

February 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were also in attendance.

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

Board Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.2: Contractual Matters
- 1.3: Legal Matters
- 1.4: Workers' Compensation Settlement
- 1.5: AE Selection Recommendations

Note: Mrs. Oplinger left during Executive Session.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson – Mrs. Jordan called the meeting to order. Rev. Phillip Bryant, Rector of the French Huguenot Church led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Charleston Fine Arts Dealers' Association

The Board recognized the Ms. Helena Fox with the Charleston Fine Arts Dealers' Association for donations to Art Programs in CCSD schools.

3.2: Smoke Free Coalition

The Board recognized Dr. McGinley and the Board for their adoption of the district's Smoke Free Policy.

3.3: Recognition of CCSD Staff

The Board recognized CCSD Staff members-- Kevin Wren, Jeff Scott, Terrell Pinckney and Heather Lane for their response to the student shooting incident which occurred on February 5, 2010.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

Last Tuesday, two newly built schools opened - Haut Gap Middle and Sanders-Clyde Elementary/Middle. These state-of-the-art schools have every modern feature that students, teachers, and parents could ask for. Dr. McGinley thanked everyone that worked and volunteered to make the openings of these schools successful.

World-class facilities are a recurring theme this year. That's because these new schools are all part of a 2005-2010 capital building plan that has changed the landscape of our area, bringing 17 new schools to the people of Charleston County while pumping \$495 million into the local economy.

For the safety and future of our students, it is critically important that we continue this positive transformation by supporting a new 2010-2015 capital plan this November.

This week, the District will release a video and web page on the achievements, programs, and facilities tied to the capital plan. More information on the plan and its importance will be released periodically as the district counts down to the November's vote. In the short term, the capital plan-related update will be presented at Thursday's Board workshop, stemming from previous Board-directed work around seismic safety issues and related reports.

Also this week, in connection with district's belief that effective teachers are the number-one drivers of student achievement-and that our measure of effectiveness, in large part, must incorporate student growth data-we are going to hold our second "TOP Teacher" celebration on Wednesday. "TOP" stands for "Teacher Outstanding Performance." Last May, with private funding from community partners, the district celebrated 89 TOP elementary teachers based on how well their students progressed during the year, using a national "virtual" comparison group. This year, the District is expanding TOP to middle grade math teachers and literacy teams. TOP represents "baby steps" in tying teacher recognition to student achievement. Dr. McGinley went on to say it's important to recognize that the district has high quality teachers in all subjects, and she is looking forward to working with teachers to develop a county-wide system for replicating effective teaching across the Pre-K-12 continuum.

Dr. McGinley congratulated the five Teacher-of-the-Year finalists, who were announced on Friday: Meike McDonald from Clarke Academy; Jarett Vella from Military Magnet; Maisha Rounds from Sanders-Clyde Elementary; Bill Smyth from School of the Arts, and Sarah Earle from Stall High.

In closing, Dr. McGinley recognized four athletic teams (North Charleston Girls and Boys, Military Magnet Boys, and West Ashley Girls) who are currently vying to play in the Lower State finals.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Howie Comen addressed the Board regarding an upcoming Community Summit for Crime, Education and Youth. The summit will be held at Orange Grove Charter Middle School on March 8th at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Mark Mitchell, Ms. Sue Ballenger, Mr. Warren Ziff and Mr. Jim Ballenger addressed the Board regarding rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary School.
3. Mr. Lee Moultrie asked the Board to upgrade the kitchen and provide resources for a Culinary Program at Baptist Hill High

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of February 8, 2010. Mrs. Kandrac said the February 8, 2010 Board Meeting began at 4:30 pm instead of 4:00 pm. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of February 22, 2010

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session:

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – The Board approved the following transfer appeals—A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H. The motion was approved 8-0
- 1.2: Contractual Matters – The Board discussed contractual matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.
- 1.3: Legal Matters – The Board discussed legal matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

- 1.4: Workers' Compensation Settlement –The Board approved a recommendation authorizing a settlement not to exceed \$118,225. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.5: AE Selection Recommendations – The Board approved a recommendation on the selection of design firms (shown below) and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a contract for these projects. The motion was approved 8-0

James Island Charter High School – LS3P
Larger High School Stadiums and Athletic Programs – McMillan Pazdan Smith
Small High School Stadiums and Athletic Programs – AAG Associates

6.3: Financial Minutes of February 8, 2010

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the financial minutes of February 8, 2010. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Financial Report – Capital Projects – December 2009

The Board received the December 2009 Financial Report for Capital Projects as information.

7.2: 2010 Second Quarter Report of SWMBE Activity

The Board received the District's Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Plan as information.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Sixth Grade Academy Progress Update

Dr. Gepford, Associate Superintendent with the Middle Schools Learning Community presented an update on the Sixth Grade Academy Progress.

Rev. Collins requested information on the cost per student and transportation cost for students attending the Sixth Grade Academy. Mrs. Kandrac expressed concerns about not receiving MAP scores which was requested at an earlier meeting.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Board Policies – 1st Reading – *A recommendation from the Board Policy Committee to approve the first reading of Board Policies JICG – Tobacco Free Schools – Students and GBED - Tobacco Free Schools – Employees and Visitors.* Rev. Collins motioned, Mr. Meyers seconded approval of the recommendation to approve Board Policies JICG – Tobacco Free Schools – Students and GBED - Tobacco Free Schools – Employees and Visitors. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: 2010-2011 Academic Calendar – *A recommendation to approve the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the 2010 – 2011 Academic Calendar.

9.3: Request for Approval of Applications for new Pilot Programs - *A request to approve new Pilot Program Applications for Wando HS, School of the Arts and Garrett Academy.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation approving new Pilot Program Applications for Wando HS, School of the Arts and Garrett Academy. The motion was approved 8-0

9.4: Alice Birney Middle to Elementary Conversion – QSCB Project #5964 SGA Architecture Design Consultant Agreement – *A recommendation to approve a Not-to Exceed Architecture Design Consultant Fee of \$325,000 for Alice Birney Middle to Elementary Conversion.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation for Design Consultant Fee not to exceed \$325,000 to convert Alice Birney Middle to an Elementary School. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.5: R. B. Stall High to Alice Birney Middle Conversion – *A recommendation to approve a Not-to Exceed Architectural Design Consultant Fee of \$250,000 for R. B. Stall HS to Alice Birney Middle Conversion.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation for Design Consultant Fee not to exceed \$250,000 to convert R.B. Stall High to Alice Birney Middle. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.6: Facility Use Request – *A recommendation to approve a Facility Use Request for Open Hearts for Haiti use of the Lincoln High School Stadium, as required by Policy KF- Community Use of School Facilities.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation allowing Open Hearts for Haiti use of the stadium at Lincoln High. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.7: Public Address System for New Stall High School Building Program – *A recommendation to approve funding to purchase and install a Public Address System for the new Stall High School. The cost of the P.A. System is \$61,800. The funding source is Capital Projects – Stall High School Project \$61,800.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation for funding to purchase and install a Public Address System for the new Stall High School. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.8: Funding for E.B. Ellington Elementary Cabling Project for the New Building – *A recommendation to approve funding for E.B. Ellington Cabling Project for the new building program. The total amount is not to exceed \$160,000. The funding source is Capital Project funds for E.B. Ellington Project #5641.* Rev. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve funding for E.B. Ellington Cabling Project for the new building program. The motion was approved 8-0.

[Please Note: Although Rev. Collins motioned approval of consent agenda items 9.1 – 9.9; there were only eight consent agenda items listed on the revised agenda.](#)

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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