

February 25, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 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. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Arthur Ravenel was absent. Staff members Mr. Randolph Bynum, Mr. Larry Clark, Dr. Brenda Nelson and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance. Board members were accompanied by students in recognition of the Annual Board Job Shadow Night.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody 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 25, 2008

1. Board recognized students participating in the annual Groundhog shadowing of board members.
2. Senator Chip Campsen presented a resolution recognizing Academic Magnet High, School of the Arts, and Wando High for ranking among the Nation’s Best High Schools.
3. The Board recognized Hanna Trusset, a School of the Arts student for winning the “Arts in the Park” competition.
4. Ms. Helene Fox and Mr. Johnson Hagood, representatives of the Charleston Fine Arts Association, presented a \$2,700 check to the Board for art supplies.
5. The Board recognized students Dominique Gray and Bradley Jackson from James Island Charter High for winning first place in the Broadcast Journalism competition held in Anaheim, California.
6. The Board recognized students from James Island Charter High for winning first place in the South Carolina Virtual Enterprise competition.
7. The Board was entertained by Cindy Memminger, a student from Fraser Elementary, in recognition of Black History Month.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Three high school basketball teams played at the Citadel on Saturday for the Lower State Championships. Burke male team will play for the state title.
- A group of 23 parents graduated from a six week Parent Training program North Charleston Elementary last week.
- On Wednesday morning Dr. McGinley took her two dogs to a classroom at Stall High School to interact with students. The dogs were treated to homemade dog biscuits.
- The Board Chair and Vice Chair joined staff at the North Charleston City Council meeting for a productive discussion with Mayor Summey and city officials about district plans, priorities, and challenges and how to work together to ensure excellence for students in North Charleston.
- On Monday, March 3, 2008, Sanders Clyde Elementary will host a program honoring Jonathan Green.

- Sadie Fox, an 8th grade teacher at C.E. Williams was presented the “Teacher of the Month” award.
- In closing, Dr. McGinley said the district need to do more to match the best teachers with the least-advantaged students. That’s the reason for the Voluntary Teacher Transfer Initiative this month—to encourage experienced, highly qualify teachers to consider being change agents in places that need them the most.

A Voluntary Teacher Transfer recruitment video was shown. Dr. McGinley thanked Mr. Elliot Smalley, Executive Director of Communications and the CCSD Taping Center staff, and Principals at Blue Choice Schools and other principals for showing the video in their schools.

Ms. Cook suggested the Board adopt a policy to staff unsatisfactory schools first.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. John McQueen addressed the Board on behalf of the Preservation Society in regards to Jennie Moore Elementary. Mr. McQueen presented a petition with 600 signatures.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 11, 2008

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of minutes of February 11, 2008. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of February 25, 2008

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

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – the Board approved the following student transfer appeals. The motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed).
 - A. A request to transfer from Laing MS to Moultrie MS - Approved
 - B. A request to transfer from Laing MS to Moultrie MS - Approved
 - C. A request to transfer from Laing MS to Moultrie MS - Approved
 - D. A request to transfer from Cario MS to Moultrie MS - Approved
 - E. A request to transfer from St. Andrews MS to West Ashley MS – Approved, if space is available.
 - F. A request to transfer from Laing MS to Moultrie MS- Approved
- 1.2: Contractual Matter – Wando HS Gym HVAC - The Board received information and an update concerning the performance of the Wando High School Gym HVAC systems. No action was taken.
- 1.3: Appointment – Chief Financial Officer – the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Michael Bobby to the position of Chief Financial Officer for the District. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of February 11, 2008

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of February 11, 2008. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There was no Management Report on this agenda.

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.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to approve the Home School application. The motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed).

9.2: Pilot Program Application – Approved

A recommendation to approve a pilot school application for one new pilot course/program: Advanced Animation and Gaming.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the pilot school application for one new pilot course/program. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.3: Moultrie Middle School Building Package Bid Award - Approved

A recommendation to approve the award of construction contract for Moultrie Middle School to MB Kahn Construction at a cost not to exceed \$19,790,100.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the bid award recommendation for construction contract for Moultrie Middle to M.B. Kahn Construction, at a cost not to exceed \$19,790,100. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.4: Facility Use Request – Received as Information

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

The board received additional information on a facility use request from S.C. Waterfowl to use Buist Academy as recommended by staff.

9.5: Naming of the Art Center at Sanders Clyde Elementary School

A recommendation for the naming of the Arts Center at Sanders Clyde Elementary School.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Engelman to approve the recommendation to name the Art Center at the new Sanders Clyde Elementary School the Jonathan Green Art Center at Sanders Clyde Elementary School, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

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