

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at Burke High School, with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser—Chair, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo and Mr. John Emerson were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of February 27, 2012 to order at 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

*1.1: Student Appeal Decision*

*1.2: Request for Proposal - P1218-iPad Evaluation Study*

*1.3: James Simons Elementary School – CM @ Risk*

**OPEN SESSION**

**II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
 The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Burke High School. Chairman Fraser called the meeting to order. Then he led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA, OATH OF OFFICE, ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**3.1: A. Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Moffly expressed concerns that community members have not had the opportunity to address the board during open session since December 2011.

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to amend the Board agenda and move agenda item XIII. Public Comments to its original place item VI Visitors/Public Communications. The motion failed 3-5 (Collins, Kandrac and Moffly supported the motion).

Mr. Fraser offered a friendly amendment to Mrs. Moffly's earlier motion, seconded by Rev. Collins to "leave agenda item XIII where it is and allow individuals to address the board immediately after the meeting in Open Session. Mrs. Kandrac said there were 5 individuals who signed up to address the board on February 13th. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mrs. Moffly expressed concerns about board members leaving the board meeting to attend a simultaneous Vision 2016 meeting at another location.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to change agenda item 11.1B School Calendar to an information item. The motion was approved 8-0. Mr. Fraser said the board could discuss at the 2012-13 School Calendar March 5<sup>th</sup> Board workshop and possibly schedule a special called meeting that same day.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to adopt the February 27, 2012 agenda with modifications. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

NOTE: Mr. Thomas did not vote on these items because these items were voted on before he was sworn in.

	<p><b>B. Oath of Office (Mr. Brian P. Thomas)</b>  Chairman Fraser introduced new board member, Brian Thomas, stating that he was appointed by Governor Haley to serve in the seat left vacant after Mrs. Taylor’s resignation. Mr. Thomas will serve until the election is held November 2012.</p> <p>Judge Deidre Jefferson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Thomas who was accompanied by his wife and daughter.</p>
	<p><b>C. Election of Officers</b>  Rev. Collins nominated Mrs. Moffly for chair, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac. The motion failed 3-6 (Collins, Kandrac and Moffly supported the motion).</p> <p>Mrs. Oplinger nominated Mr. Fraser for chair, seconded by Mrs. Green. The motion was approved 7-2 (Kandrac and Moffly opposed).</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly nominated Rev. Collins for vice chair, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac. The motion failed 3-6 (Collins, Kandrac and Moffly supported the motion).</p> <p>Mrs. Oplinger nominated Mrs. Coats, seconded by Mr. Thomas for vice chair for continuity purposes. The motion was approved 8-1 (Moffly opposed).</p> <p>Note: Mrs. Kandrac initially voted for Rev. Collins. However, since the vote was not called, she changed her vote to Mrs. Coats for continuity purposes.</p>
<p><b>IV.</b></p>	<p><b>SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS</b> – <i>Deferred due to 12/12/11 Board Action</i></p>
<p><b>V.</b></p>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</b>  In the spirit of keeping the report brief because of the public engagement session, Dr. McGinley shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers and the League of Women Voters were thanked for services provided during the Vision 2016 Engagement meetings. They will be asked to make a report to the full board in March.</li> <li>• Last Monday, the district started a rigorous interview process, 94 teachers went through process and each interviewee was rated. The top level candidates were rated highly qualified and offered contracts. The second group was rated ready. The third group was rated not ready. The district started with elementary level first since that level has the most teachers. Mrs. Terri Nichols and Mr. Bill Briggman were thanked for leading the effort.</li> <li>• The Marriott Hotel on Friday night was an evening of stars. Both principals and teachers were recognized. There were over 600 attendees. There was a silent auction with items donated by the community to generate funding. The purposes of the event was public recognition of teachers and principals and enable the district to put together symposium this summer paid for by proceeds of this events. Staff members who volunteered were thanked, especially Mrs. Anita Huggins and Mrs. Lori Bates. They will be recognized at a future board meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Mrs. Kandrac asked about the individuals on the committee that planned the interview process. Dr. McGinley said panel is made up of principals and assistant principals. The interview process which is based on three major components is rigorous and one the district will use in the future. Mrs. Kandrac asked why Mrs. Nichols name was mentioned. Dr. McGinley said Associate Superintendents Nichols and Mrs. Taylor did final evaluation. Mr. Briggman briefed the board of other times the process would be used to interview candidates at other levels. Mrs. Kandrac asked about writing samples and using them for current staff citing the number of grammatical errors made by principals and teachers. Dr. McGinley said she would like to know more about those errors so she could follow-up on them. She said, because the district wants the best and brightest, that is why the district started this type</p>

