

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson – Mr. Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, 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. 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 Douglas 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 Douglas 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 February 11, 2008

1. The Board recognized Wando High School Teacher Cadets.
2. Mr. Carl Mittlestadt, CTE Advisory Chair, read the following proclamation in recognition of Career and Technology Education Month.

Proclamation – Career and Technology Education Month

Whereas, February 1-20, 2008 has been designated Career and Technology Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

Whereas, career and technology education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

Whereas, career and technology education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

Whereas, career and technology education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

Whereas, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technology educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

Now Therefore, We, the Charleston County Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2008, as

Career and Technology Education Month in Charleston County and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technology education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

3. The Board recognized Wando Culinary Arts students.
4. South Carolina House of Representative member Leon Stravrinakis of District #119 presented the following resolution for School Board Recognition Month.

H.4562

Introduced by Representatives Stavrinakis, Hagood, Whipper, Merrill, Breeland, R. Brown, Dantzer, Harrell, Limehouse, Mack, Scarborough and Young.

A Concurrent Resolution to recognize and honor the Charleston County School District School Board and District Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley for their dedicated service to the citizens of Charleston County.

Whereas, January 2008 has been declared South Carolina School Board Member Recognition Month by the South Carolina General Assembly; and

Whereas, the education of South Carolina's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our State is built; and

Whereas, locally elected and appointed school boards play a vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local board s of education directly influence instruction in South Carolina's public schools; and

Whereas, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children and set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global knowledge economy; and

Whereas, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "School Boards: Leading Voices for South Carolina Public Schools", reflects the efforts of local school board members to advocate for public education with local, state, and federal leaders; and

Whereas, current members of the Charleston County School District Board are Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. Hillery Douglas, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Ms. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, and Mr. Raymond Toler; and

Whereas, the Charleston County School District School Board, cooperating with the district's distinguished superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley does an outstanding job of fulfilling its public trust to work toward improving public education for the children of Charleston County.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: that the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Charleston County School District School Board and District Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley for their dedicated service to the citizens of Charleston County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Charleston County School Board and Dr. Nancy McGinley.

5. In recognition of Black History Month, Frierson Elementary Step Team and Child Development students performed for the Board.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Congratulations to Frierson Elementary students for their Black History Month performance.
- Everything the District does boils down to the vision of students achieving excellence in and out of the classroom.

- Last year, three major priorities were addressed--literacy, budget, and teachers.
- The Literacy Roundtable met last week to discuss how the District can better partner to deliver targeted services, provide greater resources, and better engage partners to expand opportunities for children and families.
- At the Board workshop held February 8, 2008, projected funds for next year and priorities were discussed. A “three point framework” was used to guide budget decisions for several years. Preparation is being made to transition from a revenue system that is operated locally to a state sales tax-based system. Underutilized resources, including schools with under-enrollment is also being reviewed and the use of highly qualified District teachers in Priority Schools. On Wednesday, February 13th, experienced, proven teachers will have the opportunity to consider voluntary transfers that encourages them to be “change agents” in schools that need them the most.
- Principals and teachers involved in this process for being receptive were thanked.
- Dr. McGinley informed the group that African-American History month events are planned throughout the month of February across the district.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Rev. Louis Jefferson addressed the Board about the future of the existing Jennie Moore Elementary facility.
2. Ms. Mary Carmichael, Ms. Candi Foos, Ms. Cheryl Keese, Ms. April Kemp and Ms. Abbi Beckford addressed the Board in support of adding an 8th grade class at Charleston Charter for Math and Science.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of January 28, 2008

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook approval of minutes of January 28, 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of February 11, 2008

