

November 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 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, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ruth Jordan arrived at 5:15pm. Staff members Mr. Randolph Bynum, Mr. Larry Clark, 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 Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Ravenel 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.

2.1: Election of Officers

In compliance with CCSD Board Policy BD – Organization of the School Board and statute 59-19-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), the Board of Trustees will elect officers at the first meeting in November of each calendar year.

At this time, Chairperson Cook opened the floor for nominations of Board Chair and nominated Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mrs. Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers that the nominations be closed. The motion to appoint Mr. Douglas as chairman of the CCSD Board of Trustees was approved 9-0.

Chairperson Douglas thanked the Board for supporting him and mentioned that when he served as chair during the 1988-89 school year, the problem then was facilities; now the problem is academics. He vowed to do his best to address this problem.

Chairman Douglas opened the floor for nominations of vice chair. Mr. Meyers nominated Ms. Cook. Mr. Jordan nominated Mr. Meyers. Mr. Meyers motioned the nominations be closed. The Board approved the nomination of Nancy Cook for vice chair with a 7-2 vote (Jordan and Toler opposed).

The Board presented flowers and a plaque to Nancy Cook for serving as Board Chair from November 2003 – November 2007. Ms. Cook thanked the Board for their confidence in her.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for November 12, 2007

- The Board recognized the following:
 - o North Charleston Elementary for receiving the first LEED Certified Silver School in the state of South Carolina.
 - o James Island Charter High School students and science teacher Michelle Lee for receiving winners of the “Greens Fund Grant” provided by the Sustainability Institute of South Carolina.
 - o West Ashley High school students Kayla McClellan and Ashley Harris for receiving the ROTC National Distinguished Shooter Award.

- Wando Men and Women Swim Team for winning the State Championship.
- Military Magnet math teacher Toshawna Malone for receiving the 2007 College Summit Advisor of the Year award for her outstanding work with students.
- Linard McCloud, Burke High School Band Director for his outstanding leadership.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- CCSD students are performing better than ever. According to the results of the HSAP – the state's high school assessment, CCSD students improved their scores for the third consecutive year. In South Carolina, more CCSD students met the proficient standard in math and english language arts and more met the basic standard in both categories. The district had significant improvement across the board, and zero declines in any category.
- Students aren't just showing success on test scores, they are also showing success in competitions outside the classroom. While Wando's swim team was recognized by the Board tonight, other award winning teams from Wando—volleyball team, girls' tennis team, and boys cross country team will be recognized at a future Board meeting. Also, Wando's band won the 4A State Title for the third consecutive year.
- Child health and nutrition is a top priority. Dr. McGinley met with the Charleston City/County Taskforce and National League of Cities to discuss childhood obesity. In coming months, steps will be taken to ensure that all children in the district are healthy and ready to learn.
- A CCSD Academic Site Team recently visited Sea Island YouthBuild. The Board will receive an update on the school at a future meeting.
- Staff is looking at ways to lower the district's dropout rate and keeping students safe and learning high standards in middle and high school.
- Next week staff will meet with African American teachers and school leaders to discuss improving the way it engages and teaches students.
- The Superintendent also thanked Nancy Cook for her leadership.

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

No visitors registered to address the Board at this meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of October 22, 2007

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook approval of minutes of October 22, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of November 12, 2007

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

- 1.1: Student Hearing Appeal – The Board returned the appeal to the District 2 Constituent Board.
- 1.2: Student Transfer Requests (3) - The Board approved a motion to deny the transfers for the 2006-2007 school year and approve them for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Jordan abstained).
- 1.3: Recommendation for Internal Audit Director - the Board approved the recommendation from the Audit & Finance Committee to appoint Cathleen Milne to the position of Director of Internal Audit Director. The motion was approved 7-1-1 (Engelman opposed/Jordan abstained).
- 1.4: Appointment – Executive Director of Exceptional Children - Approved a recommendation to appoint Ms. Irene Meier to the position of Executive Director of Exceptional Children. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Jordan abstained).

- 1.5: Request for Proposal P7040 Legal Re-bid -A recommendation to authorize staff to negotiate the contract recommendations for Legal Services for Real Estate Services, Bond Legal Services, Workers Compensation Legal Services, and Insurance Legal Services, Legal Services for the Office of Special Education and Legal Services to aid the District's In-house Attorney (should one be hired) or legal services in support of the District if no in-house attorney is hired. This item was deferred to allow the Superintendent time to advertise for an in-house attorney.
- 1.7: Contractual Matter – The board received a briefing from staff on a contractual matter. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of October 22, 2007

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Financial Minutes of October 22, 2007. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1: September 2007 Capital Report

Mr. Bill Lewis and staff from Glick/Boehm and Associates presented information to the Board regarding the new Moultrie Middle School.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

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

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Board Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades – Approved

A recommendation to approve Board Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve Board Policy IEA – Reduced Class Size in the Primary Grades. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Bid Recommendation: BF8001 Copy Paper – Approved

A recommendation for approval of award for Fixed Price Bid to furnish and deliver copy paper to Charleston County School District Locations – Bid # BF8001. The funding amount is \$330,000 which is budgeted in the FY08 GOF.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to award the Fixed Price Bid to furnish and deliver copy paper to Charleston County School District Locations – Bid BF8001 to Office Depot, Inc. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Bid Award Recommendation – Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Demolition and Site Preparation - Approved

A recommendation to approve a bid award contract to Palmetto Construction Group, LLC for Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Demolition and Site Preparation in the amount of \$725,200.00. This project is within budget approved for OGCEs (5783), previous approved by the Board.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to award the bid award contract to Palmetto Construction Group, LLC for Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Demolition and Site Preparation. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Contract Award Recommendation – Special Day School Building Package on the Campus of Carolina Youth Development Center - Approved

A recommendation to award a contract to Hill Construction Corporation for the Special Day School Building package on the campus of Carolina Youth Development Center in the amount of \$5,634,994.00. This project is within the budget approved for Special Day School – Building Package, previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to award the bid award contract to Hill Construction Corporation for the Special Day School Building package on the campus of Carolina Youth Development Center. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.5: Facility Use Request – Burke HS Fine Arts Center - Approved

A recommendation to approve the Facility Use Request for Burke HS Fine Arts Center, as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the Facility Use Request for the Burke HS Fine Arts Center application from the Canon Street YMCA, as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: Facility Use Request – Wando HS Performance Arts Center - Approved

A recommendation to approve the Facility Use Request for Wando High School Performance Arts Center, as required by Policy KF, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the Facility Use Request for the Wando High School Performance Arts Center application from Sprinkles Entertainment, as required by Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.7: Home Instruction Application - Approved

A recommendation to approve a Home Instruction Application, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the Home School application. The motion was approved 8-1 (Douglas).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Mr. Moody adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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