

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 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 was absent. 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 3:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green 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 May 14, 2007

1. **CCSD Adult Education of May 14, 2007** – The Board recognized Ms. Janet Thompson for receiving an award from the State Department of Education.
2. **Parent University** – The Board recognized the 2007 Parent University graduates from Burke Middle, Memminger Elementary, and Chicora Elementary schools.
3. **Medical Society of S.C.** – The Medical Society of Charleston presented a check for \$100,000 to CCSD to support Project Health, a pilot program in identified schools.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

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

- The news media report about the principal appointment at Fraser being illegal was inaccurate.
- The findings of the student transfer data requested by the Board revealed no race or gender is provided and information requested would be costly and take lots of time.
- The Board was encouraged to attend upcoming high school graduations. A schedule was provided earlier to the Board.
- The Request for Proposals for Staff Attorney closed on May 10th. The Board received a copy of the request for proposals.
- A C.E. Williams team that participated in the Science Decathlon placed first in the overall category.
- Laurel Hill received the Red Carpet Award.
- The old Sanders Clyde facility was demolished.
- Wando HS Girls Soccer team won at the state level.
- The Lincoln Boys Soccer team competed; bud did not win.
- The next budget forum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30p.m.
- District 20 Engagement Process begins Tuesday, May 22nd at Burke High.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Annette Goodwin, Principal at Gregg Mathis Charter addressed the Board regarding the use of the facility at Rivers or McNair to accommodate an increased number of students.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of April 23, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the Open and Executive Session Minutes of April 23, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of May 14, 2007

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

- 1.1: Contractual Matters** – Approved a motion for the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees to authorize its officers to execute on the district’s behalf an employment contract for the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy McGinley. The contract was provided to the Board in draft form and reviewed with the Board this afternoon by the district’s attorney in Executive Session. Said contract shall be effective upon execution, is a public document, and does provide for a 4-year term at an initial salary of \$184,000 a year and Dr. McGinley will begin work on June 15, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.2: Legal Matter** – Approved a motion to authorize General Counsel to settle a pending litigation. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.3 Student Transfer Appeal** – Approved recommendations on student appeals as follows. The motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed)
Approved - A and B; Denied - C, D, I, J, K, L, and O pending availability of space; Denied – N; and Carried over M because of lack of information.

1.4: District 20 Constituent Board Vacancy – approved the appointment of Doug Berger to fill a vacancy on the District 20 Constituent Board. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of April 23, 2007

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of April 23, 2007. The motion was approved 5-3 (Meyers, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that documents were included in the Board Agenda packet delivered last week. The Board will have the opportunity to review and ask questions about the preliminary budget in a workshop scheduled for May 21st. The FY2007-2008 General Operating and Debt Service, GOF Estimated Expenditure Changes, and Preliminary Reductions and Eliminations are summarized below.

Budget Summary							
General Operating & Debt Service							
FY 2007 – FY 2008							
EXPENDITURES							
	FY2007 Budget		FY2008 Budget		Variance		
General Operating	\$308,402,630		\$318,485,658		\$10,083,028		
Debt Service	<u>52,690,493</u>		<u>60,555,472</u>		<u>7,864,979</u>		
Total	\$361,093,123		\$379,041,130		\$17,948,007		
AD VOLOREM TAXES REQUIRED							
	FY2007		FY2008		Variance		
	Tax Amount	Mills	Tax Amount	Mills	Tax Amount	Mills	
General Operating	\$203,295,329	92.8	\$216,185,104	96.5	\$12,889,775	3.7	
Debt Service	<u>32,362,280</u>	<u>13.6</u>	<u>48,670,075</u>	<u>18.4</u>	<u>16,307,795</u>	<u>4.8</u>	
Total	\$241,143,941	106.4	\$269,405,147	114.9	\$28,261,206	8.5	
GENERAL OPERATING FUND BUDGET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE CHANGES							
FY2007 Expenditure Budget							\$ 308,402,630
State Mandated							
Teacher COLA @ 3.31%	\$3,885,172						
Teacher Step approx 2%	2,413,150						
Retirement @ 1% increase	1,002,741						
Charter Schools	<u>4,332,485</u>						
Total State mandated							11,633,548
CCSD Commitments							
Capitol School support	709,138						
Early Childhood program	1,000,000						
Change in teacher vacancy salaries	1,169,890						
Property Services contract	400,571						
Water & Sewer	158,700						
Property Insurance	639,370						
Student Transportation contract	799,696						
Electric & gas	262,000						
Non-teacher COLA @ 3.31%	<u>1,599,353</u>						
Total CCSD Commitments							6,738,718
Total expenditure increases projected							<u>18,372,265</u>
FY2008 Preliminary Expenditure Budget							\$326,774,895

