

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, April 23, 2012 in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street, 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, Mr. Brian Thomas, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo, Dr. Brenda Nelson, and Mr. John Emerson were also in attendance.

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

Mr. Fraser called the Open Session meeting of April 23, 2012 to order at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 1.1: Legal Matter*
- 1.2: District 9 Board Vacancy*
- 1.3: School of the Arts Appeal Request*
- 1.4: Potential Sale – Memminger ES Annex Building and Adjoining Property*

OPEN SESSION

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. 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

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger to adopt the Open Session agenda of April 23, 2012. The motion was approved 8-0. Note: Mrs. Moffly was out of the room during the vote. Therefore, she did not vote on this agenda item.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

4.1: A. U.S. Corps of Engineers

This item was pulled from the agenda. The U.S. Corps of Engineers will be recognized at a future board meeting.

B. Golf Check Presentation

This item was pulled from the agenda. The Golf check will be presented at a future board meeting.

C. Jennie Moore Elementary School Improvement Council

The Jennie Moore School Improvement Council was recognized for being one of the five finalists for the Dick and Tunky Riley Award.

D. Behind the Scenes Recognition

Ms. Christy Crawford, a Belle Hall teacher for 26 years, was recognized for efforts to support the "Mission for Meghan". Meghan is a Belle Hall student that was hospitalized for an extended period of time. Mrs. Crawford and the Belle Hall family raised \$40,000+ to support Meghan and family.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- On Friday, April 20, 2012 during a Charleston River Dogs game, the district announced its new Teacher of the Year, Nancy Dabitt. Ms. Dabitt is a sixth grade English Language Arts teacher at Moultrie Middle. The new Teacher of the Year, Ms. Nancy Dabitt will receive a one year lease for a Volvo of Charleston and other gifts donated by businesses in the community. The new Teacher of the year will serve as the vice-chair for the Teacher Forum and will represent CCSD through the State Teacher of the Year selection process.
- Three rookie teachers were also recognized at the Teacher of the Year event. A Rookie Teacher of the Year was chosen every year for each school level (Ms. Melanie Normile of

Ladson Elementary, Mr. John Allen of Cario Middle, and Mr. Benjamin Rupp of Wando High). These individuals were recognized their outstanding achievements and performance as new professional educators.

- Today Dr. McGinley spent the day with Secretary of Education Dr. Nick Zais regarding failing high schools—Burke, North Charleston and Stall High. Dr. Zias spoke with Principals, Associate Superintendents and Dr. McGinley about how the state could assist the district in turning these schools around. Staff will bring more information back to the board as it becomes available.
- While there is a three week delay before next board meeting, Dr. McGinley said at the State of the Schools Address event, the district will publicly launch Vision 2016.
- Last week was National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Dr. McGinley thanked the district's 6,000 volunteers for working in CCSD schools on a regular basis.
- This week is Administrative Professionals Week. Appreciation was extended to approximately 150 bookkeepers, secretaries, administrative assistants, and others working in this capacity.
- At the upcoming Division of Operations Recognition Banquet Classified employees will be honored and recognized.
- This Saturday, the Fourth Annual Superintendent's Cup Tournament will be held. Sixty-six schools have teams and will participate in the event. This event kicks off Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Condolences to Mr. Ascue who has death in the family.

Mrs. Kandrac suggested the Superintendent extend condolences to Mrs. Moffly and Mrs. Oplinger on the loss of their mothers.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Dr. McGinley where funds came from for repairs in the board room and the cost. Mr. Bobby said the project was funded through the current of Fixed Cost of Operations in the current year budget. He said \$9,000 carpet and \$12,000 counters in bathrooms. Mrs. Kandrac also asked about the cost for painting and new cabinetry. Mr. Bob said the work was done by district staff and he would provide repair costs to the board.

Mrs. Kandrac asked about traffic accident and individual involved and when the information would be available. Dr. McGinley said would provide after the meeting.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Since there were 36 signed up it was determined that each would get 2 minutes to address the board. Mr. Fraser asked individuals to limit remarks.

