

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, March 26, 2012 in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street, with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Brian Thomas, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Chris Fraser - Chair, was absent. Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrak participated telephonically. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, and Mr. John Emerson were also in attendance.

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

Mrs. Coats called the Open Session meeting of March 26, 2012 to order at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: James Simons Montessori School**
- 1.2: Human Capital System**
- 1.3: Charter Schools Certification Report**
- 1.4: Student Expulsion Appeal**

OPEN SESSION

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Vice Chair Coats called the meeting to order. Then she led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Green to adopt the Open Session agenda of March 26, 2012 with the following amendments. The motion was approved 8-0.

 Mrs. Moffly suggest 1.3 be moved to Open Session. Mrs. Coats said she would discuss it after discussing Executive Session agenda items 1.1 and 1.2.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

4.1: A. Behind the Scene Recognitions
 The Board recognized two senior leaders that are leaving CCSD soon- Mr. Elliot Smalley and Mr. Troy Williams. They will leave CCSD in April to join a school reform initiative in Tennessee. They will be a part of a new initiative to turn around the most challenged schools. Tonight is their last night at a meeting of the CCSD board.

 Mr. Elliot Smalley – Dr. McGinley said Elliot joined the district June 2007. He did a tremendous job building Parent Link strategy. He has been a tremendous asset to everyone in the district. He has taken the district into the modern age. I.e. YouTube, Twitter, etc. Mr. Smalley initiated the State of the Schools address. He was thanked for everything he has done to transform CCSD.

 Mr. Troy Williams – Mr. Bobby said he was both sad and pleased. He was excited that Mr. Williams has taken a job that allows him to take what he has learned here and build the program from ground up. Mr. Williams has worked hard in schools and made changes in operational efficiencies.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Vision 2016 – The Vision 2016 volunteers were thanked for facilitating the community engagement meetings over the last six months gathering input on where the district should be in five years. They collected 50 pages of data and presented at the Board Workshop last Friday. Dr. McGinley said she looks forward to the next steps, including approval of the Vision 2016 goals, and responses to questions from community members. She thanked the Board for being good listeners throughout the process and suggested the engagement continue to make the plan a reality.
- Innovation Zone – Hundreds of enthusiastic parents and students from the community attended the Math Bowl on Saturday. Students won group and individual prizes for their winning entries. Dr. Winbush shared information with the board regarding the Math Bowl competition.
- Nineteen Cario Middle students will participate in the All State Band.
- U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, and U.S. Congressman Jim Clyburn visit to James Simons Elementary this Friday– Dr. McGinley said she was honored to have these individuals visit James Simons on Friday. This is the first time in over twelve years that a U.S. Secretary of Education has visited Charleston. The main purpose of the visit is to learn more about what we're doing to accelerate student achievement in Charleston. Originally, a full town hall meeting was considered. However, due to time restraints because the Secretary's trip was shortened and space limitations, this will be a small forum with just a handful of requested stakeholders.
- Dr. McGinley expressed her sadness and condolences for the senseless killing of the Florida teenager Traevon Martin. She urged all to continue to work together in the community to build trust, understanding and mutual respect and understanding so that no child in Charleston is every touched by a tragedy.

Mrs. Kandrak asked when district learned about Secretary Duncan's visit. Dr. McGinley said approximately ten days ago. The Department of Education released a public notice on Friday. Mrs. Kandrak said she wish the board had more notice on Secretary Duncan's visit.

Mrs. Kandrak asked why Dr. McGinley why she brought Traevon Martin up. Dr. McGinley said because it is important that this community continues to build mutual respect and understanding between groups so that we do not have a similar tragedy in this community.

Mrs. Kandrak said it brought to mind her time at Brentwood Middle when she had students sitting in her class wore hoodies in classroom with hoods over their heads and she couldn't tell if they were strangers off the street. She asked for help from the Assistant Principal. All she could see were their eyes. She was told that it was okay for them to wear "hoodies" like that in class. Dr. McGinley asked Mrs. Kandrak if that happened ten years ago. Mrs. Kandrak said it wasn't ten years about and that it was accepted by a principal that is still employed by the district.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Barbara Spell – addressed the board regarding Sullivan's Island Elementary. Town Council voted last week to abandon a lawsuit initiated by 35 citizens. In spite of the vote by Town Council, the petition is still legal. She said if Town doesn't hold referendum in a timely fashion, the suit would still be valid. She urged the board to encourage Town of Mt. Pleasant to still have a referendum. A school 11 feet above ground and 73,000 square feet is unreasonable. She also asked the board to agree not to spend any more money until a referendum is held.
2. Ms. Karen Coste spoke on behalf of Ed Favor who could not be at meeting. The letter expressed concerns about the new Sullivan's Island facility.
3. Ms. Angelica Colwell – a Nexsen Pruettt attorney and parent asked the board to make public the process used for selection of how Health Advisory Committee members were selected. She attended a recent committee meeting and saw that no students were on the committee. She said there are questions about the vetting process because one member resigned because she was not a resident in Chas. County. She asked that bylaws and state laws be adhered to.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