	<p>screening process. Mrs. Kandrac said writing samples could be sent to her at <a href="mailto:ekandrac@yahoo.com">ekandrac@yahoo.com</a> or to the CCSD Superintendent. Mrs. Kandrac said Dr. McGinley failed to mention blood drive on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> in her report. Dr. McGinley said the blood drive is done annually. It is on Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> if board members are interested in participating.</p> <p>Also Mrs. Kandrac said board meeting minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup> said she stated that board wasn't invited to the Gala. She said individuals were discouraged because of the cost and most board attended the SCSBA conference in Myrtle Beach.</p>
VI.	<b>VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - See item XIII (12/12/11 Board Action)</b>
VII.	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS</b>
7.1:	<p>Open Session Minutes of February 13, 2012 Mrs. Kandrac stated that she submitted corrections to Mrs. Stoney earlier. Then Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Rev. Collins approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 13, 2012. The motion was approved 8-0-1 (Thomas abstained).</p>
7.2:	<p>Motions of Executive Session of February 27, 2012 <b>1.1: Student Appeal Decision</b> Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded Mr. Thomas, to repeal the Code of Conduct as it relates to student appeal process because it is against state law. The motion failed 7-2 (Moffly and Kandrac opposed).</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said student rights are violated and said district potential facing lawsuit. No appeal from const. board or county board of suspension. SC 59-19-510 Anyone has the right to appeal to the Board. She said some were given correspondence from superintendent about the appeal. Mr. Ascue requested the motion be tabled until the board has had a chance to discuss in Policy Committee. Mrs. Moffly said board has not approved regulations or Student Code of Conduct. She said to disallow students the right to appeal before the board and tell them they have no rights is in violation. She said it's an emergency situation. Mr. Ascue reiterated that it should be tabled. Mrs. Moffly said the board should suspend the rule. Then she mentioned the fourteenth amendment. Mr. Ascue asked General Counsel to address concern. Mrs. Moffly shared a constitution booklet with board members. She said appeal responsibilities have been taken away from Constituent Boards and the County Board. She said the law states that suspensions could be allowed up to 30 days. Mr. Emerson said Mr. Ascue had information on this topic since he served on a constituent board. Mrs. Green called for a point of order because it's not on agenda. She said it could have been brought up in executive session or emailed. Rev. Collins said district is in violation of the law, especially with North Charleston students. He agreed that the Policy Committee needed to meet to discuss this topic.</p> <p>Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to close debate. The motion was failed 5-4 as it required a super majority (Collins, Kandrac, Moffly and Thomas opposed).</p> <p>Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to suspend the policy related student appeals until the Policy Committee has had time to discuss this topic. The motion failed 4-5 (Ascue, Coats, Fraser, Green, Oplinger voted in favor of the motion).</p> <p>Dr. McGinley requested time for staff to bring back information on ramifications of suspending this policy during the middle of the school and the impact would have on the district because this has been the practice for a while. She said opening up opportunity to suspend at every level would open up a can of worms because there are a lot of suspensions. Mrs. Moffly said not suspending rights of principals to make decisions and it would not create chaos in the system. Mr. Fraser said he wanted legal counsel's input but he suggests voting on motion. Rev. Collins said it gives parents the right to address concerns at district board level. Some students have conditional suspensions and don't know they can appeal and</p>

