

February 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Ms. Nancy Cook; Vice Chair - Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Brian Moody arrived at 5:15 p.m. Staff members; Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Nancy McGinley and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. then motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to convene into 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 5:20 p.m. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order and referred to Mrs. Ruth Joan who led the group in a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for February 12, 2007

1. **Garrett Academy of Technology Hospitality and Tourism Team** – The Board recognized the Garrett Academy for Technology Hospitality and Tourism Team for winning 2nd place at the State Lodging Management Championship on January 31, 2007.
2. **Wando High School's Culinary Arts Team** – The Board recognized Wando High School Culinary Arts Team for winning 1st place at the South Carolina State ProStart Student Invitational cooking competition on January 30, 2007.
3. **Charleston Fine Arts Dealers Association** – The Board recognized Charleston Fine Arts Dealers Association for donating \$29,700 to nine Charleston County High School Arts programs.
4. **Charleston County Nurse named School Health LPN of the Year** - the Board recognized Ms. Cynthia Halewood, nurse at Cario Middle for being named the School Health LPN of the year by the State Department of Education.
5. **Charleston County Principal Named State Principal of the Year** – the Board recognized Principal Mary Reynolds for being named State Principal of the Year.
6. **Outgoing CCSD Board Members Recognized** – The Board recognized outgoing Board members Sandi Engelman and Susan Simons. Lurline Fishbure was unable to attend. Each outgoing Board member received a crystal pyramid and certificate for their service to the students of Charleston County.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson reported the following:

- A Charleston Plan for Excellence presentation is on the agenda to share information on the Rivers facility. This plan proposes to revamp schools on the Peninsula and was discussed at an earlier Board Workshop. The work meets the EEDA requirements. The District is committed to public engagement and public/private industry. Mr. Gantt has been engaged to facilitate the project.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Shirley Davis, Ms. DeEthel Brown, Ms. Leoma Doctor, Ms. Debra Green, Stella Thomas Wilson and Ms. Jarvia Meggett expressed concerns about Charleston Progressive Academy.
2. Mr. Leroy Seabrook, Mr. Troy Strouther, Ms. Rene Chewning, Ms. Yvonne Maher, and Mr. Peter Maravel addressed the Board in support of the Sea Island YouthBuild Charter Schools.
3. Ms. Ann Houston and Ms. Frederica Hughes-Joyner addressed the Board regarding Mental Health in schools.
4. Mr. Henry Copeland addressed the Board regarding District 20 concerns.
5. Mr. Richard Gowe addressed the Board regarding Buist admissions.
6. Ms. Julie Hussey addressed the Board in support of Constituent Boards.
7. Mr. John Hagerty, Ms. Arlene Green, and Mr. Paul Brunson addressed the Board regarding the Academic Magnet High School new facility.
8. Mr. Park Dougherty addressed the Board regarding the Rivers Educational Center proposal.
9. Mr. Jerome Murray requested the Board consider other options School of the Arts students who are interested in participating in sports.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of January 22, 2007

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of January 22, 2007 with one minor revision (David Engelman voted in opposition of the Residency Policy, Mr. Douglas voted in favor). The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of February 12, 2007

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of February 12, 2007 as follows:

- 1.1: **Legal Briefing** – The Board received briefings on several legal matters; action was taken on the following:

1. Approved a motion authorizing staff to hire Nexsen Pruet, LLC to initiate a law suit with a vote of 9-0.
2. Approved a motion to authorize a legal settlement with a vote of 9-0.

1.2: Student Transfer Appeal – The Board approved a student transfer appeal allowing the student to transfer from St. James Santee Elementary to Mt. Pleasant Academy. The motion was approved 7-2 (Douglas and Jordan opposed).

1.3: Midland Park Elementary School Appeal – The Board took no action on the Midland Park Elementary School Appeal.

1.4: Student Expulsion Appeal – The Board approved the following motions with a vote of 9-0.

