

October 8, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2007 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – Ms. Nancy Cook, Vice Chair - Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Ray Toler and Mr. Gregg Meyers were absent. Staff members Mr. Randolph Bynum, Mr. Donald Kennedy, Dr. Brenda Nelson and Mr. Elliott Smalley 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. 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 September 24, 2007

1. The Board will recognize Mr. Linard McCloud, Burke High Band Director for his outstanding leadership at a future meeting.
2. The Board recognized Mr. Jim Frye of “Hands of Christ Ministry” and Rev. Tammy Brown for outstanding volunteer services provided to Mary Ford Elementary.
3. The Board recognized the Hunley Park Elementary staff for being awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Transportation under its Safe Routes to School grant to make school safe for walkers, bike riders and car riders.
4. The Board recognized the staff at Jennie Moore Elementary for being a Blue Ribbon School.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- *Expressed condolences to family of the Wando student who took his own life on Saturday afternoon.*
- *Welcomed Mr. Elliott Smalley, the new Executive Director of Planning, Marketing and Communications.*
- *Announced that since Mr. Donald Kennedy will be leaving on October 23rd, a recommendation has been made for Mr. Larry Clark to serve as Interim Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Bill Lewis to serve as Chief Operating Officer.*
- *Thanked Mr. Jim Fyre and Rev. Tammy Brown for uniforms donated and volunteer service for Mary Ford Elementary.*
- *Congratulated Jennie Moore for receiving the Blue Ribbon for Excellence award.*
- *Academic Magnet Admissions Policy issue was brought to the District’s attention because the current practice does not match board policy. This issue goes back to the 1980’s and the use of rank order at AMHS went un-noticed. A Task Force will be established to look at both the rank order practice and use of district policy. Changing the current practice is detrimental to students meeting the criteria because many middle school students worked hard to score 16 on the rubric and now are being told two weeks before entry that entrance requirements may change. The demand exceeds the number of seats available at Academic Magnet. Dr. McGinley recommended the current admissions practice remain for students entering during 2008 school year. She also requested a second Task Force be formed to look at opportunities for other gifted students. Also, it was determined that staff would bring the AMHS recommendation back to the board in two weeks as an action item.*

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Dawn Durst, Mr. Dennis Sacha, Mr. Charlie Castner, Mr. Girish Shirali, Mr. Jacob Sterling, Ms. Laura Dobbins Beeks, Mr. Dan Furlong, Ms. Renee Newman, Ms. Oriani Hauuila, Mr. Michael Reynolds, Mr. Everett Presson, Ms. Barbara Spell, Mr. Rich Bodek, Ms. Melinda Lucka, and Mr. Bryan Blalock addressed the board in support of the ranking order system admissions practice used at Academic Magnet High.
2. Rev. Thomas Warren, the pastor at First Baptist Church of Johns Island expressed concerns regarding Sea Island YouthBuild Charter and requested assistance from the District in evicting the charter school.
3. Mr. Joseph Cerato and Ms. Kari Cerato addressed the Board in support of using the lottery at Academic Magnet High.
4. Ms. Stephanie Hunt and Ms. Renee Newman urged the Board to duplicate success at Academic Magnet High.
5. Ms. Dot Scott, NAACP president addressed the board in support of the Rivers facility and expressed concerns about not charging rent to the Charleston Math and Science School.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of minutes of September 24, 2007. The motion was approved 6-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of October 8, 2007

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

- 1.1: **Appointment – Executive Director for Professional Development & Instructional Leadership –** Approved a motion to appoint Mr. Gregory Keith as the Executive Director for Professional Development & Instructional Leadership. The motion was approved 5-1 (Ravenel).

Note: Mr. Ravenel suggested CCSD cease in hiring those who live out of state. This would increase good moral of those who are currently employed by the district.

- 1.2: **Grounds Contract Extension -** The Board approved a motion to approve a three-year contract extension to Accusweep Services, Inc. to continue with grounds service to Charleston County School District, funded by annual generated operating funds. The motion was approved 6-0.
- 1.3: **Custodial Contract Extension -** The Board approved a motion to approve a three-year extension to GCA Services Group and SSC Service Solutions to continue with custodial service to Charleston County School District, funded by annual generated operating funds. The motion was approved 6-0.
- 1.4: **Contractual Matters -** The Board discussed 2 contractual matters in executive session. Although no actions were taken, Board members were informed of two interim appointments made by the Superintendent—Mr. Larry Clark – Interim CFO and Mr. Bill Lewis – Interim COO.
- 1.5: **Legal Matters -** The Board discussed a legal matter in executive session. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of September 24, 2007

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve the Financial Minutes of September 24, 2007. The motion was approved 6-0.

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: Home School Application - Approved

A recommendation to approve a home school application, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the home school application. The motion was approved 5-1 (Douglas).

9.2: Recommendation - Lawrence Derthick Fund – Approved

A recommendation to approve the plan for restoration of the Lawrence Derthick fund and grant award process for notification.

Mr. Moody motioned to amend the recommendation from staff, seconded by Ms. Jordan to restore funds through current general operating funds or pull funds from the District's Fund Balance and increase the amount by \$10,000. The amended motion was approved 6-0.

9.3: Recommendation for Naming the New District 23 Elementary School – Approved

A staff recommendation to name the new District 23 Elementary School E.B. Elementary, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the recommendation to name the new District 23 Elementary School E.B. Ellington. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.4: Facility Use Request – Wando High School - Approved

A recommendation to approve a facility use request for the use of the Wando High School Performance Arts Center, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve a facility use request for the use of the Performance Arts Center at Wando High. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.5: Special Day School Lease – Approved

A recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to approve the land lease to build the Special Day School at the Carolina Youth Development Center, at \$55,000 per year for the base period paid from the General Operating budget.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to approve the land lease to build the Special Day School at the Carolina Youth Development Center. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.6: Academic Magnet High School Admissions Policy

The Board received information on the Admissions Policy for AMHS. No action was taken.

9.7: Writing Benchmark Assessment and Training – Approved

A recommendation to approve the Writing Benchmark Assessment for "Blueprint Schools" and 6+1 Traits Training provided by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL). The funding source is

Title II, K-5 Enhancement - \$118,270 based on 2007-2008 10 day student count from the 2006-07 identified "Blueprint Schools".

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to approve the Writing Benchmark Assessment for "Blueprint Schools" and 6+1 Traits Training provided by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL). The motion was approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:30 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Moody seconded by Chairperson Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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