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

1. *Contractual Matters – Casualty Insurance and Installment Purchase Revenue Bond (IPRB) Payments for FY2008*
 - A. The Board approved a motion to purchase Property and Casualty Insurance from the SCSBA Insurance Trust Fund for a period of two years at a price of \$2,679,000, effective March 1, 2008 and waive the right to exempt this purchase from the Procurement code. The motion was approved 7-1-1. (Douglas opposed, Cook abstained)
 - B. The Board received information on two other contractual matters. However, no actions were taken.
2. Student Transfer Appeal – The Board upheld the decision of the District 23 Constituent Board thereby denying the request to transfer a student from E.B. Ellington to C.C. Blaney Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.
3. Appointment – Principal – Burns Elementary – The Board approved the recommendation for the appointment of Elizabeth McCraw to the position of principal at Burns Elementary. The motion was approved 8-1 (Engelman).
4. Appointment – Principal –Blue Print Elementary School – The Board approved the recommendation for the appointment of Laura Owings to the position of principal at a Blue Print Elementary School (school assignment to be determined at a later date). The motion was approved 8-1 (Engelman).
5. Legal Matter – The Board discussed legal expenses for the district. No action was taken.
6. Teacher Appeal – The Board scheduled a teacher appeal hearing for February 8th at 5:00 p.m.

6.3: Financial Minutes of January 28, 2008

Mr. Engelman motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the Financial Minutes of January 28, 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There was no Management Report on this agenda.

VIII: CHARLESTON PLAN FOR EXCELLENCE

Ms. Tia Sukin presented a PowerPoint to the Board titled "A Longitudinal Report from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007: Impact of the Child Development Program in CCSD.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Second Reading – Board Policies – Policy Committee

- A. BDF – School Improvement Councils*
- B. BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses*
- C. GBEC – Gifts and Solicitation*
- D. GBEBD – Acceptable Use of Technology*
- E. JFAB – Nonresident Student*

A recommendation for approval of the second reading of Board Policies listed above.

Mr. Douglas motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the recommendation for the Board policies listed above. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: First Reading – Board Policy - DKC – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement – Mr. Clark

A recommendation to approve the first reading of Board Policy DKC

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the first reading of Board Policy DKC. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: High School Science Textbook Adoption – Mr. Bynum

A recommendation to approve the adoption of the high school science textbook for 2008.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation to adopt the high school adoption list for 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Pilot Program Applications – Mr. Bynum

A recommendation to approve the applications for two new pilot courses/programs at Wando High/and Stall High.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation of the applications for two new pilot courses/programs at Wando High/and Stall High. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.5: Facility Use - West Ashley High School – Mr. Lewis

A recommendation to approve a facility use request in accordance to Board Policy KF.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation of a facility use request for West Ashley High School in accordance to Board Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: Facility Use - West Ashley Middle School – Mr. Lewis

A recommendation to approve a facility use request in accordance to Board Policy KF.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation of a facility use request for West Ashley Middle School in accordance to Board Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.7: Facility Use – Buist Academy – Mr. Lewis

A recommendation to approve a facility use request in accordance to Board Policy KF.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation of a facility use request for Buist Academy in accordance to Board Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.8: Facility Use – Laing Middle – Mr. Lewis

A recommendation to approve a facility use request in accordance to Board Policy KF.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the recommendation of a facility use request for Laing Middle in accordance to Board Policy KF. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.9: Amendment – Charleston Math and Science Charter School Application

A recommendation to amend the Charleston Math and Science Charter School Application to add an 8th grade class.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve recommendation to amend the Charleston Math and Science Charter School Application to add an 8th grade class. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.10: General Obligations Bonds – Mr. Clark

A recommendation to approve the bond resolution authorizing the sale of general obligation bonds, at a price not to exceed \$200 million if a savings of 5% can be met.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to amend staff recommendation to authorize staff to approve the bond resolution and sale of general obligation bonds, provided a 5% interest is achieved. The motion was approved 7-2 (Cook and Engelman opposed).

9.11: 2008-2009 Academic Calendar

A recommendation to approve the 2008-2009 Calendar.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar as recommended by staff. The motion was approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:45 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Moody seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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