1. No action was taken on a Murray Hill Academy Appeal
2. Approved a motion allowing a student currently assigned to Murray Hill Academy to return to Birney Middle School on strict probation.
3. Approved a motion allowing a student currently assigned to Murray Hill Academy to be administratively assigned to a District 10 Middle School on strict probation.
4. Upheld the District 10 Constituent Board’s decision to assign a student to Murray Hill Academy provided the availability of special services.

6.3: Financial Minutes of January 22, 2007

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the Financial Minutes of January 22, 2007. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: General Operating Financial Report – December 2006

7.2: Capital Projects Financial Report– December 2006

The Board received the December 2006 General Operating Financial Report and the Capital Projects Financial Report as information.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Rivers Educational Facility Update

Dr. Nancy McGinley, the District’s Chief Academic Officer presented an update of the Rivers Educational Facility as follows:

- *On October 23, 2006 we presented a concept paper on the “Rivers Education Center”.*
- *On December 1, 2006 we hosted a meeting that featured a presentation by Philadelphia Schools Superintendent, Paul Vallas. The focus of the presentation was “Public-Private Partnerships”.*
- *To make school programs more relevant to students*
- *To decrease the number of high school dropouts through program enhancement*
- *To improve academic achievement*
- *December 21, 2006 Mayor Riley held a follow-up meeting in his office to capture the momentum and community interest in Public Private Partnerships*
- *A sub-committee was formed to map out a plan to make **High Tech High Charleston** a reality*
- ***High Tech High Charleston** geared toward creating a “school within-a-school” (career academy) that uses technology as a focus for career majors*
- ***High Tech High Charleston** partners are as follows:*
 - **CCSD**
 - **The Citadel**
 - **Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce**
- *High Tech High Charleston*
 - *A network of career academies that align with the growth areas (job opportunities) outlined in the Angelou Report*
 - *Aviation*
 - *Bioscience*
 - *Automotive*
 - *Creative Industries*
 - *Advanced Security*
- *High Tech High Charleston career academies will each align with one of the Angelou growth areas*
- *Year One*
 - *High Tech High*
 - *Charleston at Rivers*
 - *“Advanced Security”*
- *Year Two*
 - *High Tech High Charleston at*
 - *North Charleston*
 - *“Aviation”*
- *Year Two*
 - *High Tech High Charleston at East Cooper*
 - *“Bioscience”*
 - *Rivers Career Center*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADVANCED ▪ PLACEMENT ▪ (AP) ACADEMY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIGH TECH ▪ HIGH ▪ CHARLESTON ▪ ACADEMY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RESTORATION ▪ HIGH ACADEMY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 280 Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 280 Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100 Students

- *Present the concept to CCSD Board of Trustees*

- *Public Engagement Process*
- *Planning Educational Specifications*
- *Chamber will investigate the possibility of an “Executive on Loan” to help direct the development of High Tech High Charleston*
- *World Monument Fund will fund CCSD to hire a director for Restoration High*
- *Startup numbers are shown on the chart follows:*

▪ <i>Year</i>	▪ <i>2009</i>	▪	▪	▪
▪ <i>Grades</i>	▪ <i>9</i>	▪ <i>9, 10</i>	▪ <i>9,10,11</i>	▪ <i>9,10,11,12</i>
▪ <i>AP Academy</i>	▪ <i>70 Students</i>	▪ <i>140 Students</i>	▪ <i>210 Students</i>	▪ <i>280 Students</i>
▪ <i>High Tech High</i>	▪ <i>70 Students</i>	▪ <i>140 Students</i>	▪ <i>210 Students</i>	▪ <i>280 Students</i>
▪ <i>Restoration High</i>	▪ <i>25 Students</i>	▪ <i>50 Students</i>	▪ <i>75 Students</i>	▪ <i>100 Students</i>

