

April 23, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 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. Brian Moody, Mr. Gregg Meyers, 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 led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for April 23, 2007

1. **CCSD Teacher of the Year** – The Board recognized the Charleston County Teacher of the Year – Ms. Cassie Norvell who is a teacher Jennie Moore Elementary.
2. **CCSD School Receives Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Silver Certification** – The Board Recognized North Charleston Elementary Principal - Mr. Charles Cavileer, Ms. Ann McGuire and Mr. Andy McKellar, architects and Mr. John David Griffin of Trident Construction and Mr. Doug Vincent of Heery International for the recent Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Silver Certification the school received.
3. **20 Schools Recognized for Closing the Achievement Gap** – The following schools were recognized by the Board for closing the achievement gap:

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| 1. <i>Ashley River ES</i> | 11. <i>Jennie Moore ES</i> |
| 2. <i>Belle Hall ES</i> | 12. <i>Whitesides ES</i> |
| 3. <i>Buist Academy</i> | 13. <i>Dunston ES</i> |
| 4. <i>C.E. Williams MS</i> | 14. <i>Minnie Hughes ES</i> |
| 5. <i>Charles Pinckney ES</i> | 15. <i>Oakland ES</i> |
| 6. <i>Charleston Co. School of the Arts</i> | 16. <i>Orange Grove ES</i> |
| 7. <i>Drayton Hall ES</i> | 17. <i>Sanders. Clyde ES</i> |
| 8. <i>Ellington ES</i> | 18. <i>Springfield ES</i> |
| 9. <i>Harborview ES</i> | 19. <i>Stono Park ES</i> |
| 10. <i>James Island ES</i> | 20. <i>St. Andrews School of Math and Science</i> |

4. **Motley Rice Presentation** – On behalf of the Motley Rice Law Firm, Ms. Ann Lee presented a check to the district for sponsorship of the district’s Sexual Abuse Training.
5. **Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation** – Ms. Jennifer Middleton, the outgoing teacher of the year and teacher at Military Magnet Middle read the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation as follows:

Whereas, teachers make public schools great; and

Whereas, teachers work to open student’s minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and

Whereas, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and

Whereas, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and

Whereas, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

Now, therefore, we of Charleston County School District do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2007, to be National Teacher Appreciation Week.

- 6. Proclamation – Physical Education and Sport Week** – Ms. Lindsay Beck, a Goodwin Elementary School teacher invited everyone to join her in celebrating National Physical Education and Sport Week by participating in PE programs in schools, supporting sports events and encouraging principals to designate adequate time for physical fitness and play in the daily curriculum.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

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

- High School graduations are scheduled for the first week of June. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Phase I of the Public Engagement for District 20 is scheduled for May 22, 2007. May 31st is a follow-up date if needed.
- The revised Board Calendar includes budget dates as follows:
 - May 14, 2007 – Preliminary Reading of the Budget
 - May 21, 2007 Quarterly Board Workshop and Public Hearing
- The Board received Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson’s resignation letter earlier in Executive Session.

At this time, individual board members expressed sentiments about Dr. Goodloe-Johnson’s leadership in the District.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Connie Tolbert – Burke HS teacher , Mr. Jon Butzon – Charleston Education Network, Ms. Ginny Deerin – Wings for Kids, Mr. Chris Fraser – Education Foundation, Ms. Jane Riley – Director of Community in Schools, Renee Chewning – Sea Island Charter, Mr. Darby, and Mr. John Luther urged the Board to consider Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Nancy McGinley for the position of Superintendent of Schools.
2. Mr. Alan Brown made comments related to an individual Board member, the Superintendent and the district.
3. Ms. Tanya Jenkins, Ms. Sherry Jenkins and Rev. Ida Harrison addressed the Board regarding the district’s athletic policy as it relates to participation magnet school students.
4. Ms. LaToya Memminger, a Fraser Elementary parent, commented on the process for hiring assistant principals. Mrs. Memminger also stated that she favored a superintendent search.
5. Mr. Lee Moultrie, Mr. Alan Simmons and Ms. Ethel Green addressed the Board in support of the High-Tech High Program at the Rivers facility.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2007 with one amendment--The vote on the motion to enter legal agreement with South Carolina Department of Education in regards to the Teacher Proficiency Agreement was approved 8-0; not 5-3. The motion to approve the amended minutes of April 9, 2007 was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 23, 2007

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

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals (5)** – Approved a motion to approve five student transfer requests. The motion was approved 7-2 (Douglas and Green opposed).
- 1.2: Legal Briefing** – General Counsel briefed the Board on legal matters in Executive Session. No action was taken
- 1.3 Contractual Matters** – Approved a recommendation to award the RFP #P7024 for Transportation Services for Charleston County School District to Durham School Services. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Moody abstained).
- 1.4: Appointment – Principal – North Charleston Elementary** – approved the appointment of Letitia Vaughn Brandon – Principal at North Charleston Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.5: Authorization for Full and Final Payment of Workers’ Compensation Claim** – this item was pulled from the agenda. No Action was taken.
- 1.6: Personnel Matter**

- A. Approved a motion to accept the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Maria Goodloe Johnson. The motion was approved 9-0.
- B. The Board discussed a superintendent replacement in Executive Session. The discussion continued immediately after the adjournment of the Public Hearing to discuss the Sale of Surplus Property.