	<p>7.1: Open Session Minutes of March 12, 2012 Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to approve the Board minutes of March 12, 2012 with the following amendments. The motion was approved 8-0.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said she was not present for meeting. She reminded the board that out of state travel requires board approval.</p>
	<p>7.2: Motions of Executive Session of March 26, 2012</p> <p>1.1: James Simons Montessori School – Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Green The Board approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Package 1 “Demolition and Façade Stabilization” for M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,779,527. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The motion was approved 8-0.</p> <p>1.2: Human Capital System – The Board approved the award of an initial year contact, with the option of four one (1) year renewals, for a Human Capital Data Management System, at a first year cost of \$283,752.00. The funding source is Information Technology FY2012 budget. The negotiated cost for the initial year is \$283,752.00 submitted by Trunorthlogic is within the allocated budget. Future Fiscal Impact cost follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd year - \$149,023.00 – Software License, add Administrators/Staff Training (4 days) • 3rd year - \$109,023.00 Software License • 4th year - \$109,023.00 Software License • 5th year - \$109,023.00 Software License <p>The motion was approved 6-2 (Coats and Moffly).</p> <p>Rev. Collins said he would support the item but would like to look at how it impacts the budget.</p> <p>1.3: Charter Schools Certification Report – Mrs. Coats said item 1.3 was under Executive Session is an information item. There is an excellent report for charter schools. The board wanted to mention the report in Open Session. She said it was the annual report of certified teachers in Charter schools. She said the report was excellent. Mrs. Moffly requested resending the letter to James Island Charter High and PACE and Orange Grove Charter to mention that they had 100%.</p> <p>1.4: Student Expulsion Appeal – The Board approved a motion uphold the District 4 Constituent Board’s Student Expulsion Appeal decision. Motion was approved 8-0.</p>
	<p>7.3: Financial Minutes of March 12, 2012 Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the Financial minutes of March 12, 2012 with the following amendments. The motion was approved 8-0.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said there was a Bond Anticipation Note was discussed at the last meeting. She said some items seem to be new like the wetland mitigation next to West Ashley High. She asked when the district became aware of it. Mrs. Kandrac said she remembers discussing it in 2010. Mr. Ascue said Mr. Lewis provided an update at the March 5th meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Ascue asked for a detailed report on 11.3 and 11.4 in the Financial Report. Mr. Bobby said he would bring information back to the board. Also, he said Item 3 was E-Rate reimbursement which required district to put money in general operating budget for next year. He said approval was required to move forward.</p>
VIII.	CAE UPDATE
	8.1: Vision 2016 Update Presentation by Community Facilitators – (10 minutes)

Ms. Jean Norman, Mr. Mike Campbell, Mr. Troy Strother, Ms. Brittany Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fulmore, and Mr. Mike Lasso presented information to the Board regarding the Vision 2016 meeting they facilitated.

Mr. Campbell shared an overview of the thirteen Vision 2016 Engagement meetings—9 CCSD high schools, meetings, community engagement meeting, and student meeting. Seven hundred and thirty two individuals participated,. He thanked the League of Women Voters for working through Ms. Jean Norman to compile the information. He shared what he heard at the Vision 2016 Engagement meetings.