- *Next Steps*
 - *Present the concept to CCSD Board of Trustees*
 - *Public Engagement Process*
 - *Planning Educational Specifications*
 - *Chamber will investigate the possibility of an “Executive on Loan” to help direct the development of High Tech High Charleston*
 - *World Monument Fund will fund CCSD to hire a director for Restoration High*
 - *Soliciting input from industry: What do businesses want? What skill sets should we be developing?*
 - *Curriculum/Program Planning*
 - *Refining the Partnership(s) and Governance Agreement*
 - *Recruiting Staff*
 - *Recruiting Students*
- *Governance:*
 - *Independent Partnership School (Self-Governed by Partnership Board)*

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Sea Island YouthBuild Charter School Application

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman approval of a recommendation to conditionally approve Sea Island YouthBuild Charter School to begin operation as a charter school on or about July 1, 2007, subject to its meeting and providing evidence to the CCSD Board of having met the following conditions:

1. Obtaining a certificate of occupancy and the approval from the local authority having jurisdiction for building code enforcement on or before July 1, 2007; and
2. Hiring the personnel required by the application and Charter Law prior to July 1, 2007.
3. This approval will be further conditioned on SIYB Charter School bringing evidence to this Board on or before June 2, 2008, that it has an approved facility for 125 to 225 students, including a certificate of occupancy and the approval from the local authority having jurisdiction for building code enforcement.
4. Should SIYB Charter School not have a new facility ready on or before June 2, 2008, it will have to present a proposed amendment to its charter school contract to the CCSD Board of Trustees for consideration.
5. Certificate of Insurance must be in accordance with the coverage limits as specified in the charter school application for Workers Compensation, Liability coverage, Property Insurance, Indemnity Insurance and Automobile Insurance and copies presented to CCSD by July 1, 2007.

The motion was approved 9-0.

The Sea Island YouthBuild Charter School funding cost for academic year 2007-2008 is \$827,663.59. This funding comes from local, state, and federal sources. The school projects 75 students for the first year enrollment, 2008-2009 - year two (125 students), 2009-2010 – (175 students), 2010-2011 – (225 students) and 2011 – 2012 – (225 students) and respectively for each remaining contract years.

9.2: Facility Use Request - Buist

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of a recommendation for use of Buist facility, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Improvements to Mathis Ferry/Whipple Road Intersection

Ms. Green motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to transfer the Title of Real Estate to the Town of Mt. Pleasant, at no cost to the District. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: YouthBuild Charter School

The Board received information on the District’s review of YouthBuild Charter Schools. Youthbuild enrollment was reviewed December 2006 and another review is scheduled for May 1, 2007. No action was taken.

9.5: Textbook Adoption for 2007-2008

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to adopt instructional materials, including textbooks recommended by staff. The motion was approved 8-1, Douglas opposed.

9.6: 2007-2008 School Year

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the 2007-2008 academic calendar. The motion was approved 9-0

9.7: ESOL English Elective Course/Change in Credit Awarded

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval the change to offer ESOL Prep to a .5 elective credit to accommodate students' needs. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.8: Home School Applications (2)

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of two Home Instruction applications. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.9: Academy of Reading and Writing

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of a recommendation to purchase Academy of Reading and Math intervention software and professional development for 10 Unsatisfactory, Below Average and NCLB receiving schools that don't currently have this software. The total cost for purchase and implementation of the Academy of Reading and Math in 10 schools is \$352,450 plus \$500 shipping charges. The motion was approved 9-0

9.10: Second Reading IHBA and BEDH

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of a recommendation to approve the second reading of policies IHBA – Special Education/Programs for Exceptional Children and BEDH – Public Participation at meetings.

9.11: First Reading – Policies – BEA - Guidelines for Moment of Silence or Invocation, GBXXX - Position Upgrades, GBG – Employee Welfare/Protection, BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Mr. Douglas motioned approval of policies BEA – Guidelines for Moment of Silence or Invocation, GBXXX – Position Upgrades, GBG – Employee Welfare/Protection, BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses. The motion was approved 7-2 (Engelman and Toler opposed).

9.12: Act of Consolidation

The Board pulled this item from the agenda; therefore, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:30 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