1. Mr. Patrick Hayes asked the board to restore teacher salaries. Mr. Hayes said previous furloughs and freezing of step increases contributed to lowering teacher pay in Charleston County and said he would make more money working for Dorchester County. He mentioned the additional demands of Vision 2016 then urged the board to consider a pay increase for teachers in the 2012-2013 budget. A petition with signatures of residents that support restoring teacher salaries was presented to the board.
2. Mr. John Winchester complimented Dr. McGinley and staff on the conservation and wildlife program at West Ashley High. He suggested the program be expanded to other high schools. Mr. Winchester, who served on the Sullivan's Island Planning Community, said only a few residents of Sullivan's Island expressed concerns about rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary on the island. However, some residents expressed concerns about the size of building on a small environmentally fragile site. The citizens presented the town of Sullivan's Island petition to the town has been ignored. He urged board to reconsider the SIES proposal.
3. Ms. Susan Middaugh, a Sullivan's Island resident and Sullivan's Island Elementary School parent, addressed the board about SIES. Ms. Middaugh said plans to rebuild the school were dealt with very openly. During the election, Town Council members that supported building the new SIES for 500 students received the highest votes. Town Council willingly answered questions and provided multiple opportunities for citizens to participate in the design process. The school size is appropriate for the number of students agreed on and the curriculum. Many Sullivan's Island residents support a building for 500 students, the building size, and the curriculum.
4. Mr. Steve Rapchick commented on the limited amount of time board members have to review and

make decisions on board-related information provided by administration. Those who voted for current Board Members expect them to be good stewards of public dollars and make good decisions. He urged the board to represent the citizens that voted them in office and be mindful that administrators have their own agenda.

5. Mr. Jon Butzon asked which children in Charleston County were more deserving of highly effective teachers and good schools. After someone in the audience answered "all", he then asked if any child was entitled to a good education from a highly effective teacher in a good school than another child. Mr. Butzon urged the board to reconsider the proposed transfer policy and what the priorities are as it relates to children and education. He recommended the board return the policy to the Policy Committee.
6. Mr. Billy Want, a professor at the Charleston School of Law, addressed the board regarding petition citizens that brought against the Sullivan's Island Town Council asking them to reconsider the size of SIES. Mr. Want said Town Council is legally bound to honor petition within nine months. However, if refused citizens will bring lawsuit to petition a referendum. After the vote, it is likely, the school won't be built. He suggested the town proceed with the referendum to avoid a lawsuit. Otherwise, money and time will be wasted. Mr. Want urged the board not to proceed with the SIES project until the town has held a legal referendum. Mr. Want said he teaches land use law and the reason provided by the Town Council is not valid.
7. Mr. Eddie Fava, a Sullivan's Island resident and former City Council member, said the building proposed for SIES is out of character for the location. He urged the board to encourage town to identify a more suitable location or allow for a referendum.
8. Ms. Kathleen Post, one of the individuals responsible for the SIES referendum, requested the Town of Sullivan's Island hold a referendum to settle the SIES issue.
9. Matthew Smith, a SIES student, addressed the board in support of the proposed SIES facility.
10. Mr. James Marianski, a Sullivan's Island resident, addressed the board in support of the proposed SIES facility. He suggested that a referendum would allow all residents of Sullivan's Island to have a say in the process.
11. Mr. Carl Smith said three referendums were held in the Town of Sullivan's Island; none passed. He expressed supports the referendum which will allow residents to have a say about the SIES facility.
12. Mr. Wayne Stelljes, a resident of Sullivan's Island, said he provided information to the CCSD's Genal Council Mr. John Emerson relative to the petition for referendum and the legal aspects. He supports the SIES proposal. However those who oppose quote statute 5-17-30 regarding the 12 month period for Town Council to have a referendum or not. The information he gave Mr. Emerson came from the Municipal Election Handbook published by the Municipal Association of SC. The 2010 version, page 30 #26 has two important statements that address petitions for referendums and council determining if a petition is necessary or valid and the municipal attorney is helping to determine if a petition is valid. He suggested individuals read the petition. He concluded his comments by stating a referendum could not be held to determine the school size.
13. Ms. Sherri Timmermann referenced a letter she wrote to the board last week. She asked the board about its green agenda and impact the proposed SIES would have on the road, environment, and ecosystem during construction if individuals are driving from distances to attend a partial magnet school on Sullivan's Island. Ms. Timmerman suggested the board "back off" on the SIES project.
14. Mr. Jerry Keynard, a member of the Sullivan's Island Town Council, represented the Sullivan's Island Town Council. He said Town Council strongly supports the SIES plan and voted three times on lease and all actions supported the lease before petition was signed. He doubted that a referendum would solve the issue the SIES building size. The law in SC says zone and land issues are not voted on in a public referendum. Town Council acted responsibly in approving the lease for the building at the proposed site. If a new building of 30,000 square feet was built, a building that size would not accommodate students currently enrolled. He supports the recommendation to rebuild SIES for 500 students.
15. Mr. Trennan Walker, a Charleston Attorney, said his firm was retained to render a second opinion on the legality of the petition filed on Sullivan's Island. Town Councils are not obligated to submit every referendum even if the requisite number of voters signed it for a vote. The State Supreme Court of 1992 Hilton Head case said if a referendum is invalid, Council has no obligation to submit it to an electorate vote. After reviewing the petition and the law, he shared three exceptions—1) a