	<p>some things are dragged out too long. Mr. Fraser said it was difficult enough to staff student appeal hearings.</p> <p>Mr. Fraser asked Mrs. Moffly to bring to board after it is reviewed by the Policy Committee. Mrs. Moffly said since will be in court for class action suit, should put on agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Fraser called for a vote on the Board Committee's Student Appeal Decision to uphold and enroll in Star program. The motion was approved 7-0-2 (Thomas and Moffly abstained).</li> </ul> <p><b>1.2: Request for Proposal - P1218-iPad Evaluation Study</b></p> <p>The board approved a recommendation awarding a one year contract with the option of four one year renewals for an iPad Evaluation Study, at a first year cost of \$71,182.00. The funding source is E-rate funds. The motion was approved 5-3-1 (Coats, Kandrak and Moffly abstained; Thomas abstained).</p> <p><b>1.3: James Simons Elementary School – CM @ Risk</b></p> <p>The board approved a recommendation to award a contract for James Simons Elementary School – CM at Risk (Solicitation #11-SMGOP-001) to M.B. Kahn Construction Co, Inc. for preconstruction services not to exceed \$46,800.00 and general conditions not to exceed \$1,180,225.00 and a fee of 3.5% for construction once a guaranteed maximum price is agreed upon. The motion was approved 7-1-1 (Moffly opposed; Thomas abstained).</p>
	<p><b>7.3: Financial Minutes of February 13, 2012</b></p> <p>The Financial Minutes of February 13, 2012 was approved 8-0-1 (Thomas abstained).</p>
<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>CAE UPDATE -Deferred due to 12/12/11 Board Action</b></p> <p>CAE Updates were deferred due to action taken by the board on 12/12/11.</p>
<b>IX.</b>	<p><b>MANAGEMENT REPORT(S) -Deferred due to 12/12/11 Board Action</b></p>
<b>X.</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORT(S)</b></p> <p>Management Reports were deferred due to action taken by the board on 12/12/11.</p>
	<p>10.1: <b>Audit &amp; Finance Committee</b></p>
	<p>10.2: <b>Policy Committee</b></p>
<b>XI.</b>	<p><b>POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p>
	<p>11.1 <b>A. Procedures and Guidelines for Surplus Properties – Collins, Ascue, Kandrak and Moffly</b></p> <p>Rev. Collins led the discussion on Procedures and Guidelines for Surplus Properties sharing his concerns about the private sale method and Federal and State guidelines. Mr. Bobby said actions that were taken by staff are supported by state law. Staff is confident since Attorney Lynn Crook advised staff that it is legal. Rev. Collins requested more details on private sales. Mr. Bobby said the document provided gives the board way to consider how to deal with land or building assets. One is the more traditional way to utilize a public sale which could be sealed bids and in that case anyone interested in the property could participate. As explained earlier, this document gives an opportunity to consider sale, only based on action of the board. If a private sale is proposed with a private entity. If the board is willing to approve it, that would give staff the authority to use the criteria outlined and approved by the board to negotiate with the entity without having to expose it to other entities. Mr. Bobby said this would be done when an entity might have a mutual interest that be beneficial to both parties and may provide a better result than a public sale may provide.</p> <p>Rev. Collins asked if public notices are given before sale of properties. Mr. Bobby said it is possible based on the way the district wants to do it. He reiterated the two ways to handle surplus properties. He said if the board prefers the opportunity to find out if other entities</p>

