

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, April 11, 2011, with the following members of the Board present: Mr. Chris Fraser – Chair, Mrs. Ann Oplinger - Vice Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue, Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats, Rev. Chris Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mr. William Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Audrey Lane, and Mr. Elliot Smalley were also in attendance.

Chairman Fraser called the meeting of April 11, 2011 to order at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, approval of a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: *Student Transfer Appeals*
- 1.2: *Workers' Compensation Settlement*
- 1.3: *Personnel Matters*
- 1.4: *Contractual Matters*

OPEN SESSION

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:18 p.m. Chairman Fraser called the meeting to order and he led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mr. Fraser asked everyone to remember the family of Mr. Steven Steinert, former chair of the Charleston Financing Educational Excellence Financing Corporation, who passed on April 6, 2011.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adopt the Open Session agenda of April 11, 2011. The motion was approved 8-0.

At this time, Mr. Fraser recognized Mayor Joseph P. Riley. Mayor Riley thanked Board members for their service to children in Charleston County. He also thanked the superintendent and staff members. Mayor Riley addressed the Board in support of the commitment of **shared space at the Rivers campus** for Charleston Math and Science and Low Country Tech. Also, the Mayor addressed the Board in support of Charleston Promise Neighborhoods partnership. He said the \$50,000 committed by the district has leveraged \$430,000. The Mayor urged the Board to continue supporting Charleston Promise Neighborhoods.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS (20 minutes)

4.1: SC Odyssey of the Mind Competition - St. Andrews Middle School Participants

The Board recognized St. Andrews Middle School students who recently placed first in the state-wide South Carolina Odyssey of the Mind competition. These students will advance to the international competition.

4.2: Blue Ribbon School Recognition – Pinckney Elementary

The Board recognized Pinckney Elementary principal, Mrs. Leanne Sheppard, and staff for receiving the National Blue Ribbon School Award.

4.3: ASCEND Foundation's Cancer Companion Program

The Board recognized Mr. Russ Pritchard, President and CEO of the ASCEND Foundation, a cancer awareness program, for their ongoing contributions to CCSD.

4.4: SCE&G Rebate Check “Energy Conservation”

The Board recognized Mr. Danny Kassis, general manager with South Carolina Electric and Gas. Mr. Kassis presented a rebate check to the district in the amount of \$50,512 for Energy Conservation efforts—lighting upgrades to 20 schools.

The rebate incentive check is for upgrades made in 18 CCSD schools: CC Blaney, Drayton Hall, Lambs, James Island, Minnie Hughes, Murray LaSaine, Pinckney and Springfield elementary schools; Cario, CE Williams, Fort Johnson, James Island, St. Andrews and West Ashley middle schools; Baptist Hill, Wando and West Ashley high schools; as well as Clark Academy and the Bridge View Office Building while participating in SCE&G’s Lighting Retrofit Incentive Program.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

5.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

- Condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Steve Steinert, who recently passed. She said he was a great friend to the Charleston County School District. He provided a valuable service to students and community by chairing the Charleston Financing Educational Excellence Financing Corporation overseeing our building projects with funding secured through alternative finances.
- Six CCSD schools competed for an “Exciting Media Center Makeover” sponsored by Staples Corporation.
- Budget Update – Finance team working through the numbers, incorporating feedback from the budget inbox and community meetings. Staff will walk the Board through an extensive update at the Board Workshop on April 25th. Dr. McGinley said if it is necessary to make tough decisions about furloughs, which would save jobs, she would like to know as soon as possible to inform teachers and other staff.
- School Visits – Dr. McGinley shared information from her visits to Murray LaSaine and Chicora.
- Early Childhood Issues
- Charleston Promise Neighborhood Initiatives
- James Simons Montessori - A community meeting was held last Thursday. A follow up meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd to finalize details. She expects a recommendation about a future school focus will come from the Neighborhood Planning Team that has a prescribed membership including parents of children in schools, community residents, the Constituent Board, and higher education partners. The big picture is to provide access to high-quality choices in each zone.
- Low Country Tennis Challenge – Once again, CCSD dominated local districts. She also thanked Jennie Moore students who cheered at the event.