- Fall 2011 the County Board developed Vision 2016 goals that were rolled out to the Community in October 2011. Facilitators were excited about the goals and happy to facilitate input process with the League of Women Voters taking the lead of gather information.
- In December 2011, students, principals and teachers began process of providing input to goals identified.
 - The community likes the fact that the district is setting aggressive goals for its 45,000 students to better serve them.
 - Quality Teacher in the Classroom - Improvement, Retention and Competitive Pay would help achieve this goal.
 - Focus on literacy and numeracy achievement through academies
 - Making the best use of technology
 - Parents want more input and engagement
 - Consistent policy implementation to achieve goals, without conflict among board
 - Continuing Community Engagement and determine a way to continue public engagement

What facilitators heard:

1. Mr. Ward Lasso said he heard both enthusiasm and skepticism because of concern that information would fall on deaf ears. He urged the board to act on input received
2. Ms. Brittany Graham – Everyone agreed with the goals. District did a good job bridging the gap. The stop, continue and keep format was good. This was a good opportunity to set goals to move forward Aug. 2012.
3. Mr. Troy Strother – Thanked Superintendent and Mr. Smalley the engagement meetings. He said Mr. Smalley's efforts will be missed. He commended Dr. McGinley for mentioning incident in Florida because it shows the community taking charge. He told the board about a visit to a school district in Haiti and Jamaica. He said what stood out was children were first. Kids in those schools were treated like kings and with much respect. He said the poor children were doing well because of expectations were that they would learn. He asked the board to stop bickering and put children first. He said CCSD community is ready to embrace the CCSD board. The board should ask are we putting children first.
4. Mr. Clifford Fulmore said his wife had to leave to go to another meeting. He observed that the community said enough with excuses. Let's get to the task of educating students. He said at the end of the day, he asks himself "are we putting children first".
5. Ms. Jean Norman said the Public wants public education to be top of the list. Public supportive of high quality education. The board should know that community members have high expectations and would like to know what the outcome would be. She said the public is willing to bring forth options district hasn't thought about. She told the board not to undermine the public's willingness to provide feedback and input in the future. Attendees understood what it would take to reach goals identified. They expressed support for the program that promoted learning for students. Quality teacher is a key component to those programs. Options are outlined in the fifty pages of statements written by facilitators. The public is willing to support board changes to implement teach learning approaches and strategies that are new. They are willing to

look at school schedules for the day and/or year such Year-round Schools to allow more time for kids to learn. A variety of Interventions, Implementation of public education that all students deserve a high quality education. The public wants engagement to continue. Ms. Norman thanked the board for the process and opportunity to serve the board in this process.

There were no questions from the board for the facilitators.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

- A. Charleston Educational Excellence Financing Corporation (CEEFC) – Mrs. Green moved seconded by Mr. Ascue moved approval of the CEEFC recommendation appointing 1) Susan Leadem, 2) Charlie McManus, and 3) Perry Leazer to serve on the CEEFC Committee. The vote was 4-4 (Collins, Kandrac, Moffly and Thomas opposed).
- B. Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly to advertise positions for CEEFC positions, provide bylaws and resumes from advertisement. Rev. Collins added that staff should advertise but retain resumes already received. Mrs. Moffly suggested the advertising process be similar to the Health Advisory advertisement. After discussion, Rev. Collins said everyone should reapply. The motion was approved 5-3 (Coats, Green and Oplinger opposed).
- C. Mrs. Moffly moved to amend first motion. Mrs. Coats said it's up to those that made motion. Mrs. Moffly asked for parliamentarian. Mr. Emerson said he would have to call Dr. Paul Khrone. Mrs. Green refused the request to amend her motion.

Mrs. Coats said the A&F received so many good resumes that they would reach out to ask others to participate in a capacity.

Mrs. Kandrac said she asked about advertisement for Charleston Educating Excellence Finance Committee members and why committee still exists in 2012 and requested earlier minutes.

Mrs. Coats said A&F Committee received such good applications Mr. Bobby will reach out to others to see if they want to work with the district in some other capacity such as serving on CEEFC. Mrs. Kandrac said March 5th meeting wasn't duly noted for the public. She left before meeting was over to attend another meeting before this was done and maybe Mr. Thomas could verify. She said some ate lunch during the board workshop because a meeting was hurriedly added prior to the Board Workshop. She said it was like asking someone on the school board if they wanted to be a part of a different entity and she wanted to see notes or reports from previous CEEFC meetings. Mrs. Kandrac asked about an ad for CEEFC volunteers. She asked why the said Chairman Fraser was on the CEEFC group and maybe he could answer her questions about how folks were selected and where are the notes.

Mrs. Coats said it is in the board minutes of March 12th of the last board meeting that Mr. Bobby was asked to contact the individuals to ask them if they were interested in serving. Mrs. Coats said the notes said Mrs. Kandrac suggested they serve in some capacity. Mrs. Kandrac said she wanted them to submit their resume or bio or Vitae.

