

**March 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, March 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. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Nancy McGinley and Mr. Jerry Adams were in attendance.

The 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. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Chairperson Cook 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. Toler who led the group in a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

#### **3.1: Special Recognition for March 26, 2007**

**1. National Board Certified of March 26, 2007** – The Board recognized the following teachers who received

National Board Certification:

Arato, Stephen - Orange Grove Charter Elementary  
Attafi, Stacy - Wando High  
Bernardi-Holway, Sarah - North Charleston Elementary  
Berry, Lori - Orange Grove Charter Elementary  
Carpenter, Tori - St. Andrews School Of Math & Science Elementary  
Catterton, Katherine - Wando High  
Charpia, Angela - Springfield Elementary  
Crosswell, Erin - Wando High  
Cusack, Edith - Thomas C. Cario Middle  
Dent, Martha - Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary  
Garner, (Davidson) Michelle - A. C. Corcoran Elementary  
Hale, Margaret - James Island Elementary  
Handal Thomas - Orange Grove Charter Elementary  
Harden, Natalie - Sullivan's Island Elementary  
Harrison, Morgan - A. C. Corcoran Elementary  
Hayes, Patrick - Stono Park Elementary  
Hazel, Sarah - Special Day School Program  
Horne, Wanda - James Island Charter High  
Huff, Vernon - Wando High  
Kern, Glenda - Ft. Johnson Middle  
Kuhn, Kathryn - James Island Charter High  
Leverett, Connie - Wando High  
Maguire, Brooke - James Island Elementary  
Mande, Tara - Stono Park Elementary  
Maughon, Peggy - West Ashley High  
May, Selina - Wando High  
Mcrae, Martha - Stono Park Elementary  
Murray, Angela - Wando High  
Phillips, Suzanne - Brentwood Middle School  
Roughton, Brenda - James Island Elementary  
Rustin, Ruth (Ann) - West Ashley High  
Scarry, Patricia - Child & Family Development Center  
Shivers, Ayanna - Charleston Progressive Academy  
Simpson, Cynthia - Orange Grove Charter Elementary  
Smaldino, Angela - Charlestowne Academy

Stahl, Heather - Stono Park Elementary  
Strong, Patricia - Stono Park Elementary  
Swain, Angela - Orange Grove Charter Elementary  
Wilson, Rebecca - St. Andrews School Of Math & Science Elementary  
Wiseman, Edward - Lambs Elementary  
Woods, Sara - Pepperhill Elementary

2. **Baptist Hill High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team** – The Board recognized the Baptist Hill Boys Varsity Team for winning lower state “A” championship.
3. **North Charleston High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team** – The Board recognized North Charleston Girls' Varsity Basketball Team for winning 3A Ladies' Championship.
4. **Wando High School Student Recognized for State Wrestling Championship** - the Board recognized Zach Howell, a Wando High School student for his accomplishment in the state wrestling championship.
5. **Wando High School Engineering and Design Team School** – the Board recognized Wando Engineering students for their participation in the Toshiba Competition and winning the region three championships. The team will also participate in the national competition and develop a website to share this information.
6. **Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month** – Ms. Candi Bates-Quinn presented the Child Abuse Month Proclamation as follows:

*Whereas, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solution depends on involvement among people throughout the community. In 2005 South Carolina Department of Social Services received nearly 17,000 reports of child abuse or neglect.*

*Whereas, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate; each year over 30,000 children are reported to be abused or neglected in South Carolina which interferes with their learning.*

*Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; Charleston County DSS accepted 1,158 Child Protective Services intake reports in 2006. During the year, 376 children were placed in DSS care in Charleston County.*

*Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among school counselors and staff, social service agencies, religious organizations, law enforcement, and the business community; and CCSD has taken a pro-active approach to prevent as well as report abuse of any nature;*

*Whereas, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community;*

*Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;*

*Therefore, the Charleston County School District does hereby proclaim April 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> as Child Abuse Prevention Week and April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon its Board, Faculty, Staff and community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.*

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

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

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

- The Special Olympics was held on March 22, 2007. Over 40 schools were represented.
- The capital school trip to Columbia was a success. An article in the Post and Courier newspaper commented on the presentations to the RAAC Committee. The CCSD blueprint was presented. The district will receive committee recommendations on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Fraser Transition – community meetings were held. Some parents expressed concerns about the decision being made without their input.

