

June 18, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 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. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Gregg Meyers was absent. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy 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 4:30 p.m. Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan 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 June 18, 2007

- 1. Garrett Academy Students Recognized** – The Board recognized students from Garrett Academy who built sculptures on the Old Naval Base.
- 2. Tidelands Bank Presentation** – The Board recognized Mr. Robby Bryant, Branch Manager at Tidelands Bank who presented a check in the amount of \$1500 to be used by Laurel Hill Primary and Cario Middle.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Dr. McGinley said she is proud to be the Superintendent of Charleston County School District and humbled by the support she has received from the community and internal staff.
- The school year closed successfully and the district is planning for the first day in August.
- Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson and members of the Board attended high school graduations
- On Thursday, June 14th Administrators said goodbye to Dr. Goodloe-Johnson and welcomed Dr. McGinley at their June 14th meeting.
- A County Board Retreat is scheduled for June 28th – 12pm – 5pm. At that time Dr. McGinley will give the Board more specific details about her entry plan.
- The Charleston Plan for Excellence is still the blueprint for the District.
- Dr. McGinley will present a strategic focus that will accelerate progress in the district.
- Dr. Brenda Nelson, the new Director for Community Outreach was welcomed. Dr. Nelson will continue to be the liaison for Alternative Schools.
- The Chief Financial Officer has a new title which is the Chief of Finance and Administrative Services.
- Georgia Walters will begin as interim principal on July 1st at North Charleston High School while a search is being conducted.
- Dr. Davis, Dr. Gepford and other administrators are scheduled to attend the South Carolina Association of School Administrators in Myrtle Beach this week.
- The Public Education Leadership Project (PELP) team is scheduled to go to Harvard for three days this week to resume work with the Harvard Business School and Graduate School of Education.
- Dr. McGinley will attend a one day business seminar at Harvard Business School with two corporate partners, Anita Zucker and Brad Davis this week.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2007 since the budget was taken off the June 18th agenda.
- During the Superintendent's transition, an extensive search was conducted for a new Chief Academic Officer. A recommendation was presented to the school board in executive session.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Barbara Flynn, Ms. Ellamae Washington, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Brandon Gibson, Ms. Quanterah Washington, Mr. John Carr, Ms. Carolyn Watson, Ms. Helen Green, Mr. Leroy Robinson, Jr., Darlene Bellman and Vera Haynes addressed the Board in support of Gregg Mathis Charter and allow Mrs. Annette Goodwin to continue as principal of that school.
2. Ms. Jeanette Lee, a Gullah Heritage Preservation representative expressed concerns about the demolition of Jennie Moore Elementary and asked the Board to purchase the property adjacent to the current facility to construct a new school and donate the existing facility to the community.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of May 14, 2007 and May 29, 2007

Mr. Ravenel motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Douglas of minutes of May 14, 2007 and May 29, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 18, 2007

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

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals** – Approved recommendations on student appeals as follows. The motion was approved 8-0.
Approved transfers A, B, C, D, G, H, O, Q, R, S, V, Y and Z if space is available; Approved release for transfers D, L. and R; Upheld denials due to lack of space – E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, T, U, and W.
Refer J to NCLB Office.
- 1.2: Personnel Matters** – The Board discussed a personnel matter in executive session; no action was taken.
- 1.3 Request for Proposals – Parent Automated Notification System (RFP P70343)** – Approved a motion to authorize staff to negotiate the contract recommendation of P7043 for Automated Notification System to Parlant Technologies. The initial amount is \$111,711.00; funds are budgeted in the proposed budget for FY2008.
- 1.4: Appointment – Principal – Blaney Elementary** – Approved the appointment of Michelle Simmons – Principal at Blaney Elementary.
- 1.5: Appointment – Chief Academic Officer** – Approved the appointment of Mr. Randolph Bynum as Chief Academic Officer.
- 1.6: Contractual Matter** – The Board discussed a contractual matter in executive session; no action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of May 29, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the Financial Minutes of May 29, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: FY08 Budget – Second Reading

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer informed the Board that no major changes were made since the State budget has not been approved.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

There was no Charleston Plan for Excellence update on this agenda.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: FY08 Budget – Second Reading

A recommendation to approve the second reading of the budget.

This item was pulled from the agenda since the state budget has not been approved; no action was taken.

9.2: FY08 Tax Anticipation Note Resolution

A recommendation to approve the FY08 Tax Anticipation Note Resolution.

This item was pulled from the agenda along with the Second Reading of the FY08 Budget; no action was taken.

9.3: Facility Use Request – Mary Ford Elementary

A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the facility use request as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.4: Facility Use Request – Clark Academy

A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the facility use request as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.5: Facility Use Request – St. Johns High

A recommendation to approve a facility use request as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the facility use request as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.6: Pilot Program Applications

A recommendation to approve an application for new pilot programs and pilot program continuations at Stall High.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve an application for new pilot programs and pilot program continuations at Stall High; at no additional cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.7: Purchase of EBSCO Packages

A recommendation to approve the purchase of EBSCO databases. The funding source is Title II, the cost is \$50,350.00.

9.8: Recommendation for Approval of Award for District-wide Fencing Bid #7037

A recommendation to approve the bid award recommendation for district-wide fencing. The anticipated cost per year is \$100,000 - \$200,000 per year. The funding source is the proposed FY08 GOF and Bond Funds.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the bid award for district-wide fencing. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.9: Recommendation for Approval of Award for District-wide Concrete Services

A recommendation to approve the bid award recommendation for district-wide concrete services. The anticipated cost is \$100,000 per year. The funding source is the proposed FY08 GOF Funds.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the bid award for district-wide concrete services. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.10: Approval of Certified and Classified Administrative Contracts for 2007-2008

A recommendation to approve the certified and classified administrative contracts for 2007-2008.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve certified and classified administrative contracts for 2007-2008. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.11: NFUSSD Directory Update

A recommendation to update the 2007 National Federation of Urban and Suburban School Districts Directory.

Per direction of Chairperson Cook, this item was pulled from the agenda to allow staff to review the effectiveness of the district's NFUSSD membership.

9.12: Bid Award Recommendation – Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary Phase I

A recommendation to award the contract to Gulfstream Construction for the Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School – Phase I in the amount of \$639,637.00. The funding source for this project is within the previously approved budget for Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary (5653).

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the bid award recommendation for Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary Phase I. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.13: Bid Award Recommendation – Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Swing-Space Preparation (McNair Elementary School – Portable Relocation)

A recommendation to award the bid award recommendation for Orange Grove Elementary Charter School – Swing-space Preparation for portable relocation at McNair Elementary.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to approve the bid award recommendation for Orange Grove Elementary Charter School swing space preparation. The funding for this project is in the approved budget for Orange Grove Charter (5783) in the amount of \$399,999.00. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:15 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools