

September 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 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, 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. Simons 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

3.1: Special Recognition for August 28, 2006

1. Red Carpet Award

Chairperson Cook announced that there were no Special Recognition items to come before the Board at this meeting.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: s [Superintendent's Report](#)

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- *Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Thomas Brown who served as an administrator in Charleston County Schools.*
- *Two schools were re-constituted after safety audits were conducted. Accelerated programs addressed over-aged student needs. Recent high school incidents were handled quickly and properly.*
- *The Policy Committee met last week to work on a policy to address residency verification and press conference held on school property by school board candidates running for office. The "G" policies should be completed in the near future.*
- *North Charleston High received a grant for \$1.2 million to help with academic rigor.*
- *The District is sponsoring a Minority Business Conference scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 12th at the Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston.*
- *The Post and Courier published a positive story on Sunday, September 10th on the Special Education Parent meeting.*

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Selena Kinloch, a First Student bus driver, expressed concerns about Student Transfer Policy #5111. Mrs. Kinloch was referred to the Chief Financial Officer.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2006 and August 3, 2006

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2006 and August 3, 2006. The minutes of August 28, 2006 was amended to include the following statement on agenda item 9.2 – "P-Cards would be revisited by the board at the end of the four months pilot period". The motion to approve both minutes was approved 8-0-1 (Toler abstained).

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of September 11, 2006

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of September 11, 2006 as follows:

1.1: Student Transfer Requests

- A. The Board approved a student transfer request under NCLB Act. The motion was approved 8-1 (Engelman opposed).
- B. The Board upheld denial of student transfer request. The motion was approved 9-0.
- C. The Board approved a student transfer request. The motion was approved 6-3 (Douglas, D. Engelman, and Simons opposed).

1.2: Contractual Matters

The Board approved a motion to authorize staff to proceed with due diligence on a potential property exchange.

1.3: Legal Matter – The board discussed a legal matter in Executive Session; no action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of August 28, 2006

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the financial minutes of August 28, 2006. The motion was approved 9-0.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Accelerated Programs

Dr. Nancy McGinley presented information on Accelerated Program as follows:

- In the past three years, significant progress has been made to create safe learning environments in every school.
- **The focus of Safe School are**
 - **Teaching** Appropriate School Behavior
 - **Addressing** Individual Student Needs
 - **Monitoring** School Safety-Indicators of Progress
 - **Responding** to Ensure Student and Staff Safety
- **Key Strategies for 2004-2006**
 - **Student Concern Specialists**
 - **School Safety Audits**
 - **Truancy Hearings**
 - **Accountability Court**
 - **Community Education Partners (CEP)**
 - **Alcohol Prevention Grant**
- **Progress is being made in the area of over-age students.** There were 1704 over-age students in 2004. Now there are 1300 over-age students (404 fewer overage students).
- **Students say that M-GAP is making a difference.**
 - Students credit the smaller class size with reducing behavior problems and helping them focus.
 - Students report that the attitudes and styles of their M-GAP teachers help them stay motivated and engaged.
 - Over 75% of students indicated that M-GAP is better than their previous school experiences in terms of helping them want to do well in school and in helping them be excited about and interested in learning.
- **Teachers believe that M-GAP/P-GAP is an effective intervention for overage students.**
 - Teachers noted very positive improvements in their students' motivation, self-confidence, attendance, academic performance, and classroom behavior.
 - Nearly all teachers rated the M-GAP/P-GAP program as a very effective or extremely effective intervention for overage students
- Murray Hill served 216 students last year. Since 2003-2004, expulsion numbers are down from 375 to 181. (106 Middle School Students, 95 High School Students). In November, the new Murray Hill facility will open. Its capacity is for 432 students.
- An Anti-Bullying Task Force will address bullying issues.
- Dr. McGinley attended the 100 Men March. They requested Drug Prevention Education for District 20.

Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the presentation.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Facility Use Request – Burke High

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the facility use request for Burke High by the SouthCoast Symphony, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Facility Use Request – Burke High

Mrs. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the facility use request for Burke High by COBRA Human Services, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: CCSD High School Track and Field Assessments

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Engelman to approve a recommendation for improvements to the District’s high school track and field facilities systemically addressing one or two schools each year as funded through “Fixed Costs of Ownership” allocations. The motion was approved 9-0. Although Mrs. Engelmann requested that preference be given to St. Johns High, it was the consensus of the Board that the district high school track and field facilities preference would be determined after staff brings additional information in rank order for Board approval in October.

9.4: Home School Applications (5)

Mr. Moody, motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve 5 home school applications. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:33 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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