**GENERAL OPERATING FUND BUDGET
Preliminary Reductions & Eliminations**

FY2008 Preliminary Expenditure Budget	\$326,774,895
Estimated changes to Expenditure Budget	
Computer leases deferred	(\$1,290,967)
Telephones	(144,590)
CEP contract reduction	(400,000)
Reduction to Fund Balance set aside	(1,700,000)
Reductions to central office budgets	(323,774)
Reduction of driver and warehouse salaries	(210,345)
Reduction of assistants (decrease in need)	(262,916)
Reduction of service worker salary	(57,227)
Reduction in staffing contingency	(459,990)
Other reductions	<u>(3,439,428)</u>
Total preliminary expenditure reductions	<u>(8,289,238)</u>
FY2008 Preliminary Expenditure Budget	\$318,485,658

7.2: Financial Report

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the budget announcing that the end of the fiscal year is on track. It is anticipated that the district would have \$1.5 million greater in revenue and is \$2.1 million under budget for expenditures.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

8.1: Data Warehouse Presentation

Mr. Russell Doupnik presented information on the Data Warehouse indicating that the district now has capability of merging data which will save the district money.

8.2: Superintendent's Transition Plan

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson presented a 2-page transition plan and the checklist used for outgoing employees. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson and Dr. McGinley are working together on the transition. However, Dr. McGinley will make final decisions on the budget for FY2008 and bring a recommendation to the Board for a new Chief Academic Officer.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: 2007 SCSBA Delegate Assembly

The Board will discuss and possibly make decisions regarding the upcoming 2007 SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Jordan motioned seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the nomination of Chairperson Cook to be the delegate at the SCSBA Delegate Assembly. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mrs. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the nomination of Mr. Toler to be the alternate at the SCSBA Delegate Assembly. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: Lawrence Derthick Grant Awards

A recommendation to approve allocations for the Lawrence Derthick Grant awards.

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Ravenel approval of the recommendations for Lawrence Derthick Grant allocations shown below. The motion was approved 6-1-1 (Engelman opposed; Cook abstained).

Applicant	Allocation
Metanoia Community Development Corporation	\$1,500.00
Teachers' Supply Closet, Inc.	\$4,500.00
SEWEE Association, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Boy Scouts of America	\$2,800.00
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc.	\$2,800.00
Camp Good Times	\$2,000.00
NJAME Church Youth Department	\$2,800.00
Lowcountry Food Bank	\$4,300.00
Children's Museum of the Lowcountry	\$5,000.00
Drayton Hall	\$2,000.00
Women and Children Center	\$7,000.00

BOWs - Beyond Our Walls, Inc.	\$4,500.00
The Twenty Pearls Foundation of Charleston	\$1,000.00
The Community Outreach Center at St. Matthews Lutheran Church	\$2,800.00
YWCA of Greater Charleston	\$3,000.00
Wings for Kids	\$3,000.00
Amount Allocated	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

9.3: Pilot Program Applications

A recommendation to approve applications for new pilot programs and pilot program continuations.
Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve the recommendation for new pilot programs and pilot program continuations, at no additional cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.4: Request for Approval – Synergistic Lab – Stall High

A recommendation to approve a request to purchase the Synergistic Learning System as a pilot program for Stall High.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve a request to purchase the Synergistic Lab for Stall High. The total amount of purchase is \$124,993.72. The funding sources are State Technical Assistance Funds - \$100,934.04 and Fixed Cost of Ownership - \$24,059.68. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.5: Facility Use Request – Rivers Middle School

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

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve a facility use request for Rivers Middle School as required by policy KF, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.6: District 20 Public Engagement

A recommendation to approve the agreement for Gantt, Huberman Architects to conduct the public engagement required to update the District 20 Master Plan. The amount of the agreement is \$77,300. The funding source is the District 20 Bond Funds.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of the agreement for Gantt, Huberman Architects to conduct the public engagement required to update the District 20 Master Plan. The motion was approved 7-1 (Engelman opposed).

9.7: Gregg Mathis Charter

The Board will discuss a request from Gregg Mathis Charter.

The Board discussed the request from Gregg Mathis Charter to use the Rivers Middle School facility. This request will be included in District 20 Community Engagement discussions.

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 meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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