Dr. McGinley responded to Mrs. Kandrac’s questions about media center make-overs and support from the food bank stating that a lot of supports were included from Staples--books and take home food for family of students.

Mrs. Kandrac also said the Superintendent did not mention the website addition “Mythbusters” which responds to rumors. She commended the district for creating it.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not to exceed 30 minutes)

1. Mr. Timothy Shaw, a former Ashley River student, addressed the Board in support of Arts in Education.
2. Mr. Andrew HaLevi, Program Director at Septima Clark Academy, addressed the Board about the Alternative School and support the school receives from Communities in Schools, their business partner. He urged the Board to continue its support for Clark Academy.
3. Ms. Cynthia Mappus addressed the Board in support of Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary and Arts in Education.
4. Ms. Susan Miles, principal at Jane Edwards Elementary, addressed the Board in support of Communities in Schools.

5. Ms. Carol Bartlett, Northwoods MS principal, addressed the Board in support of Communities in Schools.
6. Mr. Bob Peiffer, Communities in Schools Board member, addressed the Board in support of CIS partnership with the district.
7. Mr. Stan Halstead addressed the Board in support of Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary and Arts in Education.
8. Mr. Donny Kassis, a member of the Communities in Schools Board, urged the board to continue funding Communities in Schools.
9. Mr. Steven Cofer Shabica, chairman of the NAACP education committee, addressed the Board regarding Low Country Tech. He urged the Board to support the placement of Low Country Tech at Rivers, not Burke High School.
10. Mr. Carter Pearson, community banker and Communities in School volunteer, addressed the Board regarding funding of the Communities in Schools program.
11. Ms. Naquita Page-Dawson, Guidance Counselor at Haut Gap Middle and former Communities in Schools employee, addressed the Board in support of Communities in Schools. She spoke of support provided by CIS--tutoring, mentoring, backpack, mental health services, assistance for utility bills for families, etc
12. Ms. Kyle Lahm, addressed the Board on behalf of Mayor Summey who could not be at the meeting, supporting the Charleston Promise Neighborhoods and Communities in Schools.
13. Ms. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, principal of North Charleston Elementary, addressed the Board in support of Communities in Schools.
14. Mr. Chris Kerrigan, President of Trident United Way, addressed the Board regarding public/private support and shared the benefits of public/private partnerships and its impact through programs such as Wings Program and Communities in Schools.
15. Mr. Paul Elder, Communities in Schools volunteer, addressed the Board in support of the CIS program.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of March 28, 2011

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 28, 2011 with necessary amendments. The vote was 8-0.

Mrs. Kandrac said some revisions were made earlier. She said at the bottom of page 7 Mrs. Taylor motioned staff bring a recommendation. However, Mrs. Stoney said no one seconded the motion.

Also, Mrs. Kandrac said on page 8 where the letter from chair is mentioned, it should mention amending the January 21st Board meeting minutes.

At this time, Mrs. Mrs. Kandrac motioned, seconded by Rev. Collins, to modify January 21st Board meeting minutes to include Mr. Fraser's letter of recusal. The motion was approved 8-0.

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 11, 2011

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

The Board approved student transfers A, C, F, G, and H. The Board also approved student transfer appeals B to Harborview Elementary, D and E to Laing Middle, and J to James B. Edwards Elementary. Student transfer appeal I was pulled because the parent failed to provide necessary information. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.2: Workers' Compensation Settlement

The Board authorized a workers' compensation settlement claim. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.3: Personnel Matter

District Employee Requests for Participation in Political Activities (2) - The Board approved a recommendation allowing two District employees to participate in Political Activities. The motion was

approved 7-1 (Mrs. Kandrak opposed).

Note: Mrs. Kandrak said she opposed because the information was not included in her board packet.

1.4: Contractual Matters

A. Change of Bell Schedule/District 3 Request to Change Bus Schedule – The Board approved a recommendation to modify the Bell Schedule in District 3 for the 2011 – 2012 School Year. The motion was approved 5-3 (Collins, Moffly and Taylor opposed).

Mrs. Taylor expressed concerns about the supervisory part of the agreement and arrival/departure time for students. Mrs. Moffly said the start time was too early.

