

August 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, August 25, 2008 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. David Engelman Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Brian Moody was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

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

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Hillery Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green 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. Vice Chair Nancy 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 August 11, 2008

The Board recognized Ayienne Waring, a 9th grade student from Baptist Hill High School for her participation in the Medical University of South Carolina Nursing Camp Program. The Board also recognized Ms. Yvonne Martin, a representative from the Medical University for their outstanding business partnership with CCSD.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- Stiles Point Elementary overcrowding issues are being addressed. Principal Steve Berger communicated issues about expanded enrollment with parents via ParentLink. These issues will be resolved after the 10-day enrollment count.
- Last week the opening of schools was celebrated. This school year the district had the lowest number of absences in five years. Dr. McGinley thanked district partners—the Police Departments, City of Charleston, Hootie and the Blowfish, and parents for their efforts to lower the number of absences.
- New principals, Laura Owings at James Simons, Anthony Dixon at Memminger Elementary, Elizabeth McCraw at Burns and others were visited by staff on the first day of school.
- Board members were also thanked for their first day of school visits and the Operations staff was thanked for preparing facilities for the opening of school.

At this time, staff responded to questions from Mr. Ravenel about the availability of AYP scores for the 2008 school year indicating that it is expected on October 1st. Staff also responded to Mr. Ravenel regarding the number of teachers employed. Mrs. Holiday announced that there were approximately 3,500.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Freddie Ancrum, Mr. Jay Patell, Mr. James Wagner, and Mr. Kenneth Skinner expressed their support of the new uniform for Charlestowne Academy students and urged the board to deny uniform policy waivers.
2. Mr. Peter Demetrie, Mr. Wally Seinsheimer, Mr. David Landy, Mr. Dave Pardus, and Ms. Donna Lee Rose addressed the Board regarding the Buist Residency Recommendation.

3. Ms. Felicia Washington and Ms. Selecia Patterson expressed concerns regarding the administrator at Frierson Elementary.
4. Ms. Ashley Marshall expressed concerns regarding overcrowding at Stiles Point Elementary.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of August 11, 2008. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of August 11, 2008

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – The Board acted on student transfer appeals as follows.
 - Approved student transfers B and D. The vote was 7-1 (Douglas opposed).
 - Upheld denial on student transfers C and G. The motion was approved 8-0.
 - The Board requested additional information on student transfers A, E, F, and H.
- 1.2: Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science (New District 4 Middle School) Change Order #006 – The Board approved the contract for Quality Assurance testing and International Building Code Chapter 1 and Chapter 17 for the new Sanders Clyde K-8 School project to WPA, Inc. for a contract amount not to exceed \$536,546. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.3: New Sanders Clyde K-8 – Project #5780 Approval of Quality Assurance Testing and Chapter I and Chapter 17 Special Inspections Agency – **This item was moved to Open Session item #9.5.**
- 1.4: Personnel Matters
 1. The Board received a legal briefing from General Counsel regarding paying coaches a small stipend. No action was taken.
 2. The Board approved a request for sabbatical leave for an employee. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.5: Recommendation for Food Service Work Calendar – The Board approved a motion to receive the recommendation for Food Service Work Calendar as information. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.6: Contractual Matters
 1. The Board received a briefing on a contractual matter.
 2. The Board approved a recommendation allowing staff to move forward to complete the installation of the HVAC units for the Wando High School gym by September 28, 2008 if the insurance company had not provided a settlement by August 29, 2009. The estimated cost is \$352,000. The funding source is 2004 Bond Sale. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.7: Appeal – Uniform Waiver for Charlestown Academy – The Board approved a motion to receive the Charlestowne Academy Uniform Waiver Appeal as information and urged staff to adhere to the CCSD Uniform Policy. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.8: Student Expulsion Appeals Ratification – The Board ratified two expulsion appeals heard by a Board committee on August 20, 2008 as follows. The Board approved the recommendation on these expulsion appeals with a vote of 8-0.
 1. The committee’s recommendation for a Wando High student follows.
 - o Uphold the District 2 Constituent Board’s decision to expel the student for the 2007-2008 school year;
 - o Student will receive credits earned for the 2007-2008 school year;
 - o Student must complete a drug program;
 - o Student will be on strict probation for the 2008-2009 school year; and
 - o Student will perform three hours of community service under the direction of the administration at Wando High School.
 2. The committee’s recommendation for a Burke High student follows.
 - o Overturn the District 20 Constituent Board’s decision for Long-Term Suspension;
 - o Student will attend Liberty Hill Academy for 45 days;
 - o Student will return to Burke High upon completion of the 45 day assignment at Liberty Hill Academy **on strict probation** for the 2008-2009 school year;
 - o Student must complete a drug program; and be monitored for drug use.

