** and instructional competency of GT teachers and teachers of high ability students
- 🌐 Continue to **support** initiatives that promote increasing student access and preparation for taking **AP courses** and the viability of offering AP courses to all eligible students- regardless of location/demographics

Gifted and Talented: Needs

Gifted and talented is only funded 56% for grades 3-12.

Middle schools need 9.9 more gifted and talented endorsed teachers.

High schools need 10 more gifted and talented endorsed teacher allocations.

Jacob's Ladder:

- intended to aid students in moving from basic concrete comprehension skills to more abstract, higher level, critical reading skills while using the same text as the basis for questions at each level.
- Curriculum that deliberately moves students from concrete to abstract thinking enhances reading comprehension skills and promotes greater reading growth.
- The design of Jacob's Ladder and the assessment records that accompany each reading selection allow teachers to determine individual students' strengths and weaknesses in each of the targeted skill areas. Teachers can then tailor the assignment of reading selections based on the areas in which students need additional work and/or those areas in which students are most likely to experience success.

National Data

In A Nation Deceived, America's schools routinely avoid academic acceleration, the easiest and most effective way to help highly capable students. While the popular perception is that a child who skips a grade will be socially stunted, fifty years of research shows that moving bright students ahead often makes them happy. Acceleration means moving through the traditional curriculum at rates faster than typical. The 18 forms of acceleration include grade-skipping, early-entrance to school, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. It is appropriate educational planning. It means matching the level and complexity of the curriculum with the readiness and motivation of the student.

IX.POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Proposed Change in Board Agenda – Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the proposed change in Board Agenda with the addition of Charleston Achieving Excellence. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: First Reading – Board Policies – *A recommendation to approve the first reading of policies listed above.* - Mrs. Kandrac said these policies were updated and revised by previous board committee members. Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to table agenda item number 9.2 until the Wednesday, December 1, 2010 Board workshop. Mrs. Kandrac withdrew her first motion and moved to postpone agenda item 9.2, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, until Dec. 13th. This motion was later amended to postpone agenda items 9.2C and 9.2D until December 13th because of Dr. McGinley's request for the Board to consider the impact the postponement of some of these policies would have on the district. The amended motion to postpone agenda items 9.2C and 9.2D until December 13th was approved 8-0.

Rev. Collins and Mrs. Coats agreed that JFAA and GDQD should be voted on. Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac the Board vote on agenda items 9.2 A and 9.2B at this meeting. The motion was approved 8-0.

- A. **JFAA - Admission of Resident Student** - TG, 2nd CC – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of agenda item 9.2A. The motion was approved 8-0.
- B. **GDQD - Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Classified Staff** - CC, seconded Mrs. Kandrac to deny approval of Policy GDQD – (Rev. Collins, Mr. Ascue, Mrs. Moffly and Mrs. Kandrac supported motion and Mrs. Coats, Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Taylor opposed) The motion failed.

A second motion was offered by Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Bohn Coats moved approval of this 9.2B. The motion was approved 5-3 (Collins, Kandrac and Moffly opposed).

- C. **BE- School Board Meetings** – see action taken in first paragraph of agenda items 9.2.
- D. **BID- Board Member Compensation and Expenses** – see action taken in first paragraph of agenda items 9.2.

9.3: Second Reading – Board Policies - *A recommendation to approve the second reading of Board policies listed below.*

- A. No Code – Magnet Schools and Programs
- B. GBEBA – Staff Dress Code

Mr. Fraser moved the board vote on items 9.2A and B as is. The motion was approved 7-1 (Collins opposed).

Rev. Collins moved 9.3B GBEBA be amended, seconded by Mrs. Moffly to say that staff should wear their skirts “near the knees”. The motion failed 6-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed.)

At this time Mrs. Kandrac questioned why a Letter of Disclosure was included with the November 8, 2010 Board Minutes. Mr. Frasers said that was the requirement of the statute.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:56 p.m. Mrs. Green moved, Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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

