

September 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – Ms. Nancy Cook, Vice Chair - Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green was absent. Staff members Mr. Donald Kennedy and Mr. Rodney Bynum were in attendance.

The news media were duly notified of the meeting and representatives were present.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Moody 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 September 10, 2007

1. The Board recognized Laurel Hill Elementary principal and staff for receiving the Red Carpet school.
2. The Board recognized the following Palmetto Gold & Silver schools chosen by the State Department of Education to be showcase schools: Jane Edwards Elementary, Whitesides Elementary, Ashley River Elementary, Belle Hall Elementary, Academic Magnet High School, Charlestowne Academy and Pinckney Elementary.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- *Congratulated the staff at Laurel Hill Elementary for receiving the Red Carpet award.*
- *Trident United Way Day of Caring is September 11, 2007. Business leaders will volunteer at various schools across the district to fix things and spruce up things at schools. Trident United Way and volunteers were thanked for their ongoing support for schools.*
- *On Wednesday, September 5, 2007 and Thursday, September 6, 2007 community meetings were held at North Charleston High and St. Andrews School of Math and Science. Concerns were expressed by parents at St. Andrews School of Math & Science about the school's enrollment. A Task Force led by the Associate Superintendent, the Principal and Bill Lewis will be formed to look at this and other concerns.*
- *PACT results show a fourth year gain in Math and ELA for 3rd grade students; 5th – 8th grade students declined. Over the last three years the district has been focusing on Middle School Matter model to strengthen middle grades. Gains in Science and Social Studies are due to PACT countdown efforts. Dr. McGinley said she was not pleased with the overall PACT gains. At the Board workshop on Friday, September 14, 2007, she will share an update on the District's Strategic Plan.*

At this time, Mr. Meyers responded to a rumor printed in the **Chronicle** which implied that he along with board member Toya Green, Mayor Riley and Dr. McGinley were working together to change directions for Academic Magnet High School facility. Mr. Meyers said there is no truth to that rumor and no one called him to clarify the rumor. Plans for building a new facility for Academic Magnet High are already in progress and no plans have been made to make any changes. The article is completely fiction.

Mr. Meyers also shared information from a conference he attended regarding the **United States Supreme Court decision** in the cases of Jefferson County School District and Seattle School District. In a 5-4 decision, the court struck down the voluntary integration plans used by Seattle and Jefferson Counties. Justice Kennedy wrote his own opinion stating that it is okay to have diversity in schools if race is used as narrowly as permissible. Further, the opinion stated that while it may be used, it is not permissible if it's the "sole" factor. Mr. Meyers said the summary of the decision was shared with each member of the Board.

Mr. Ravenel asked the Superintendent to respond to where the district stood with providing a **space for the Charleston Math and Science Charter School**. Dr. McGinley responded that while the Board spoke of revising the lease agreement for serving 40% minority or low income students, she has not communicated the Board's decision in writing to Mr. Park Dougherty. Mr. Meyers added that the Board did not set a quota or target and has not told the charter school how to operate. The Board's job is to articulate and set standards. He is willing to further discuss the facility agreement for the charter school, if the Board wants to do so in the future. Chairperson Cook reminded the Board that the process required a member from the prevailing side and support of four Board members. Chairperson Cook read CCSD Poverty information which was included in the Board's Friday Update.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

There were no visitors to address the Board at this meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 10, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of minutes of August 27, 2007. The motion was approved 7-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of September 10, 2007

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

- 1.1: **Student Transfer Appeal** - Approved a motion to uphold denial of a student transfer appeal due to lack of space. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.2: **Contractual Matters**
 - 1.2A: The Board discussion on Charter School in Executive Session ended because it was determined that it was a discussion for public session. No action was taken.
 - 1.2B: The Board received an update on CEP. No action was taken.
- 1.3: **Legal Matter** - The Board approved a motion to provide a 60-day notice for Sea Island YouthBuild Charter initiating legal action for next payment to go to the court until they demonstrate compliance. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.4: **Teacher Appeal** - The Board approved a motion upholding the District #1 Constituent Board's decision for non-renewal of employment for the teacher, placing the teacher on the eligibility employment list for 2007-2008, except in District #1.

6.3: Financial Minutes of August 27, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of August 27, 2007. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There were no Management Reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

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

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Extended Term Lease for Riverland Terrace Property with City of Charleston - PULLED

This item was pulled from the agenda; no action was taken.

9.2: Memorandum of Understanding – St. Andrews Parks and Grounds - Approved

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Memo of Understanding for St. Andrews Parks and Grounds at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 5:15 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Moody seconded by Mr. Meyers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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