

July 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, July 19, 2010 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson and Mr. Elliot Smalley were also in attendance.

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

Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.2: Appointment – Principal – St. John’s High
- 1.3: Appointment – Principal – West Ashley Middle
- 1.4: Appointment – Principal – Mary Ford Elementary
- 1.5: Appointment – Principal – Stono Park Elementary
- 1.6: Appointment – Principal – Frierson Elementary
- 1.7: Appointment – Principal – Harbor View Elementary
- 1.8: Appointment – Principal – Minnie Hughes Elementary
- 1.9: Appointment – Principal – James Island Elementary
- 1.10: 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Re-allocation – Moved to Open Session – See #9.6
- 1.11: Reallocation of Funds to Support the Required Resources to Complete Seismic Relocation Projects – Moved to Open Session – See #9.7
- 1.12: A.E. Selection Recommendation for Seismic Schools
- 1.13: Architectural Design Contract – Baptist Hill High School Addition (Middle School Academy)
- 1.14: Architectural Design Contract for Sullivan’s Island Elementary – Advanced Design
- 1.15: Architectural Design Change Order – Jennie Moore Primary/Elementary School and Laing MS
- 1.16: Legal Matter

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Vice Chair – Mrs. Jordan called the meeting to order followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Recognition – Wando Students

The Board recognized the following Wando Students, Sam Evans and Zack Messick for raising funds to purchase band equipment and providing band lessons for students at Wando High.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- West Ashley High School’s ROTC Master Chief Petty Officer, Mr. Tim Strickland, and two student cadets, Savannah Bryan and Chris Beachler, were commended for heroically assisting a pregnant woman and her family who were injured in a car accident while traveling on I-95.
- A number of principal vacancies will be voted on tonight by the Board. Every year there are openings. Often these are created by factors beyond the district’s control, such as family decisions

and other non-school based issues. Interims will be assigned to some principal vacancies to give parents, faculty and community members a chance to weigh in on principal selections before they are finalized. Dr. McGinley looks forward to the continued process and is confident about the new group of bright-minded leaders taking the helm.

- School Leadership was key theme at Harvard's "Public Education Leadership Project" (PELP) program last week. The program was funded by private donations by local business partners. A team of eight participated in PELP continuing a strategy that has paid huge dividends for the district in the past. The team learned best practices from studying proven cases and interacting with leadership teams from Austin, Baltimore, Chicago, Montgomery County and other districts. The team will apply this experience in days to come to strengthen program effectiveness, improve teaching and learning in classrooms and improve the district's new strategic plan.
- Dr. McGinley introduced a new member of the district's leadership team, Ms. Melissa Matarrazo. Ms. Matarrazo is part of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's prestigious Urban Superintendent's Program. Ms. Matarrazo will serve as a district intern for six months shadowing the superintendent and helping with lead high-priority projects. She is formerly the principal of the largest middle school in Massachusetts and has four years of teaching experience. The district is lucky to have her.
- The U.S. Tennis Association recently announced Charleston as one of ten top towns in America for the sport. The district has been working to increase access to tennis and other lifelong sports. Earlier today McGinley joined local mayors, tennis and community leaders at a press conference. The winning city will earn the title of "Best Tennis Town in America," and a grant of \$100,000 to help increase access to the game. She asked Low Country residents to cast a vote at CCSDschools.com. The Best Tennis Town in America will be announced at the U.S. Open in August.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Peter Lawrence expressed concerns about administrators at Burke High School and a Burke graduate and star athlete, Del'Javon Simmons, who was recruited by the Citadel and later found academically ineligible for attendance.

VI. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION BOARD MINUTES

6.1: Approval of June 28, 2010 Open Session Minutes

The Approval of the Open Session Board Minutes of June 28, 2010 was pulled from the agenda since it was inadvertently omitted from the Board's July 19th Agenda packet. The minutes will be brought to a future Board meeting for approval.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of July 19, 2010

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session:

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – The Board approved A, B, C, D and E student transfer appeals; F was denied for lack of space. The vote was 9-0.

1.2: Appointment – Principal – St. John's High - The Board approved the appointment of Mr. William Runyon to the position of principal at St. John's High. The vote was 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

1.3: Appointment – Principal – West Ashley Middle - The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Maurice Cannon to the position of principal at West Ashley Middle. The vote was 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

1.4: Appointment – Principal – Mary Ford Elementary – The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Mary Reynolds to the position of principal at Mary Ford Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.5: Appointment – Stono Park Elementary Principal - The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Michelle Simmons to the position of principal at Stono Park Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.6: Appointment – Frierson Elementary – Since Dr. McGinley appointed Ms. Amy Cario to serve as Interim at Frierson Elementary, no action was taken by the Board.

1.7: Appointment – Harborview Elementary - The Board approved a recommendation to appoint Ms. Lara Latto to the position of principal at the Harborview Elementary. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

1.8: Appointment – Minnie Hughes Elementary - Since Dr. McGinley appointed Ms. Abigail Woods to serve as Interim at Frierson Elementary, no action was taken by the Board.