referendum does not have to be submitted if it deals with zoning, 2) if the referendum requires something by state law it does not need to be submitted, or 3) if it requires an illegal act it does not need to be submitted. In this case, the referendum states that the Town must submit the design to certain design standards under the zoning ordinance. Zoning doesn't come under the petition of the referendum statute. The second statement in the petition is that town council should not build the school at the proposed size. Size is dictated in part by state regulations. He urged staff to communicate with the district's council.

16. Mr. Mike Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem for Sullivan's Island, addressed the board about town council's request for a third declaratory judgment after town council turned down the referendum. The topic was discussed May 2009 when the board approved the 500 student school, and it was re-confirmed in 2010. Town Council approved resolutions to build school for 500 students. Mr. Perkins urged everyone to work together and build school without delay.
17. Ms. Hartley Cooper, a Sullivan's Island Design Review Board member, urged the board to support the decision of the Design Review Board. She referred to a letter from Mr. Steve Hurlong that said the school size was appropriate.
18. Mr. Loren Ziff, a Sullivan's Island Resident and SIES School Improvement Council chairperson, said he presented a book with 500 signatures to the board a while back. He urged the board to move forward with proposed plan without delay. Mr. Ziff suggested some bullying was going on in the Town of Sullivan's Island.
19. Mr. Vince Graham shared safety concerns about the proposed SIES. A while back he contacted board members about relocating the school to another location. He was told by one that the train had left the station and nothing could be done. He requested on the SIES plan under the Freedom of Information Act three months ago and he hasn't received a response to date. He inquired about the timeline for receiving the information he requested under the FOIA.
20. Ms. Christel Green, a parent of a Garrett Academy band student, expressed concerns about the band instructor that was fired.
21. Ms. Myrtice Brown, PTA president at Hursey, addressed the Board regarding the direction of Hursey Elementary. She said prior to Dr. Winbush's arrival, a decision was made to move in the direction of making Hursey ES a Montessori School. She requested measures be taken immediately to ensure a neighborhood school program for current Hursey ES students in addition to the Montessori program.
22. Mr. Robbie Kennemor, a Sullivan's Island resident, agreed with Mr. Ziff's earlier suggestion that there appears to be some bullying going on in the Town of Sullivan's Island. He urged the board to move forward with current plans to rebuild the school.
23. Ms. Sara Church, a Sullivan's Island parent, shared a petition with 300 signatures supporting rebuilding SIES for 500 students. She also shared data on the number of students enrolled and those on the waiting list. She urged the board to move forward with plans to rebuild SIES with current specs.
24. Ms. Terry Spann, Jr., a Garrett Academy graduate, expressed concerns about the band teacher that was fired at Garrett Academy and lack of communication between the band principal and teacher.
25. Ms. Jessica Russell, a 2005 Garrett Academy graduate, addressed the board regarding the firing of the band teacher midyear. She said it interrupted many events that would qualify students for scholarships.
26. Ms. Mae Peterseim, a resident of Sullivan's Island, expressed support for the new SIES. She urged the district to build the new school as soon as possible.
27. Mr. Bachman Smith IV, a Sullivan's Island resident, addressed in support of the new SIES School. He urged the board to move forward with proposed plans to build SIES.
28. Mr. Henry Copeland, a West Ashley resident, expressed concerns about administrative staff occupying a large portion of the board room while citizens stand in hallways. He expressed concerns about millage increase last year and administrators receiving bonuses when teacher salaries were not increased. He also mentioned a high poverty CCSD school that is targeted for 400. Its current enrollment is 386. He said the district doesn't have a plan to change it while staff members have said there is a waiting list and it is over capacity.
29. Mr. Larry Kobrovsky, a member of State Board of Education, expressed concerns about the

proposed SIES. He said there is a state statute that would allow the State Board of Education to waive County Board decisions. He spoke about the number of students to be considered for the new building and said it should be the number of students that live on Sullivan's Island. He encouraged citizens who oppose the SIES building size to submit a waiver to the State Board of Education.

30. Mr. Skip Scarpa suggested the Sullivan's Island Town Council did not want the SIES referendum voted on because they don't think they could win. He urged the County Board let Sullivan's Island Town know the people the citizens should have a chance to vote.
31. Mr. Robert Brunson addressed the board about the proposed SIES. He said when the election was held Ms. Hartley Cooper won her election to town Council based on the number one thing on her ticket--to build a new school for 500 students. He urged the board to proceed with current plans to avoid delay and hypocrisy.
32. Ms. Maria James, a Garrett parent, expressed concerns regarding the band teacher at Garrett Academy that was fired. She also expressed concerns about mold in the band room.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Mr. Bobby to address the mold issue which was discussed two years ago.

33. Ms. Raquel S. Smith addressed the board about the positive things done by the Garrett Academy Band instructor that was fired. She spoke of the number of band students in college studying music education because of the band teacher had on them.
34. Ms. Denise Cromwell addressed the board regarding Hursey School. She expressed concern that there has not been a meeting to involve parents or community members in decisions related to the proposed Montessori program. She also spoke about an incident at Corcoran Elementary involving her nephew at Corcoran who was arrested, handcuffed and taken to jail.

The board recessed for 5 minutes at 7:22pm. The board meeting reconvened at 7:28 with nine board members present.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of March 26, 2012

Mrs. Kandrac, moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of the March 26, 2012 Open Session minutes with the following revisions. The motion was approved 8-0.

- Mrs. Kandrac said page 7 May 12 date should be March 12
- Mrs. Kandrac said regarding CEEFC it said Mrs. Kandrac said she left meeting because of board workshop at a different location. She commented about one meeting at Bridgeview and other at 75 Calhoun.
- Mrs. Kandrac said she said community people that serve on the Audit & Finance also serve on CEEFC without being given an opportunity to apply.

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of April 23, 2012

1.1: Legal Matter – Sullivan's Island Elementary – Chairman Fraser announced that the board discussed a legal matter regarding Sullivan's Island Elementary in Executive Session. The Board was advised that they would receive a contract to approve for construction of a 500 student school on October 23, 2012. There was a motion and a second to ask town of Sullivan's Island to hold referendum that the board would receive in advisory capacity prior to that date. The motion failed 6-3 (Kandrac, Moffly, and Thomas supported the motion).

Rev. Collins asked if it was lawful to tell the people the size to build the school. Mr. Fraser referred Rev. Collins to information received from attorneys. Rev. Collins asked if the referendum could dictate the size of building.

Mr. Thomas said no board should speak louder than the people. He suggested a referendum be held.

Mrs. Green said she did not support further delaying the construction of SIES. Therefore, she would not support the motion because she supported the plan the board voted on earlier.

Rev. Collins encouraged the board to support the recommendation and mentioned the election in November and said some board members will change seats. He said the current board should vote now. It is not bound by a referendum.

Mr. Ascue said the board has an obligation to do the best job it could. He supports the recommendation to build a school for 500 students. Citizens were engaged in the SIES issue.