6.3: Financial Minutes of August 11, 2008

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

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Performance Management Evaluation Instrument and Compensation for Administrators

Mr. Michael Bobby and Mrs. Susan Holiday briefed the Board on the status the Performance Management Evaluation and Compensation for Administrators. The new plan for Administrators is based on three components: Professional Growth Activities, Administrative Competencies and Scorecard. Compensation for administrative salary increases are tied to individual, school or office and district performances. The project team will meet on Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

7.2: Budget Update – State Reductions

Mr. Bobby presented an update to the Board on reduction of state funding. State funding was adjusted a few weeks ago. The impact was greater in Charleston than other districts in the state.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: West Ashley High School Credit Recovery Program

Mrs. Mary Runyon presented information on the credit recovery program at West Ashley High School. The program known as the Continuous Advancement Towards Success (CATS) Initiative is a credit recovery initiative that began in February 2008 and has allowed at risk students to achieve academic success (grade level and/or graduation).

8.2: Carolina Preparatory Academy

Mr. Pete Kennedy presented info on a program he developed to bridge the achievement gap. This program targets low-wealth students. The proposed Carolina Preparatory Academy would be an Autonomous Partnership School that is accountable to the Superintendent of Schools. The school would start with kindergarten through fourth grades and build to a higher level each year, eventually becoming a k-12 school. Mr. Kennedy shared information on those willing to partner with the school and said the cost would be the District's per pupil amount versus per pupil amount for charter schools.

Mr. Ravenel suggested Mr. Kennedy arrange a meeting with the State Chair of the Education Committee since Legislation may be needed for a partnership school.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Home School Applications

A recommendation to approve home school applications.

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of home school applications. The motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed).

9.2: Second Reading – Revised Board Policies

- A.** BBAAAA– Constituent Board Powers and Duties
- B.** BDA – Duties of the Chairman
- C.** BDAA – Duties of the Vice Chairman (former policy 9220)
- D.** BDAAA – Duties of the Secretary (former policy 9230)
- E.** BDDA – Auditor (former policy 9260)
- F.** BDDB – Agenda
- G.** BDDC – Order of Business (former policy 9368.1)
- H.** BDDD – Public Input to the Board

I. BID – Board Member Compensation and Expenses (includes 9250)

J. GBXXX – Family and Medical Leave Act

K. JFAAA – Assessing Legal Residence and Domicile

A recommendation to approve the second reading of the revised Board Policies listed above.

The Board will receive information on the International Baccalaureate Program at James Island Charter High School.

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the second reading of the revised Board policies listed above. The motion was approved 7-1 (Toler opposed).

9.3: First Reading – Revised Board Policy – BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics

This item was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

9.4: Buist Residency Recommendation for Residency Verification

A recommendation to approve the proposed recommendation that all families that were admitted prior to the Kindergarten class of 2008, be allowed to continue at Buist even if they move from the category under which they were admitted until they exit the 8th grade. However, all families must continue to reside within Charleston County.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook approval of the recommendation to approve the proposed recommendation that all families that were admitted prior to the Kindergarten class of 2008, be allowed to continue at Buist even if they move from the category under which they were admitted until they exit the 8th grade. However, all families must continue to reside within Charleston County and revisit admission categories. The motion was approved 6-2 (Douglas and Jordan opposed).

9.5: New Sanders Clyde K-8 – Project #5780 Approval of Quality Assurance Testing and Chapter I and Chapter 17 Special Inspections Agency

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation for Quality Assurance testing and international Building Code Chapter 1 and Chapter 17 Special Inspections for the new Sanders Clyde K-8 School project to WPC, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$159,940. The funding source is 2006-2009 Capital Improvement Funds for the new Sanders Clyde K-8 School project. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:00 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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