B. Contractual Matter – The Board received information on a matter. However, no action was taken.

7.3: Financial Minutes of March 28, 2011

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the Financial Minutes of March 28, 2011. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mr. Bobby responded to a question from Mrs. Kandrak about agenda item #11.4 – the TAN Arbitrage approved at the last meeting. She asked if others were approved earlier. Mr. Bobby said, to his knowledge, there weren't other arbitrages. However, if there were others, they would have been brought to the board's attention.

Mr. Ascue asked when charter school payments were issued. Mr. Bobby said monthly. Mr. Ascue also asked about the length of the "Myown" Reader agreement. Mr. Feil said it was a one-year agreement.

Mrs. Moffly said she expected the retirement information to come before the board before it is moved forward. Mr. Bobby said the intent is to bring it back to the board. Mrs. Moffly said she wanted it to come back to the Board before decisions are made.

VIII.COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

8.1: Audit & Finance Committee

Mrs. Coats announced that the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting is at 3pm on April 14th.

8.2: Policy Committee

Mrs. Oplinger announced that the April 14th Policy Committee meeting was rescheduled because there isn't a quorum. The new meeting time is 9am on May 4th.

Mrs. Taylor asked if meetings could be held with three members. Mr. Fraser said it was up to Mrs. Oplinger and other members. However, in those cases, the committee members will not be able to vote.

Mrs. Kandrak asked about student appeal on April 14th. Mrs. Stoney said the meeting notice have not gone out yet because not enough board members volunteered.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1: Budget Reductions for FY2012 – Mr. Bobby

Mr. Bobby presented information to the Board regarding Budget Reductions for FY2012. A recommendation will be presented to the Board on April 25th.

Mr. Bobby said information on Revenues is unclear until information is received from the state. Mr. Bobby reminded the Board of Dr. McGinley/s request if making decisions about furloughs--it would be best to know earlier than later.

Rev. Collins asked about Teacher Assistants contract reductions expressing his concern that they are needed in

elementary schools. Mr. Bobby mentioned additional administrator reductions then said all remaining 260-day administrative staff will be reduced 12 days, a savings of \$6-7,000. The number of days Teacher Assistants work will be reduced because they are now working days when students aren't in school. Some are funded by General Funds, some from Title I and others from Special Education funds. Rev. Collins said he understood. Then he asked about music fees. Mr. Bobby said the model is similar to the "pay to play" model which is used for athletics and in other areas. Mr. Bobby explained that students pay a fee for each sport—approximately \$150 per sport. He said it could be expensive if students are involved in multiple sports. Staff will bring more information about it to next meeting and this should help board determine if and how much they would like to consider.

Mrs. Taylor asked about the timeline for issuance of Teacher contracts and about future board workshops. Mr. Bobby responded to both questions. He also said the first reading of budget is tentatively scheduled for May 23rd. A Public Budget Hearing will follow. The final reading is June 27th or it could possibly be done as early as June 13th, if things work out.

Mrs. Kandrak asked about Board approval for teacher contracts. Dr. McGinley said names of teachers recommended for contracts will be published. Mrs. Kandrak also asked about savings during school and office closure because of furlough. Mr. Bobby explained that while there are some savings, limited electricity would be used to reduce humidity during hot weather. Mrs. Kandrak also asked about the use of buildings by churches during that time and expected savings.

Rev. Collins asked what directions district would take if the shortfall was less than what was proposed. Mr. Bobby said he could bring a return strategy for any of the item the Board acts on. He mentioned the furlough day that was returned to employees last year which was a board decision.

Note: No decisions were made on proposed budget reduction items. An updated list will be brought to the Board for review and voting on April 25th.