Chairperson Cook added that the RAAC Committee was impressed with the work being done in Charleston County School District.

At this time, Mr. Ravenel inquired about the status of the RFP for General Counsel the Board approved two months ago. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson responded that an update would be provided in the near future.

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

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

1. Mr. Derosher Price and Mrs. Beverly Gadsden-Birch, representatives of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, addressed the Board in support of High Tech High at Rivers.
2. Ms. Carolyn Debrosky, a Charleston Mental Health representative, told the Board how important it is to provide mental health services to students at school.
3. Mr. Arthur Lawrence addressed the Board expressing concerns about growth in the District 20 area and significant decrease in African American constituents. Mr. Lawrence suggested the Board consider the Rhett wing at Burke High School for a trade school.
4. Ms. Ayanna Shivers, a counselor at Charleston Progressive Elementary, addressed the Board about increasing the school's allocation points to implement EEDA requirements.

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

### **6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of March 12, 2007**

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of March 12, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **6.2: Motions of Executive Session of March 26, 2007**

The Board acted on the following Executive Session Agenda items as follows:

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals (8)** – Approved Release – A, B, D, G, & E; Upheld Denial – C; Approved – F and H. The motion was approved 7-2 (Douglas and Jordan opposed).
- 1.2: Legal Briefing** – received Legal Briefing in Executive Session; no action was taken.
- 1.3 Workers' Compensation Claim** – Approved a motion authorizing staff to finalize a Workers' Compensation claim. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.4: Appointment – Principal - James Island Middle** – approved the appointment of Gary McDonald – Principal at James Island Middle. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.5: Student Expulsion Appeal** – approved a recommendation from the Board Committee for a Student Expulsion Appeal. The motion was approved 9-0.

### **6.3: Financial Minutes of March 12, 2007**

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the Financial Minutes of March 12, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

## **VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

The Board did not receive a Management Report at this meeting.

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

Mr. Robert Olson, Interim Director of Secondary School Support presented information on the South Carolina Education and Economic Development Act as follows:

- *EEDA expanded the content of the report card to include dropout reduction data..*
- *School districts must organize high school curricula around a minimum of three clusters of study and cluster majors and promote increased awareness and career counseling by providing access to the South Carolina Occupational Information System for all schools.*
- *CCSD has organized its high schools around 16 federal clusters of study with more than 30 majors available for students.*
- *East Cooper has 15 clusters/32 majors*
  - *Wando High School – 15 Clusters/31 Majors*
  - *Lincoln High – 6 Clusters/10 Majors*
- *North Area – 10 Clusters/37 Majors*