Mrs. Moffly said the residents should have a voice and a referendum. She expressed concerns about the 70,000 sq. ft building and said it was a "big box". Then she expressed concerns about the island being small and students being bused in from the north area of Mt. Pleasant. She concluded that a new school was needed in the north area of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Coats asked what would happen if the town does nothing and would there be a delay in construction. Mrs. Green said the citizens have already spoken. That's why she doesn't support a referendum. All has been considered earlier. Now it is time to move on. Mr. Thomas said a legal issue would be pending if the board moves forward.

1.2: District 9 Board Vacancy – The Board approved a recommendation to appoint Mr. Leon Green to the District 9 Constituent Board. The vote was 9-0.

NOTE: Mr. Ascue left the meeting at 7:40pm. Therefore, he did not vote on agenda items listed below.

1.3: School of the Arts Appeal Request – The Board voted on a parent request for an appeal to be heard. The vote was 4-4 (Coats, Green, Fraser, and Oplinger opposed).

The board also voted on a motion to not hear the appeal – the vote was 4-4 (Collins, Kandrac, Moffly and Thomas opposed).

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac to accept a written of appeal and decide in Executive Session. Mr. Fraser suggested the motion be tabled until the next meeting. However, Mrs. Kandrac requested the board vote on Rev. Collins' motion suggesting a written appeal. The vote was 4-4 (Coats, Green, Fraser, and Oplinger opposed).

1.4: Potential Sale – Memminger ES Annex Building and Adjoining Property – The Board approved a method for moving forward with the private sale of a part of the Memminger Elementary School site. This is an area of approximately 1/3 of an acre that includes two separate buildings approximately 3,200 square feet in total. (Previously used for early education classrooms). The total cost is \$3,775 includes Level I Environmental (\$2,525.00), Appraisal (\$400.00), and Legal (\$850.00). The motion was approved 5-3 (Collins, Kandrac, and Moffly).

In open session Rev. Collins said he doesn't have a problem with it being used for educational purposes. However, he has a problem with property being sold privately and there being no public notice. Mrs. Moffly said the board is supposed to be transparent and accountable to taxpayers and those living in neighborhood hasn't had input. Rev. Collins shared his intent to bring a policy to the board that requires public input.

7.3: Financial Minutes of March 26, 2012

Mrs. Kandrac moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of the March 26, 2012 Financial Minutes. The vote was 8-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: School Improvement Grant Update – Mr. Lou Martin

Due to time restraints, the School Improvement Grant Update presentation was postponed.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

A. Lunch Price Increase – 2012-2013

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, approval of a school lunch price increase to \$2.25. The vote was 4-4 (Collins, Kandrac, Moffly, and Thomas opposed).

Mrs. Coats said this is a federal formula that tells the district how much it must charge for lunch. The federal government wants the cost at \$2.51 for full-priced meals by 2016. However, the federal government reassesses the amount annually. She said the federal regulation is called the Healthy Hungry Children Act.

Mrs. Moffly asked if it could be changed by 10 cents instead of 20 cents the first year. Mr. Thomas asked how many students purchase full price meals Mr. Campbell said approximately 5,000 students.

Mrs. Kandrac asked Mr. Campbell why he defamed Preferred Meal Systems she sent to him. Mr. Campbell said he sent information that he received from an employee in Greenville. Mrs. Kandrac asked if it's an individual that previously worked in CCSD. Mr. Fraser told Mrs. Kandrac she was out of order. She suggested he call for the vote. Rev. Collins asked if amount could be less than 10 cents. Mr. Campbell said formula says 10 cents the first year.

After the vote, Mrs. Coats said the board does not have to make a motion because it's a federal mandate and will increase anyway.

B. Sullivan's Island Demolition

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of a contract for Sullivan's Island Elementary School – Demolition Package to complete demolition services in the amount of \$122,300.00. The motion was approved 5-3 (Kandrac, Moffly, and Thomas).

10.2: Policy Committee

A. HAC Committee Recommendation – Students

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the following students to serve on the Health Advisory Committee - Curtis Williams of James Island High and Ashley Norman. Also, she said Harry Griffin of Academic Magnet High would serve as an alternate. The vote was approved 6-2 (Green and Oplinger opposed).