X. CAE UPDATE

10.1: Green School District Initiative

Ms. Lauren Scott, an Intern with the U.S. Department of Education, presented information on the District's Green School Initiative to the Board outlined below

- An additional 550 new recycling bins from the Charleston Recycling Center were delivered to CCSD schools and offices;
- Improved Indoor Air Quality and reduced number of sick days for students and teachers;
- Use of Green Cleaning materials in schools;
- Use of Recycling Bins could result in reduced trash fees because Recycling is free;
- Bridgeview is recycles scrap metal and cardboards;
- Schools are collecting cell phones and print cartridges;
- Reduced use of electricity which resulted in a Electricity Rebate;
- North Charleston Elementary is the district's first LEED Certified School;
- Community Partners who help CCSD with the Green Schools Initiative were identified;
- Next Steps – Green Schools Development Five-Year Plan will come to the Board along with a Green Schools Policy;
- Ms. Liz Franchini will assume responsibility with the Green Schools Initiative upon Ms. Scott's departure; and
- Next year, the district will partner with the College of Charleston students who will help work on this initiative.

In closing, Ms. Scott urged the Board to make sure this initiative is not overlooked and to make sure students learn what they need to learn to be able to face environmental issues.

Dr. McGinley thanked Ms. Scott for pulling together initiatives already started and adding some new ones. She

added that this was the result of a conference she and Mayor Riley attended earlier during the school year. Dr. McGinley said she was happy the Federal Government did not close or Ms. Scott would be on furlough.

Mr. Ascue thanked Ms. Scott for doing a great job with the Green School efforts. He also encouraged the district to keep continue its efforts.

Mrs. Kandrac said she attended the Green School event at James Island County Park. Also, she asked who appointed Mrs. Franchini. Dr. McGinley said she did and Mrs. Franchini would do this in addition to the work she already does in the district.

Mrs. Taylor questioned the cost of green products used in the district. Ms. Scott said they are already being used and at a cost savings.

Mr. Fraser said it would be interesting to compare the cost difference of LEED Certified schools with those that are not.

Ms. Scott thanked Dr. McGinley and others for the opportunity to work with the district.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: Pilot Program Applications (5) – *Dr. Gepford*

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of five the Pilot Program Applications shown below. The motion was approved 8-0.

- A. West Ashley High – Inclusion Art Batik
- B. Charleston School of Arts - Symphony Orchestra
- C. Charleston School of Arts – Justice: Issues and Advocacy
- D. Charleston School of Arts – Arts and Humanities
- E. Charleston School of Arts – Costume Design and Construction III

Staff responded to questions from Mrs. Kandrac regarding the artist. Mrs. Moffly asked about the grant amount and questioned why the art class was only a ½ credit when the document listed the class time for 90 minutes. Mr. Martin said he would follow up.

Mrs. Kandrac suggested costume design be considered for Low Country Tech since some folks she spoke with were interested in the Theatre.

Mrs. Moffly expressed concerns about competitions on weekends mentioning that some students may have prior commitments before competition dates are identified. Mr. Martin said he will follow up with the Principal, Mr. Reinhart. However, he supposed exceptions could be made when needed.

Mrs. Taylor complimented the West Ashley High School teacher who works with inclusion students to make items that are sold in the school's store.

Mrs. Moffly suggested electives be adjusted to full credit classes. Mr. Martin he would bring information back to the Board regarding same. Mrs. Moffly also said it was time ban use of Carnegie Units.

11.2: Garrett Academy of Technology Gymnasium HVAC – *Mr. Lewis*

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the recommendation to award the Garrett Academy of Technology Gymnasium HVAC contract to Metro Contracting, Inc. and Triad Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the stipulated sum of \$172,749. The funding source is FCO-FY11 Garrett Academy Project funds. The motion was approved 8-0.

Rev. Collins asked about the joint venture, what each company would do and what they would be paid. Mr.

Lewis said they are required to have a Mechanical HVAC License in South Carolina. Metro is a General Contractor and Triad is a mechanical contractor with the mechanical license required to do this type work. Mr. Lewis said a two-party check would be issued to the two companies. Rev. Collins asked about HVAC for the kitchen. Mr. Lewis said that it is in the next phase. Also in response to a question about the timeline, Mr. Lewis said the goal is to get the work done by the end of the summer.

Mrs. Moffly commented that the paperwork said it would be done June 30th. She also asked about amount approved earlier. Mr. Lewis said while more money was funded; only part of it is being done at this time.

11.3: E.B. Ellington ES-School Roadwise Project – Mr. Lewis

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation to reimburse Charleston County in the amount of \$231,112.82 per the Intersection Improvement and Development Agreement dated October 7, 2008. No additional funds are required since the project is within the previously Board approved budget. The motion was approved 8-0.

