

**August 14, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2006 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Sandra Engelman, Mrs. Lurline Fishburne, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mrs. Susan Simons, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Dr. Nancy McGinley, Mr. Donald Kennedy, Jim Gray and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

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

### **I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Engelman to convene in Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order and led the Board in a moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Chairperson Cook congratulated Board Member Susan Simons on receiving her degree from Tufts University. Mrs. Engelman congratulated Officer Jennie Cecil on the birth of her daughter.

### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **4.1: Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- The District won its appeal to the state for Burke High. Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Dr. Fran Welch, Chairperson Cook, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Meyers addressed the State Board in support of the district.
- First Day Festival is schedule to be held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 2-5p.m. at Liberty Square.
- A “Hootie and the Blowfish” fundraising concert is scheduled for Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Blackbaud Stadium to raise money to purchase school supplies.
- An opening of school bus tour is planned for Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bus will leave Calhoun Street at 6:45 a.m.
- The second issue of Quest is scheduled to be released this week at no cost to the district. The sponsors are: BiLo, MUSC Children’s Hospital, Edison Schools, South Carolina Federal Credit Union, Southern Management Group, Community Education Partners, and Live Five News.
- Open House was held at Sanders Clyde Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Mold tests in some areas are complete and the results are that those areas are healthy. Other areas still have mold. The building will be healthy before the opening of school. The new Sanders Clyde will open in 2009. The district is currently receiving bids on the demolition of the Sanders Clyde site. Jonathan Green is also involved in the Sanders Clyde project.
- To temporarily address school bus parking concerns in Mt. Pleasant, the 15 buses will be parked at Wando, Wando South and Moultrie since they serve those schools.

At this time, Mr. Douglas asked staff to confirm that specific instruction on how to eradicate the Archer building were followed and that the work was done by someone with certification to perform such services. Mr. Mark Cobb, Facility Services Director confirmed that contractor, Service Master, is certified in mold alleviation.

### **V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **5.1: Visitors, Public Communications**

1. Dr. Marian Mentavlos addressed the Board about principal vacancies and the impact it has on recruiting and retention of administrators.

2. Ms. Shanta Barron – Chairman of the District 23 Constituent Board, Mr. Sammy Hiott – District 23 Constituent Board Member, and Ms. Jameely Moore urged the County Board to approve the Constituent Board’s recommendation for a principal at Jane Edwards.
3. Ms. Debbie Jordan shared concerns about employee safety.
4. Mr. Henry Copeland expressed concerns about information requested by the District 20 Constituent Board.
5. Ms. Marie Elliott addressed the board in support of the High School Band Uniform policy.
6. Ms. Lisa Sexton, Ms. Diana Ruthousha, and Ms. Pam. Kusmider expressed concerns related to address verification for students attending Buist Academy.
7. Ms. Elizabeth Wolowicz, representative of *People Against Rape*, requested support for curriculum on sexual awareness.
8. Dr. Doug Berger, a County Board candidate, urged the Board to read Jonathan Kozol’s book *Shame of the Nation: the Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America*.
9. Ms. Tara Lowry addressed the Board about school inequities.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of June 26, 2006**

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of June 26, 2006. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **6.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 26, 2006**

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of June 26, 2006 as follows:

1.1: Student Transfer Applications received before May 1<sup>st</sup> and after June 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Cook announced that no further action would be taken on transfers received before May 1<sup>st</sup> until after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of school. Student Transfers received after June 26<sup>th</sup> were approved with a vote of 8-1 (Douglas opposed) as follows:

- Approve transfers for requests 4, 10 (NCLB may apply), 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, and 23.
- Approve release for requests 1, 2, 5, 7, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28, 31, 32, and 33.
- NCLB applies to requests 3, 5, 14, 24, 26 and 29. No Board action is needed. . (NCLB may apply to 10, too)
- Grant transfer if NCLB applies, otherwise grant release for request 29
- Upheld Denial but approve if space becomes available after May 1 for transfer requests 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 25,

1.2: Student Transfer Requests – District 10; no action was taken.

1.3: Student Transfer Requests – District 10 Middle Schools; no action was taken.

1.4: Student Transfers – Hunley Park ES and Lambs ES; no action was taken.

1.5: Approved recommendation for A-E Firms recommended to selection by the Selection Board and approved by the Selection Authority for RFQs: P6022 and P6023. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Moody abstained).

1.6: Personnel Matters - The Board approved a recommendation from the Board Committee to uphold the recommendation of administration on a personnel matter. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.7: Contractual Matter – The Board approved a recommendation on a contractual matter. The motion was approved 9-0

1.8: Appointment – Principal – Jane Edwards Elementary – The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Christy Thompson to the position of principal at Jane Edwards Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **6.3: Financial Minutes of June 26, 2006**

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the financial minutes of June 26, 2006. The motion was approved 9-0.

## **VII. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)**

There were no Management Reports to present at this meeting.

## **VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE**

There were no Management Reports to present at this meeting.

## **IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

### **9.1: Home Instruction**

This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.

### **9.2: Policy Revisions – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Policies GCFB, GCKADF and IHAE**

This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.

### **9.3: Policy Revisions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Policies GCFB, GDF and GDQD**

This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.

### **9.4: Policy Revisions – Policies GBJ, GCD, GCCB, GCI, GCKAA, GCR, GD, GDB, GDCE, and GDR**

This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.

### **9.5: Procurement Code Exemption**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Procurement Code Exemption for band uniforms based on unique condition that each uniform is a custom design. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **9.6: Boys and Girls Club of America**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for the district to enter into a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of America. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **9.7: Lease Agreement with the South Santee Senior and Community Center**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for the district to enter into an agreement with South Santee Senior & Community Center. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **9.8: Facility Use Request**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for Facility Use Request for West Ashley High. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **9.9: Agreement to make Facility Improvements at Sterett Hall**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation to enter an agreement with the City of North Charleston to make facility improvements to Sterett Hall. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **9.10: Water Dispensing Station at St. James Santee**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for the water dispensing station at St. James Santee Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

**9.11: 8 % Bond Money**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for the 8% Bond Resolution in the amount not to exceed \$24 million. The motion was approved 9-0.

**9.12: Reallocation of Funds to Purchase Land for the new E.B. Ellington Elementary**

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation to reallocate funds to purchase land for the new E.B. Ellington Elementary School. The motion was approved 9-0.

**9.13: Burke HS Admissions Guidelines**

The Board received information on admissions guidelines for Burke High School. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:05 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools