

February 26, 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 26, 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. Board members were accompanied by student shadows in recognition of the annual Board Ground Hog Job Shadow Night.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Hillery Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Ravenel 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 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order and referred to Mr. Ravenel who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for February 12, 2007

1. Groundhog Job Shadow Month – The Board recognized students participating in Groundhog Job Shadow Board Night.

2. Proclamation – School Counseling Week – The proclamation was pulled from the agenda.

3. AYP Schools – The Board recognized the following schools that met AYP for the 2005-2006 school year.

<i>Academic Magnet High</i>	<i>Angel Oak Elementary</i>	<i>Ashley River Elementary</i>
<i>Blaney Elementary</i>	<i>Buist Academy</i>	<i>Charleston Progressive</i>
<i>Charlestowne Academy</i>	<i>Chicora Elementary</i>	<i>Corcoran Elementary</i>
<i>Drayton Hall Elementary</i>	<i>Dunston Elementary</i>	<i>Springfield Montessori</i>
<i>Ellington Elementary</i>	<i>Mary Ford Elementary</i>	<i>Frierson Elementary</i>
<i>Garrett Academy</i>	<i>Harborview Elementary</i>	<i>M. Hughes Elementary</i>
<i>Hunley Park Elementary</i>	<i>James Island Elementary</i>	<i>Ladson Elementary</i>
<i>Lambs Elementary</i>	<i>Lincoln High</i>	<i>McClellanville Middle</i>
<i>Memminger Elementary</i>	<i>Midland Park Elementary</i>	<i>Jennie Moore ES</i>
<i>Mt. Pleasant Academy</i>	<i>Mt. Zion Elementary</i>	<i>Murray LaSaine Elementary</i>
<i>Oakland Elementary</i>	<i>Pepperhill Elementary</i>	<i>Pinckney Elementary</i>
<i>Sanders Clyde ES</i>	<i>School of the Arts</i>	<i>J. Simons Elementary</i>
<i>Springfield Elementary</i>	<i>St. Andrews Elementary</i>	<i>Stiles Point Elementary</i>
<i>Stono Park Elementary</i>	<i>Sullivans Island Elementary</i>	<i>Whitesides Elementary</i>

4. Phyllis Wheatley Literary and Social Club Presentation - the Board recognized Ms. Marie Simpson and members of the Phyllis Wheatley Literary and Social Club who presented copies of the book “The Trials of Phyllis Wheatley” by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. which will be denoted to CCSD school libraries.

5. Wando High School Teacher Cadets – the Board recognized Teacher Cadets from Wando High School.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

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

- State Superintendent Rex is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting to speak on his new reform plans on Monday, March 12th.
- The Board will receive an update on MAP progress during the Charleston Plan for Excellence Update.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Jon Butzon announced that the forum with State Superintendent Rex has been postponed because of the March 12th County Board meeting. Mr. Butzon also stated in regards to the Act of Consolidation discussion on the agenda that it “requires much thought”.
2. Ms. Pam Kusmider, District 20 Constituent Board member, Tara Lowry, and Shannon Coatwright expressed concerns regarding education in District 20 and the Buist Academy lottery.
3. Mrs. Diana Ruttonsha and Richard Gowe addressed the Board calling for more seats for District 20 students at Buist Academy.
4. Ms. Shirley Godfrey invited the Board to visit Goodwin Elementary.
5. Ms. Lynn Farrell, a Drayton Hall Elementary parent thanked the Board for addressing the issue with 5th grade books and expressed concerns about magnet schools.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 26, 2007

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 12, 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 26, 2007

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items of February 26, 2007 as follows:

- 1.1: Award of Request for Proposals: Bus Maintenance and Repair (RFP P7001)** – approved the award of P7001 for repair and maintenance of CCSD owned buses and other vehicles/equipment to General Diesel, Inc. The funding source is FY07 General Operating Funds in the amount of \$517,505.00. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.2: Contractual Matters** – approved a motion authorizing staff to have the AE firms proceed with the revised scope of work to ensure the Center of Arts and Academics and new Stall High School can be executed within the capital budget. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.3 Student Transfer** – Approved two student transfer requests from Oakland Elementary to Harborview Elementary. The motion was approved 7-2

6.3: Financial Minutes of February 12, 2007

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the Financial Minutes of February 12, 2007. The motion to approve the minutes was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There were no managements reports to go before the board at this meeting.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: MAP Progress Update

Dr. Nancy McGinley, the District’s Chief Academic Officer presented the MAP Progress Update as follows:

- *Information on improving absolute index was recently shared with principals.*
- *Improving Absolute Index requires students to improve at least one level on PACT.*
- *Some schools have few students that need to improve; other schools have many that need to improve*
- *The starting point varies, but they still must reach the same endpoint.*
- *While it gets harder to make the goal each year, some schools face challenges that make it harder for them to reach the goal.*
- *Additional funding helps schools that need improvement reach their goals.*
- *Many schools are making significant progress.*
- *Recently, some principals were recognized for making significant progress on mid-year MAP Tests.*
- *The MAP Test is administered three times a year—Fall, Winter, and Spring.*
- *Staff looked at growth in 4 areas—reducing below basic math, reducing below basic in reading, increasing proficiency in proficient/advanced in reading, and increasing proficiency in proficient/advanced in math.*
- *49 Elementary and Middle Schools made gains in four areas.*
- *30 of 39 Blueprint Schools made progress.*

Mrs. Jordan commented that she recently attended a South Carolina School Boards Association Conference and Charleston County is moving in the right direction. She went on to say that she was proud to say that CCSD is already using MAP. Mr. Toler, who also attended the same conference, commented on the district's use of the MAP testing.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Facility Use Request – Laing Middle School

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman approval of a recommendation to approve the application for use of Laing Middle School by the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: District 2 Bus Parking Plan

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman approval of an amended recommendation to park school buses in District 2, authorizing staff to negotiate with the contractor to complete the Park West bus lot to park 25 buses in accordance with the plan briefed to community on February 13, 2007 and be reviewed by the Board in 5 years or less. The Park West Bus lot project was funded as a part of the 2005-2009 building program. The amended motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Facility Use Request – West Ashley High School

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded Mr. Engelman approval of the recommendation to approve the application for use of West Ashley High School. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Title I Proposed Funding Changes

The Board discussed the proposal for Title I Funding Changes at length. Mr. Ravenel motioned, seconded Mr. Douglas to table the recommendation for funding changes in the Title I schools. The motion was approved 6—3 (Green, Jordan and Moody opposed).

9.5: Invitation to Apply to Reform Governance in Action (CRSS)

Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson briefed the Board on an invitation received from the Center of Reform of School Systems for the District to apply for two-year training which will be paid for by Broad.

By consensus, the Board approved a motion to have the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Superintendent of Schools participate in a conference call on March 20, 2007 to discuss the application.

9.6: Inter-district Choice School Options

The Board discussed Inter-district Choice School Options. Chairperson Cook asked staff to describe what choice looks like in the District since State Superintendent Rex is scheduled to present his reform plans. The motion was approved 9-0

9.7: Hiring Authority

Mr. Ravenel led the Board discussion on hiring authority as outlined in the Act of Consolidation. Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval a motion to adopt proposed changes to the Act of Consolidation related to hiring authority and send to Senator McConnell to present to Legislative Delegation. The motion was approved 8-1 (Engelman opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 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