Rev. Collins asked about the district's cost. Mr. Lewis said the district worked with the Mayor of Ravenel to bring water and sewer to that area and pavement of Jacksonville Road. They district agreed to pay 27%. It came below district's projection therefore funds were saved on this project. He shared all costs to the district for this project. He said if the district hadn't partnered with the Town of Ravenel, the cost would have been a lot more.

11.4: Contract Award to Landscape the Auxiliary Areas at Stall HS – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation awarding the landscape contract for the auxiliary areas for the new Stall High School to Green Acres in the amount of \$136,000. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mrs. Kandrac asked for clarification on the amount. Mr. Lewis explained that there is work under the contract and by sub-contracting direct, the district could save overhead markup. Mr. Lewis also responded to questions from Mrs. Moffly regarding the amount listed on the documents provided. He said the amount should be \$106,000, not \$130,000. Mrs. Moffly requested the amount be verified. Mr. Lewis agreed he would.

11.5: Interim Accommodations for Military Families

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the recommendation to adopt a Resolution to Accommodate Military Families to waive choice deadline and allow military families moving to Charleston County the opportunity to apply for school choice programs for SY2011-2012. The motion was approved 8-0.

11.6: Charter School Teacher Certification Report

The Board received the Charter School Teacher Certification Report as information. No action was taken.

11.7: Communication between Board Members and Staff (Collins, Ascue, Taylor, Moffly and Kandrac)

As requested by the five Board members listed above, Rev. Collins led the discussion on Communication between Board Members and Staff. Dr. McGinley said she is willing to follow the Board's policy and appreciates the Board's support in doing so. Mr. Fraser said it is not his intent to stifle board requests. Dr. McGinley wasn't aware that Mrs. Coats didn't get something she requested because it didn't come through her. Mr. Fraser said his intent was to organize the way requests are handled.

Rev. Collins said if Board members call staff for information, staff should return the call within a day or so. Rev. Collins said it's not his intent to direct staff to do anything. However, he would like to just ask them for information. Mr. Fraser said he is tracking board requests.

Mrs. Taylor shared information from her conversation with a retired IBM employee who said its time to define process and procedures. She said the Board is a Board of nine and Dr. McGinley is the superintendent. She mentioned a 4-page request she sent to Board, the superintendent, and Directors and said the Board needs one-to-one dialogue with the superintendent. Her concern is that questions must be answered. Mr. Fraser

said he is okay with requests going directly to the superintendent. However, he would like to be copied on it to keep track of information requested.

Dr. McGinley said she would like to work through the policy. She shared a summary of the large number emails sent to staff since November and stated that sometimes one email to staff had a number of sub questions (12+). Dr. McGinley said she received inquiry from staff member who said they are swamped with emails from the Board and unable to get their work done. She said she would like to come to an agreement with the Board to reduce the amount of time staff spend interacting with Board members. She also requested directions from full Board on how to handle Board requests.

Mr. Fraser suggested an increased number of board workshops to discuss Teacher Evaluation and other topics.

Mrs. Taylor said four new Board members came on the Board at once. She said information was requested to help new members get clear vision and get a handle on where we're headed. Mr. Fraser said in addition to four new members, some Board members have only been in place a short while.

Mrs. Moffly said she has an issue with community engagement and interaction in the public. For example, automated phone calls from CCSD—suggested the district discontinue Friday afternoon calls. She suggested calls be made during school day. She also mentioned the James Simons Montessori meeting she attended and said there were more CCSD staff on Team than community members. Also, she said she looked at Blue Ribbon Committee meeting minutes and Mt. Pleasant Town meeting minutes which said everyone wanted a second high school in Mt. Pleasant. She said even Lucy Beckham said everyone wanted a second high school but will get Middle School College first. Dr McGinley said regarding the Neighborhood Planning composition that all staff members there were not on the committee. She will bring back a list of those on the Neighborhood Planning Team.

Dr. McGinley said she has a written report from the Blue Ribbon Committee. She would be happy to share a copy of the report that was given to her. Mrs. Moffly said the committee was led by the district and those folks are afraid that they won't get anything if they balk. Mrs. Moffly went on to say she would work to get five votes to get things done.