	<p>are interested before concluding a private sale, the board may decide to do so. The board has complete control on how the asset is to be sold.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said would be nice to have a list, appraisals and description of properties. Mr. Bobby said the board received it earlier; he would be happy to share during a work session and will receive a list, annually.</p> <p>Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Bobby if the board had the final say to approve the sale of surplus properties. Mr. Bobby said yes.</p> <p>At 5:58 pm Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Oplinger, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ascue left the meeting to go to West Ashley High for the 6pm Vision 2016 Public Engagement meeting. Mrs. Coats was left in charge of the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly inquired about deposit of proceed into school funds. Mr. Bobby said proceeds would be used to place into the General Fund Account. He spoke of multiple options in each recommended transaction. Mrs. Moffly said she liked having all properties listed on website like it was. Mr. Bobby said district will still post surplus property on website; not methodology. When Laing was on market, board gave staff authority and he said since it didn't get minimum asking price. Therefore, staff did not pursue sale, closed it and did not put it back on the market. Mrs. Moffly said she prefers open listing and allowing it to stay open until there is a sale. Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Bobby if a board vote was needed to make something a public listing. He said in addition to what the board approved earlier, staff will bring a list of surplus property. Mrs. Moffly asked when list would be provided. Mr. Bobby said he would share it at a workshop.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly commented on something she read in paper that superintendent considering daycares on vacant district properties. Dr. McGinley said it is something teachers asked for and there is no plan is in place at this time. Mrs. Moffly said, as board member, she prefers knowing about it before reading about it in paper.</p>
	<p><b>B. School Calendar</b></p> <p>It was determined that the School Calendar would be discussed during a special called Board meeting following the March 12th Board Workshop. Mrs. Green advised the board that it must vote to suspend policy if not voting on it before end of February. She also questioned why the calendar pulled.</p>
<b>XII.</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
12.1	<p><b>A. Audit and Finance Volunteer Update</b></p> <p>Mrs. Coats announced that the advertisement is in the board packet. Applications will be sent to Mrs. Portia Stoney. They will be reviewed by the Audit in Finance Committee. Then a recommendation will come to the County Board for consideration.</p> <p>B. Mrs. Kandrac asked about sign she saw at Burke High that read "parents of students at Burke would be only ones given a visitor's pass". She asked if it district wide. Mrs. Coats asked staff to research and follow up.</p>
<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Public Comments</b></p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Henry Copeland, a W. Ashley resident, expressed concerns about the chairman's decision to leave the meeting early and allowing the majority of board members to also leave before the public addressed the board. He spoke about incompetent leadership stating that five examples were seen today. Mr. Copeland also expressed concerns about nomination and election process for board chair and vice chair and said it was Dr. McGinley's duty to point out</li> </ol>

parliamentary inequities to chair.

2. Mr. Peter Lawrence thanked board for holding meeting at Burke High. He said the purpose was defeated because some individuals were allowed leave the meeting early to go to Vision 2016 Engagement meeting. After mentioning the school board and district's good relationship with City of Charleston, he expressed concerns about students who are failing in school are playing sports. He stated the district contributed to delinquency of kids by allowing them to play sports at night and requested staff change night students are allowed to play sports to weekends.
3. Mr. Robert Ross left earlier. Therefore, he did not address the board.
4. Mr. Roy Smith expressed concerns about Academic Magnet High School (AMHS) where his son is a senior. He spoke of son being assigned to the Twilight program, not at AMHS and said grades from first quarter were not received, second quarter grades were incomplete, and his son failure of a class for the first time. Mr. Smith mentioned errors in a letter he received from school. Rev. Collins asked Mr. Smith to share the letter with Mr. Louis Martin.
5. Mr. Tony Lewis expressed concerns about the board stating it was disrespectful for board members to leave before the meeting was over. He expressed concerns about the chairman leaving the meeting early; board members are not respecting each other, and Dr. McGinley's failure to send a card to constituent board members during holidays. He also mentioned day porter's issue.

Since there were no more business to come before the board, at 6:29 p.m. Mrs. Coats moved to adjourn the meeting and into the Vision 2016 Engagement meeting in the school's cafeteria.