Mrs. Moffly recommended Mr. Frederic R. Boockfor serve as a replacement in the teacher position and Mr. Paul Garnot as a replacement for the health position. No action was taken on the recommendation.

Mr. Fraser asked about the number of student applicants. Mrs. Moffly said six. Mr. Fraser said recommendation only listed students. Then he suggested the board will vote on other positions at a future meeting. Mrs. Moffly agreed.

Mrs. Coats suggested individuals apply specifically for seats they want to serve in similar to CEEFC and Audit and Finance Committee members. She said the person recommended Mrs. Moffly recommended is a pharmaceutical representative, not a doctor. Mrs. Moffly said the state law is fairly broad and is looking for individuals to uphold SC Comprehensive Health Education Act. The state expects the district to fill position with a thirteen panel local group consisting of two parents, three clergies (or they could be a clergy and a parent and wear two hats), two health professionals, two teachers, two students (one being the president of a student body at a high school), and two other persons not employed by the local school district.

Mrs. Moffly said there was a vacancy and Mr. Spurlock raised the issue that, in the past, HAC always had a certified teacher on the committee. The committee agreed to honor Mr. Spurlock's request to honor the request. However, there was a committee member that was capable and qualified to serve as a community member.

B. First Reading – Policy JFABC – Student Transfer

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, approval of the recommendation approving the first reading of Policy JFABC – Student Transfer – approved 7-1 (Green opposed).

Mrs. Moffly said there is a bill going forward to Senate on Choice Options. She said school districts may have to offer students at least one choice school and allow students to cross district lines. Mrs. Moffly said the proposed policy doesn't address all that is in bill, it only addresses capacity.

Mrs. Green said she opposes the recommendation because Mrs. Moffly said the recommendation came out of the Policy Committee which she is on the policy committee and it was not discussed. Rev. Collins said it was discussed by the Policy Committee before Mrs. Green came on the committee. Mrs. Moffly said it came out of the Policy Committee before Mrs. Green got on the Policy Committee. Dr. McGinley asked how it aligned with Mr. Bobby's student transfer proposal. She asked Mr. Bobby if he reviewed the proposed policy and if capacity was taken into consideration. Mr. Bobby said when discussed earlier, it was determined that having capacity information made sense for the actual execution of the policy. He said it's been a while since he reviewed the proposed policy. Staff met with constituent boards and County board and capacity was considered. Mrs. Coats asked why it this was the first reading if it came before the board earlier. Mrs. Moffly said the policy failed earlier because of capacity definition. Mrs. Coats asked about the terms lottery versus waiting list. Mrs. Moffly said lotteries are based on a waiting list. Mrs. Coats suggested it be specified and written in the policy. Mrs. Coats also asked why the word convenience was removed. Rev. Collins said because the committee wanted to limit the number of excuses. Many appeals don't have valid reasons so the word convenience is used. Mrs. Moffly said students would be listed on a waiting list. Mrs. Coats asked if the capacity information would change the proposed policy and if changes should take place before capacity study is complete. Mrs. Moffly said the board requested the study and Mr. Bobby said it would be done in 30 days. A draft was received after that time. The report is long overdue. Mr. Fraser said he is also concerned about the lottery. Mrs. Moffly said it's based on first come first serve. Mr. Fraser said his concern is mainly about a lottery system when it has not been defined. It is necessary to have clarification on the waiting list and a process. Dr. McGinley requested time to bring a process to the board. Rev. Collins said the next meeting is three weeks away. If postponed, it could hold up the policy. Mrs. Moffly said she was willing to amend the proposed policy at the meeting to say district could use a waiting list. Mr. Fraser called for a board vote on the first reading at this time.

Dr. McGinley said the policy would not go into effect this school year because the date of March 1st is already passed for this school year.

C. Student Code of Conduct

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation correcting language regarding due process which is important for students and families. The correction is about suspension and not allowing individuals to appeal to the board and correct the code to allow due process.