Mrs. Kandrac said in Dec. 2008 she requested information from staff at a meeting held at Lincoln High. Mr. Ravenel also attended that meeting with her. She asked Mr. Bobby about it weeks later and was told that it was given to the Board Chair. In March 2009, she finally received that information. Then she began requesting info under the Freedom of Information Act. She said there are still eight outstanding requests not answered since 2008. Mrs. Kandrac also mentioned that when Mrs. Lucy Beckham received a National Award, the Board received notice that it was a sports award a day earlier. However, when she arrived, she learned that it was a national award. Mr. Ravenel the only other person to attend knew about it because he got his information from someone from Berkeley County who knew about it. She said the superintendent and Board Chair decided not to share this information with the Board. Mrs. Kandrac said Board workshops should be every three weeks because there are issues with academics and accountability that need to be answered. She spoke about information she requested in June which she hasn't gotten. Mrs. Kandrac said she has worked very hard to get things done and has had trouble getting someone to second her motions.

Mrs. Taylor asked if Board members were to call the superintendent when they have a number of questions and share them with the Board Chair. Dr. McGinley said she has provided her contact information. If requests go through her, she could copy the Board Chair and ensure receipt of information. Going forward, she would like to see it all work together for the children of this district. She is okay receiving calls. However, she will not always be in the office. Mrs. Taylor said she preferred receiving a phone call.

11.8: Update on Low Country Tech (Collins, Taylor, Moffly and Kandrac)

As requested by the four Board members listed above, Rev. Collins led the discussion on Low Country Tech.

He said his constituents want to know when they would get their school. Dr. McGinley said Mr. Martin recently presented information to the Board regarding Low Country Tech. The intent is to accommodate both programs in the building. However, the only change is the decision about the auditorium. That's why Mr. Lewis made the presentation to add classrooms or an open area for the shop. Mr. Fraser said no commitment was made to building additional classrooms. Rev. Collins said his constituents want Low Country Tech and Charleston Math and Science moves to happen at the same time. Mr. Martin said he presented information on January 24th sharing programs plans for Low Country Tech and those are still on the table. Rev. Collins asked about program modifications. Mr. Martin said it could happen. Mr. Lewis spoke about the schedule and facility renovation timeline. He said phase 3 would be added and brought back to the Board.

Mr. Lewis responded to a question from Mrs. Moffly about the 60/40 split stating the Superintendent made a recommendation to Board for 100% of the gym and cafeteria to be used for the Charter. The 60/40 split gives the charter school 60% of the building and Low Country Tech 40% of the building. The Middle College for West Ashley would be considered in the next building program. He said Mr. Bob Olsen tried hard to get a CTE program at West Ashley but it was turned down by the Board. Mrs. Beckham vowed not make the same mistake.

Mrs. Moffly asked about the Culinary Program at Burke and suggested that staff rethink the Middle College proposal and said CCSD should partner with Trident Technical College because Charleston is the only district with Middle Colleges on school campuses. Dr. McGinley responded to Mrs. Moffly stating that she would be willing to explore Mrs. Moffly's suggestion. Dr. McGinley said she and Mr. Martin visited a program in Florida where students were in classroom with adults. Mr. Martin said CCSD has a strong partnership with Trident Tech. At the last meeting, the Board received a presentation on C-TAP. Mr. Martin said students are required to pass an admissions test prior to taking a class at Trident Technical College.

Mrs. Moffly said if students are receiving college credits at Middle College, they should qualify. Mr. Martin said a TTC instructor could come teach at school or a CCSD teacher could be certified to teach.

Rev. Collins said he wasn't aware that Math and Science Charter had the entire gymnasium. Mr. Fraser told Rev. Collins he was not on the Board at that time. Rev. Collins said his north area constituents were interested in attending Low Country Tech. Dr. McGinley said the Board approved the Low Country quadrants. Until those quadrants exist in all zones, the intent is to allow students who do not have it in their zone to attend. However, transportation would have to be discussed because the district doesn't have a plan in place to cover the cost.