6.3: Financial Minutes of April 23, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve the Financial Minutes of April 23, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Budget Update

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that there were no updates from Legislators on the budget for the upcoming school year. The assumption is that at least \$10.4 million of the funding cut by the state will be restored. Although there is a delay in budget information coming from the state, the plan is to present the preliminary budget to the Board on May 14, 2007, possibly with assumptions on what the revenues will be.

Chairperson Cook informed the Board that Senator McConnell sent her a message informing her that he will support the district to get back the \$11 million the state plans to cut from the 2007-08 budget.

Mr. Kennedy went on to say that in January the district closed out the 2000-2004 Capital Building Program. During the Bond Sale in September 2004, the district got \$135 million to complete the program. At the end of the program, there was a savings of \$9,320,384 from 1999-2004 which will be designated it pay debt service.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Capital Program Report

Mr. Bill Wiseman highlighted information from the 2000-2004 Capital Program which ended fall 2006.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Coherent Curriculum Printing

A recommendation to approve a bid for printing of CCSD Coherent Curriculum documents.

Mr. Moody motioned seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the bid for printing of the CCSD Coherent Curriculum to GBC in the amount of \$116,540.82. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Request for Approval – Synergistic Lab – Stall High

A recommendation to approve the purchase of a synergistic module lab for Stall High School.

This item was pulled because of a procurement issue; no action was taken.

9.3: Approval of Expenditures for Laura Brown Special Board Funds for 2006-2007

A recommendation to approve the Laura Brown Special Board Funds allocations.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to allocate 77% of the \$63,555 funds requested. The total amount to be allocated is \$48,937 with a contingency of \$1,063. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Academy of Reading and Math

A recommendation to approve a request to purchase the Academy of Reading and Math for seven elementary and middle schools.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve a request to purchase of the Academy of Reading and Math for the seven elementary and middle schools (James Simons, Oakland,

Burns, Belle Hall, M. LaSaine, Frierson, and St. Andrews in the amount of \$267,7000. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.5: Facility Use Request – North Charleston High School

A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve a facility use request for North Charleston High School as required by policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: Request for Proposals (P7024): Student Transportation Services

A recommendation to approve the proposed budget reallocations.

This item was moved to Executive Session. See Executive Session item 1.7.

9.7: Student Transfer Policy

The Board discussion of the student transfer policy.

Mr. Meyers led the Board discussion asking staff to study the data for signs of racial impact that may require the Student Transfer Policy to be revised. Mr. Douglas requested that staff review 4 years of data to see if the current policy is segregating schools. The Superintendent will include information on student transfer in Friday, April 27, 2006 Board Update.

9.8: Charter School Update

An update of the Charter School proposed for the Rivers Facility.

Mr. Meyers led the discussion about placing trailers on the Rivers property free of charge for use by the charter group, indicating that precedence would be established. Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson pointed out that staff members (Dr. McGinley, William Lewis, Katie McClure, Bob Olson) have been meeting with the group. However, the district is not in a position to enter an agreement at this point.

Mr. Ravenel commented that the District 20 parents proposed the charter school that addresses needs in the downtown area. The Charter Group received grants and has hired staff. However, because CCSD administrators are dragging their feet, the charter group is running out of time. The charter school proposes to buy or lease trailers if the district refuses to and all that is required of the district is to provide land for the trailers and use of the cafeteria and auditorium. Mr. Ravenel encouraged the Board to move forward since the Board runs the district, not administrators. At this time, Mr. Ravenel motioned for the Board to assert its authority to approve the Memorandum of Understanding allowing the Charter use of the cafeteria and auditorium and space for trailers. The motion failed because no one seconded the motion.

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. Moody motioned seconded by Mr. Douglas to suspend Open Session to convene into the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing Sale of Surplus Property.

Open Session Reconvened

Open Session reconvened at 8:55pm with the same members present. The Board acted on the motions as follows:

At 8:58 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session to act on motions from Executive Session regarding replacing the superintendent. The Board voted on actions as follows:

1. A motion to extend an invitation to Dr. Nancy McGinley for an interview date for Superintendent of Charleston County School District as soon as possible. This motion failed 4-5 (Douglas, Engelman, Green, Jordan and Ravenel opposed).
2. A motion to appoint Dr. Nancy McGinley as Interim Superintendent and Board to work on process for assignment and hiring of a permanent Superintendent. The motion failed 3-6 (Cook, Engelman, Meyers, Moody, Ravenel, and Toler opposed).

3. A motion to offer Dr. Nancy McGinley a four year contract. The motion was approved 6-3 (Douglas, Green, and Jordan opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 9:05 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Mr. Moody to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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