

## I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A special-called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Thursday, June 30, 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. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, and Mrs. Melissa Metarazzo were also in attendance.

The news media was duly notified of the meeting. However, no representatives were present.

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of June 30, 2011 to order at 12:00 p.m. Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda item listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

## OPEN SESSION

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

Mr. Fraser called the Open Session meeting to order at 12:14 p.m., followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to adopt the June 30, 2011 agenda. The motion was approved 9-0.

## IV. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM(S)

### 4.1: Motions of Executive Session of June 27, 2011

#### 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

The Board approved student transfer appeals C, E, F, and H; denied student transfer appeals A, B, D, and G; Student Transfer Appeal H was approved for James Island. The motion was approved 8-1 (Moffly opposed). A second motion was also offered in Executive Session approving student transfer I. That motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

## V. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

### 5.1 Contractual Services Approval for Burke Middle High

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, approval of the recommendation allowing CCSD Title I Office to spend of \$59,800.00 for professional development services from the Flippen Group for *Capturing Kids Hearts: Campus by design* for Burke Middle High. The funding source is Title I Set-aside money for 2011-2012.

During discussion, Dr. Gepford said Title I funds would be used to provide help to teachers and staff. Mrs. Kandrac asked if the same opportunity was afforded to Stall HS, St. Johns HS, and Burke HS. Dr. Gepford said those schools could choose same service. Mrs. Kandrac commented about the cost of other programs previously used--A+ and Edison. Mrs. Coats asked about the district's work history of the Flippen Group. Dr. Gepford said the district had an earlier contract with the Flippen Group. In response to Mrs. Coats question about attendees, Dr. Gepford said since Mr. Cannon was just named principal that had not been determined. In response to Mrs. Moffly's question about High-School-to-Work, Dr. Gepford said it provides structure and framework for schools. Ongoing professional development and assessments are unique to each high school. HSTW is a national project adopted by the state. Dr. McGinley added HSTW provides technical assistance to high schools. They bring in high school experts from across the state to look at schools, best practices, rigor, scheduling and academic support. Mrs. Moffly suggested staff postpone the purchase of services from Flippen to see if HSTW works. Mrs. Taylor commented on the number of principals assigned to Burke over the last 25

years and said while a lot of funds were spent to bring the school up to standards, there is no evidence of progress. She asked about successes and guarantees for the Flippen Group and said she would like to see the school (Burke) turned around.

Mrs. Kandrac asked for a point of order after expressing concerns regarding the management of the Board meeting. She asked about earlier programs used at Burke within the last eight years. After Mr. Fraser called for the vote, Mrs. Coats motioned, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, to amend the motion reducing the service contract to a one-year term. Dr. McGinley asked the Board to postpone the discussion to allow Dr. Gepford time to contact Mr. Cannon by phone to respond to Board questions. The Board responded accordingly. After discussion of other consent agenda items, the Board continued discussion of **Contractual Services Approval for Burke Middle High** (Flippen Services). Mrs. Ruth Taylor reported that she had a very brief conversation with Mr. Cannon. Wando HS has a contract with Flippen. Mrs. Taylor said Mr. Cannon did not communicate much else since his cell phone was not properly charged. The Board approved the amended motion reducing the contract term to one year. The amended motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

## 5.2 Purchase of Read Well Materials

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, approval of the recommendation to purchase Read Well Materials as part of the K-1 Accelerated Pathways Program for At-Risk and Below Average Kindergarten and First Grade students. The total amount of this purchase is \$184,740.55. The funding source is Title I Carryover 2011 funds. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Kandrac asked about the success rate of Read Well. Dr. Gepford and Mrs. Terri Nichols said the data looks good. Mrs. Nichols said continuity was required to strengthen work and success of work already done. Mrs. Taylor requested results for second graders. Dr. McGinley said she would address Mrs. Taylor's request in her annual report.

## 5.3 RFP – SIG Consultant

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the recommendation to hire a consultant to provide services to support CCSD's School Improvement Grant. The funding source is School Improvement Grant. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

Mrs. Taylor asked if this was a recurring position for a consultant. Mr. Bobby responded that while this document did not require Board approval, information will be brought to the Board, at some point. Mrs. Coats asked about the funding source and if funds could be used for an alternative purpose if the district is not paying for an outside person to do the work. Dr. Gepford said the position was written in the grant. He also said Mr. Martin has the specifics and he is out of town. Dr. McGinley said the contract will not be awarded until it is brought back to the Board with information of who will be awarded a contract or information on hiring of a full-time employee and paying benefits. While it has not been determined if it's an internal or external hire, the district needs someone to oversee the \$20 million grant. Mrs. Green suggested the Board look at it from a mission/policy standpoint; and not focus on the nuts and bolts. Mrs. Coats commented on the new funds and proposal for a new hire when reduction in force decisions were made earlier due to funding issues. Mr. Fraser said new grant funds may not enable administrators to rehire staff members that were recently laid off. Mrs. Coats questioned salary increases for staff who take on additional work. Dr. McGinley said former Board member Brian Moody constantly urged staff not to hire staff on soft money because of layoffs when the funds end. Mr. Bobby said a budget for grant and other information will be brought to the Board in August. However, budget amendments will probably be required. Mrs. Green suggested the Board not "tinker" with the grant because staff has put a lot of work in developing the grant. Mrs. Coats urged staff to spend carefully and use all of the grant funds wisely. Mr. Bobby ended the discussion by stating the grant will fund positions the district couldn't otherwise afford.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Fraser moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. The Board agreed by consensus.