

June 25, 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 25, 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. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Brian Moody was absent. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy and Dr. Brenda Nelson 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 4:45 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 5:25 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

There were no Special Recognition items on this agenda.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Dr. McGinley acknowledged that the district continues to mourn the loss of the 9 fire-fighters who lost their lives in a recent fire.
- House bill 4150 was recently signed into law. Dr. McGinley will contact Constituent Board members in the near future to discuss the new law and the manner in which personnel are hired and transferred.

At this time, Mr. Meyers credited Mr. Ravenel for initiating the proposal sponsored by Senator Hagood. Mr. Ravenel said Mr. Meyers wrote the proposal which is now law.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mayor Mary Clark - addressed the board in support of recreation facilities for James Island residents.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes

There were no minutes on the June 25, 2007 agenda for approval.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 25, 2007

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

- 1.1: Appointment – Principal - Haut Gap Middle** - Approved the appointment of Paul Padron – principal at Haut Gap Middle. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.2: Appointment – Executive Director of Secondary School Support and EEDA** – The Board approved the appointment of Bob Olson – Executive Directory of Secondary School Support and EEDA. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.3 Modification to the Design Contract for the Center of Arts and Academics** – Approved a motion authorizing the Superintendent to approve the proposed modification to the design contract for the Center of Arts and Academics. The motion was approved 5-3 (Engelman, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

6.3: Financial Minutes

There were no financial minutes on the June 25, 2007 agenda for approval.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: FY08 Budget - Second Reading

Mr. Donald Kennedy, Chief of Finance and Administrative Services, reviewed FY08 Budget reiterating that the GOF budget requested for the upcoming school year is \$318,485,658.

During discussion, Mr. Ravenel urged Mr. Kennedy to reduce the budget to avoid a tax increase after being advised by the County Assessor that new construction will cause an increase in the assessed property value. Mr. Kennedy indicated that based on proposed millage, an increase in the amount of 1.9 was needed to meet the EIA minimum statute requirement and if the millage changed, he would bring revisions back to the board.

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.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas approval of the budget as presented by the Superintendent, with four qualifications:

1. *That the budget be increased by a sum sufficient to place at two high poverty schools, Memminger Elementary and North Charleston Elementary, beginning in 2007-2008, the staff and instructional resources available to Buist Elementary, the per capita budget for each school thereafter to remain the same.*
2. *That the budget be increased by a sum sufficient to plan for Hursey Elementary, beginning in 2008-2009, to have the staff and instructional resources for a Montessori program*
3. *That the budget be increased to include the projected raises for teachers and administrators as recommended by the Palmer & Cay study and previously approved by the board, to be distributed to administrators only after the board approves accountability standards.*
4. *That during the 2007-2008 fiscal year the Superintendent shall identify expenditures, equivalent to not less than 10% of the General Operating Fund budget, which the Superintendent deems to be the district's least effective expenditures, and the Superintendent shall recommend ways to improve the effectiveness of that spending.*
5. *That within 180 days the Superintendent is directed to return for Board approval a proposal for creating the district's budgeting mechanism, beginning with the 2008-2009 budget, using not the allocated "points" system but a method of weighted pupil funding, to staff schools based on the programs they offer and the educational needs of students in schools.*

After discussion, the motion was approved 6-2 (Engelman and Toler opposed).

9.2: FY08 Tax Anticipation Note Resolution

A recommendation to approve the FY08 Tax Anticipation Note Resolution.

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the FY08 Tax Anticipation Note Resolution in an amount not to exceed \$58.2 million. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.3: A+ Credit Recovery Software for West Ashley High

A recommendation to approve the purchase of the A+ Learning System Credit Recovery Software for West Ashley High funded by Assistance and Intervention funds allocated to West Ashley High, in the amount of \$56,146 (installation, on-site support and training).

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the recommendation to approve the purchase of A+ Learning System Credit Recovery Software for West Ashley High. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:15 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