Mr. Bobby said CEEFC was created in 2004. He didn't know what was done to advertise. He said the bylaws included some details about the committee and it was provided to Audit & Finance Committee members. However, he could provide the board with a copy. Bylaws describe how they came about and what they do. CEEF has an interest in all projects in the 2004-09 building program. He said they have a purpose because CEEFC is a property rights asset to the land and holding. He said CEEFC needed to be in place through 2032 when the bond is paid off. Mrs. Kandrac asked if CEEFC members submitted Statement of Economic Interest reports since they are handling district's finances. She wants info on who was on

	<p>CEEFC on 2004 when Nancy Cook was the Board Chair. She requested the minutes and information on who attended the meetings. She said she didn't want to have to submit a FOIA get it.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said she hasn't seen CEEFC's bylaws. She asked who three existing members are. Mr. Bobby said Ms. Bonnie Lester, Mr. Alan Hopkins, and Mr. Bret Johnson. Mrs. Kandrak said these are people that have been on A&F for years and now they are on the CEEFC meeting. Mr. Alan Hopkins hasn't been at a meeting since September or October 2011. Mr. Bret Johnson has missed a couple and so has Mrs. Bonnie Lester. She felt it was a conflict of interest if CEEFC members did not file Statement of Ethics reports yet.</p> <p>Rev. Collins asked about the advertisement and timeline. Mrs. Coats said all information is in the May 12th board packet. Mr. Ascue said the board asked those that applied for Oversight if they were interested in serving on CEEFC committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly said it is important to have resumes for those responsible for CCSD property rights. She asked about BAN payoffs. Mr. Bobby said it was provided several times earlier. He said he is meeting with Mrs. Coats and Mr. Ascue at 11am on Friday. He invited Mrs. Moffly to join them for the discussion.</p> <p>Mrs. Kandrak asked Mr. Bobby to not ever tell her that he provided something earlier.</p>
	10.2: Policy Committee
XI.	POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
	11.1: Home School Application – Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, approval of a Home School Application. The motion was approved 8-0.
	<p>11.2: Adoption of High School Math Textbooks – The Board received information on the Adoption of High School Math Textbooks.</p> <p>Mrs. Coats said it's an information only item. Mrs. Moffly said the issue of Common Core Standards is growing. Dr. Herring said regarding Common Core Standards and textbooks state provided, there were no funds available at that time. Now state funding is available. She said it is deemed appropriate for use in schools and state provide funds for these books.</p> <p>Mrs. Moffly asked if the textbooks were too old to be used with the adoption of the common core standards. Dr. Herring said textbooks are ten years old and time to replace them. Rev. Collins asked what will be done with old books. Ms. Connie Dopierala said they go to the warehouse and disposed according to district's policy. Normally they are available for community use for free or sold.</p> <p>Mrs. Kandrak asked school districts that are using I Pads and not textbook. Ms. Connie Dopierala said district won't fund I Pad applications. However students and parents can purchase. Mrs. Kandrak asked publisher. Ms. Dopierala said Holt Publishers. Packets were available online for review.</p>
	<p>11.3: Policy for Student Transportation (Ascue, Coats, Fraser, and Thomas)</p> <p>Mr. Ascue led the discussion noting to Mrs. Moffly that a parent wants the Policy Committee to look at parents transporting students to after school events. Mrs. Moffly said they would add it to agenda tomorrow for future meeting. Mrs. Moffly said Dr. Gepford wrote a thorough regulation before he left the district. Mr. Emerson said it was reviewed last year and a lot of components were adjusted. There is a working draft but it is not finalized. Mrs. Moffly spoke about parents that transport students to school events and liability. She said parents transporting students should make sure they have insurance coverage necessary to transport students.</p>
XII.	NEW BUSINESS
	1. Rev. Collins said he enjoyed presentation by Mr. Grimm and Dr. Winbush. He requested other

schools presentations.

2. Mrs. Moffly suggested the board discuss the issue with Crossing Guards. She would like to know where they are. Dr. McGinley said it should be on the next agenda---schools, cost, etc. Mr. Jeff Scott said the Sherriff's Dept. is responsible for crossing guards. He will request the information from the Sheriff's Office.
3. Mrs. Moffly asked board to approve to get Legislation to act on house bill 3014 coming forth. This would allow three diplomas—special education diploma, a general diploma and an advanced diploma.
4. Mrs. Kandrak asked about information on district vehicle and possibly a senior administrator involvement in a traffic accident. She asked for details and said she hope it wasn't serious. Dr. McGinley said fender bender.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, adjournment at 7:01pm. The motion was approved unanimously.