11.9: IPADs for Board Members (Collins, Ascue, Fraser, Kandrac)

As requested by the four Board members listed above, Rev. Collins led the discussion on IPADs for Board Members. He asked the Board to consider providing them for Board members because it would enable him to access his emails wherever he is. He said Board members would still need the laptops assigned to them. Mr. Bobby responded to Rev. Collins' question about the impact it would have on the district's budget stating that the capital budget would not be altered much if \$500-\$600 was spent to purchase iPads for board members. However, the amount quoted is for the first version and chances are multiple purchases of that version would probably not be available.

Mrs. Kandrac said at state conference in Myrtle Beach they were told some Board members that they were allowed to keep after their board term ended. Mr. Fraser mentioned the ongoing wireless and upgrade costs.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac, approval of a motion to purchase iPads for CCSD Board members. Motion failed 5-3 (Collins, Kandrac and Moffly voted in favor).

11.10: Reconsideration of General Operating Fund payments to Charleston Promise Neighborhood

(Ascue, Collins, Kandrac, Moffly)

As requested by the four Board members listed above, Mrs. Kandrac led the discussion on Reconsideration of General Operating Funds payments to Charleston Promise Neighborhood.

Mrs. Kandrac said the Board voted in March to give \$50,000 last year; \$100,000 this year and \$150,000 next year. She said in accordance to the law, all contracts the Board makes should be considered void during budget crunch. Mr. Bobby said some contracts have a funding out clause which allows the district to revisit if it has funding issues. However, that is not the case with this contract.

Mrs. Kandrac expressed concerns with the \$300,000 amount spent, over the three-year period, on Neighborhoods of Promise. She questioned when the check \$100,000 would be written for this year. Mrs. Kandrac motioned, seconded by Moffly to discontinue funding of Charleston Promise Neighborhood. The motion failed 6-2 (Mrs. Kandrac and Mrs. Moffly opposed).

Rev. Collins asked for a presentation of programs at the next Board meeting. Mr. Ascue said many speakers addressed the board earlier during the meeting about inter-city programs. Mr. Ascue said he is fortunate that his parents are not on drugs and he did not go to bed hungry at night. He said Mrs. Kandrac singled out this one program and that it was necessary to pay on the front end so we're not paying on the other end (jail). He said some kids just don't have. Mrs. Coats said most Board support it and Mrs. Moffly should support since she is against School Resource Officers, Rev. Collins is too. Mrs. Coats called for the vote. However, Mrs. Taylor said she would like to investigate the matter because Mrs. Coats could not speak for all. However, she said if Mr. Bill Hewitt is involved, it's a good—worthwhile investment. She asked Mrs. Kandrac if she had visited the program (Neighborhoods of Promise) and looked at the benefits to four CCSD schools. She said while it's a lot of money, it is not just about baby-sitting. She advised Mrs. Kandrac to visit the program and said she felt it was a worth the investment.

Mrs. Kandrac said she hasn't visited that program but she has seen the program in Harlem and she came from an impoverished background.

Mr. Ascue presented a DVD to individual board members regarding Charleston Promise Neighborhood.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Fraser announced that teacher evaluation could possibly be discussed May 16th.
2. Rev. Collins requested an update on School Redesign & Tracking.
3. Mrs. Taylor requested the board discuss the superintendent's evaluation instrument. Mr. Fraser said he would provide a copy of the instrument used last year and is working on a new one for this year.
4. Rev. Collins suggested the Board define goals for Associate Superintendents.
5. Mrs. Moffly suggested the Board discuss the Building Program in East Cooper
6. Mrs. Kandrac announced that she just received Mold Report and is not sure staff reported on the area she looked at.
7. Mrs. Kandrac expressed the importance of having the Audit and Finance and Policy Committee meetings audio-taped starting with the April 14th meeting. She said it would allow those who can't attend to hear what went on.
8. Mrs. Taylor requested a list of all Non-Profit programs with amounts and how long they have been in place for budget reduction purposes. Mr. Ascue said he is also interested in looking at all of the district's non-profit programs. Mr. Fraser mentioned information on three non-profit programs was in the black folder provided before tonight's meeting began.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Moffly motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger adjournment at 8:54pm. The motion was approved by consent.