Mrs. Coats asked about plan to update the Student Code of Conduct prior to printing new books. Dr. Herring said the revision would be included in next year's Student Code of Conduct. Mrs. Coats asked how change would be communicated. Mr. Emerson said it would become effective immediately and communicated however board wants it. Mrs. Moffly suggested a letter to principals.

Mrs. Coats said she didn't understand the logistics. She asked if student remain in school during appeal. Mrs. Moffly said that would stay same as is now. The motion was approved 8-0.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: Sullivan’s Island Elementary Update – (Thomas, Coats, Collins, Moffly, and Kandrak)

Mr. Thomas led the discussion on Sullivan’s Island Elementary stating it be pulled due to earlier vote.

11.2: Tuition – Non Residents – Statute 59-63-30(c) – Mr. Emerson

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger for the district to begin charging tuition to eligible students per statute 59-69-30c and #45 to children attending CCSD schools but reside outside the county, effective 2012-13 school year. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mr. John Emerson said it makes consistent and ensure that students from outside of county are per statute charged tuition. Under statute #59-69-30c. He said the next statute #45 allows charging of tuition to a student. that may have property in their name in excess of \$300 or more. This applies to all students in this category and could be applied to all students currently enrolled or new students to enroll.

Rev. Collins asked about the amount. Mr. Emerson said approximately \$6,600 is a statutory formula amount for schools.

11.3: K-5 Reading Textbook Selection

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the K-5 instructional materials recommended for use in the Charleston County School District. The funding source is the State Department of Education. There is no future fiscal year impact with this textbook adoption. The motion was approved 8-0.

11.4: House Bill #3014 – (Moffly Coats, Collins, Kandrak, and Thomas)

Mrs. Moffly suggested the board support House Bill #3014 that would allow schools districts to have three diplomas instead of one. She said certificates will not get students into a two year colleges for industry standard certification. She said South Carolina offers only one diploma. Math is another CCSD problem. CCSD requires more core Carnegie Units than any other state to receive high school diplomas. She suggested the board write Legislation to support this house bill. Mrs. Moffly said states are judged based on graduation rates and companies wishing to move to this state look at the quality of education based on high school graduation rates. She suggested the way it is being done now was “shameful”.

Dr. McGinley said administration supports the part about a degree for children with special needs. She asked Dr. Winbush to comment on the other type diploma and consider the message of what might appear to be lowering of standards. Dr. Winbush said they needed more time to explore because the other one allows for two pathways. He said it is a great idea but, decisions would have to be made on what electives schools would have to give up. Mr. Fraser applauded the idea of having tracks to get people lined up. However, he said he didn’t know enough about the subject to say tonight that requiring less is okay.

Mrs. Moffly said it’s an open opportunity to have something that aligns with individual ability. She said a number of students are passing Algebra I and being forced to take Algebra II and most students don’t need Algebra II. She had the same conversation with Dr. Mary Thornley at Trident Technical who said two levels of math were sufficient for Trident Technical College. Mr. Fraser said he also had a conversation with Dr. Thornley. However, the information he received was different. Mrs. Coats suggested the board had time to craft so voting on it tonight would not affect it one way of the other.

Mr. Thomas said the bill would decrease teaching of science and math and it would not help with bringing industries to Charleston. Mrs. Moffly said not everyone is meant for four year college and only a small percentage of students graduate from college.

11.5: SCSBA Officer/Board of Directors Nomination

Mrs. Coats nominated Mr. Ascue, seconded by Mrs. Green to serve on the South Carolina

School Boards Association Board to serve from 2012 – 2014. The motion was approved 8-0.

11.6: Military Accommodations for School Choice

Mrs. Kandrak moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, approval of the Resolution to Accommodate Military Families, effective at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. The motion was approved 8-0.

Mrs. Coats asked if there was a cost factor. Mrs. Lane said it was a small amount of students involved.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Fraser said the meeting after Memorial day is on Tuesday.
2. Mrs. Kandrak address mold issue.
3. Mrs. Moffly HAC Recommendation.
4. Rev. Collins Update of Garrett Situation – Firing of teacher.
5. Mrs. Kandrak – Info on auto accidents.

There being no further business to come before the board, Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, adjournment at 8:45pm. The motion was approved unanimously.