

I. Open Session

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at Stall High School, with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser– Chair, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Rev. Chris Collins participated telephonically. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green left immediately after the Board workshop and Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo, Dr. Brenda Nelson, and Mr. John Emerson were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of March 5, 2011 to order at 5:00 p.m. to review one agenda item, the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

1.1: 2012-2013 School Calendar

Chairman Fraser requested the Board approve a modified agenda to allow a member of the public to address the board. Since there were no objections, Mr. Henry Copeland addressed the Board suggesting that the board consider Easter and Passover holidays during spring break with sensitivity. The first two days of Passover are the most important days of Passover. He suggested modifying option “b” calendar to address an extra student day. He also commended the board for including a “fall” break.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Mrs. Matarazzo about making up day if two days are taken for Passover. Mrs. Matarazzo said it would be a tremendous strain to make up time. She said if students are out sick and aren't able to obtain an excused absence the day of the PASS test they would automatically receive a zero”.

At this time, Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the recommendation to approve Option B of the calendar.

Since there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Fraser moved to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.