- North Charleston High School - 8 Clusters/12 Majors
- Stall High School - 10 Clusters/25 Majors
- West Ashley 12 Clusters/27 Majors
  - Baptist Hill High School - 8 Clusters/8 Majors
  - James Island Charter High School - 8 Clusters/22 Majors
  - St. Johns High School - 9 Clusters/17 Majors
  - West Ashley High School - 9 Clusters/19 Majors
  - Burke High School - 7 Clusters/11 Majors
- Countywide Magnet Schools - 13 Clusters/28 Majors
  - Garrett Academy - 12 Clusters/15 Majors
  - Academic Magnet High School - 5 Clusters/12 Majors
  - School of the Arts - 2 Clusters/6 Majors
  - Charlestowne Academy - 6 Clusters/9 Majors
  - Military Magnet High School - 3 Clusters/3 Majors
- Career Exploration - This year school guidance programs integrated career awareness and exploration activities into the curricula for students in the first through the eighth grades.
- Middle school students have been inventoried for career interest using the following instruments:
  - Sixth Grade: SCOIS Career Cluster Inventory
  - Seventh Grade: SCOIS Self-Assessment Inventory
  - Eighth Grade: Kuder Career Inventory
- Eighth grade students are selecting a preferred cluster of study and are developing individual graduation plans (IGP's).
- An individual graduation plan (IGP) is a student specific educational plan detailing the courses necessary for the student to prepare for graduation and to successfully transition into the workforce or postsecondary education.
- Guidance counselors will continue to counsel students during the ninth and tenth grades to further define their career cluster goals and individual graduation plans.
- Before the end of the second semester of their sophomore year, all students will have declared an area of academic focus or major within a cluster of study.
- According to the law a student may transfer to a high school offering that student's career cluster if not offered by the high school in his attendance zone.
- There are three ways CCSD meets the transfer requirement:
  - **First Option** - Students can apply to CCSD High School Magnet Schools. Twenty three hundred students have the opportunity to attend one of the CCSD Magnet High Schools.
  - **Second Option** - Students can enroll in a high school outside of their attendance zone through the Pathways Magnet Program.
  - **Third Option** - Student attends class at a school that offers his/her choice. Students who wish to attend a class at another school that offers his/her choice will be handled on a "case by case" basis between the two schools. Students may enroll at a local college for classes for dual credit. Students may enroll in classes offered through the SDE Virtual High School.
- **The District has identified three Pathway Zones: North Zone – Stall and North Charleston; West Zone - Baptist Hill, Burke, James Island. St. John's, and West Ashley, and East Zone - Wando and Lincoln**
- Students may apply for available slots at schools within their Pathway Magnet Zone provided their home school does not provide their desired cluster of study.
- Students will enter the Pathway Magnet Program according to the following schedule: Ninth grade - 2007-08; 9, 10 grades - 2008-09; 9, 10, 11 grades - 2009-10; 9, 10, 11, 12 grades - 2010-11
- Guidance Counselors - CCSD has made the decision to hire all certified counselors to meet the 300 to 1 ratio that EEDA mandates. All certified counselors will receive CDF Training.
- EEDA also requires that school guidance counselors limit their activities to guidance and counseling and not performing administrative tasks.
- At Risk Programs - Next year each high school shall implement one or more state approved "at risk" programs.

- *The district presently has many initiatives to meet this requirement. Examples at “risk programs” would include: Murray Hill Academy (CEP, Clark Academy, P – GAP, E – GAP, M- GAP, and Separate Schools Program. Additional high school programs will be developed next year.*
- *College Articulation - The district has agreements in place with colleges that allow students to earn credits for high school and college graduation at the same time.*
- *Character Education - Each local school board of trustees must develop a policy addressing character education.*

After the presentation staff responded to questions from individual Board members.

**IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.1: Policy Revisions – Second Reading: Policies BEA – Guidelines for Moment of Silence/Invocation, BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses**

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Mr. Douglas moved approval of a recommendation to the policies listed above. The motion was approved 7-2 (Engelman and Toler opposed)

**9.2: AVID Implementation Agreement**

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the AVID Implementation Agreement. The amended motion was approved 9-0.

**9.3: Sanders Clyde/Fraser ES Principal Proposal**

Chairperson Cook shared information with the Board regarding the Sanders Clyde/Fraser Proposal. Chairperson Cook received a note from Mr. Marvin Stewart, Chairman of the District 20 Board appealing the action of the County Board regarding the proposal, stating it was in violation of the Act of Consolidation. Further, Mr. Stewart stated he would ask the District 20 Board not to interview Assistant Principals for Sanders Clyde and Fraser. The District’s General Counsel, Attorney Alice Paylor response was that the Act of Consolidation does not address expansion of principal duties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:55 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