1.9: Appointment – Principal – James Island Elementary – The Board approved a recommendation to appoint Ms. Deborah Fickling to the position of principal at the James Island Elementary. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Jordan announced the following Interim appointments:

1. Ms. Paula Bowen – Blaney Elementary
2. Mr. Reginald Bright – Murray LaSaine Elementary
3. Ms. Celeste Couch – Ladson Elementary
4. Mr. Benjamin Bragg – Cario Middle

1.10: 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Re-allocation – This item was moved to Open Session. Please see Open Session item #9.6.

1.11: Reallocation of Funds to Support the Required Resources to Complete Seismic Relocation Projects – This item was moved to Open Session. Please see Open Session item #9.7.

1.12: A.E. Selection Recommendation for Seismic Schools – The Board approved the selection of the following architecture firms and authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contract with these firms for projects listed below. The motion was approved 9-0.

- Buist Academy – Stubbs Muldrow and Herin
- Charleston Progressive Academy – Liollo Architects
- James Simons Elementary – Thomas and Denzinger Architects
- Memminger Elementary – LS3P

The funding source is re-allocation of unexpended funds from ancillary projects in the current building program. The Charleston Education Excellence Finance Foundation approved appropriating these funds for urgent designs. The actual costs will be determined after negotiation of contracts.

1.13: Architectural Design Contract – Baptist Hill High School Addition (Middle School Academy) – The Board approved a recommendation allowing staff to enter into a contract with McKellar & Associates Architects for additional architectural services for Baptist Hill High addition for the Middle School Academy. The amount is \$336,150. The funding source is Qualified School Construction Bond funds. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.14: Architectural Design Contract for Sullivan’s Island Elementary – Advanced Design

- The Board approved a recommendation allowing staff to enter into a contract with Cummings & McCrady, Inc. to provide Architectural Services for Sullivan's Island Elementary School to Design Development level, in the amount of \$470,453.00. Funding for this project is within previously Board approved budget. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.15: Architectural Design Change Order – Jennie Moore Primary/Elementary School and Laing MS - The Board approved the AE Selection recommendations listed below for RFQ-CCSD-R-0001. The motion was approved 9-0.

The Board approved:

1. The selection of the following architecture firms and authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contract with these firms for projects listed below:
 - o McKellar & Associates – Baptist Hill High
 - o Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects – North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary
 - o John Ciccarelli Architects – Clark Academy
 - o SGA Architects – Stall High and Birney Middle
 - o TI Group – Midland Park Elementary
2. The recommendation authorizing the Superintendent to have staff move forward with negotiation of a design contract for each project listed above.

1.16: Legal Matter – The Board discussed a legal matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of June 28, 2010

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler, approval of the financial minutes of June 28, 2010. The motion was approved 7-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Capital Projects Report – May 2010

The Board received the May 2010 Capital Projects Report as information.

7.2: Classroom Modernization Update

The Board received an Update on the Classroom Modernization Project. Mr. John McCarron, Executive Director of Information Technology, shared the current status of technology projects which follows:

Technology Classroom Technology Upgrades

- 2,546 SMARTBoards Installed
- 1,857 Teacher Laptops Installed

Media Center Technology Upgrades

- 777 Media Center Computers and 58 Laptops Installed
- 21 Security Systems Installed Including RFID Collection Programming
- 70 Follett "Panther" Handheld Inventory Scanners Installed

PC Replacement

- 1,839 General Lab Computers Replaced
- 191 CTE Lab Computers Replaced
- 735 Administrative Computers Replaced

7.3: Seismic Project Update

The Board received the following update on the (**Relocate, Rebuild, Return**) Seismic Project. Mr. Troy Williams, a Senior Project Manager in CCSD's Division of Operations, shared the following:

- Make ready work is underway at each campus and on schedule to be complete before the first day of school,
- Each CM (Construction Management) firm will provide weekly construction situation reports for each project,
- A Master Schedule has been created for all summer work and moves to manage all tasks,
- A weekly conference call is being held to progress monitor,
- SMART Boards have been installed in the main buildings of each campus,
- Bell times have been finalized, along with bus routes and schedules for each school,
- Plans for providing transportation for parents that live downtown, and are without, are being finalized,
- Communication letters and FAQs are posted on the CCSD website under: RELOCATE, REBUILD, RETURN – SEISMIC PROCESS,
- Architectural Engineer interviews were conducted on July 7th and 8th, and
- Staff will bring recommendations to the Board for approval on July 19th

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

The Board did not receive a Charleston Achieving Excellence Update at this meeting.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Amendment to MOU between Town of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston County School District Joint Use of School Facilities – *A recommendation to an addendum to the existing Memorandum of Agreement between Mt. Pleasant and CCSD.* – Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of addendum to the existing Memorandum of Understanding allowing the Town of Mt. Pleasant to install and maintain a scoreboard at Moultrie Middle athletic field, giving CCSD first priority use of field. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.2: Utilization of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) to Access Funds Allocated to Charleston County in the amount of \$15,076,000 – *A recommendation to approve utilization of Qualified School Construction Bonds to access funds allocated to Charleston County in the amount of \$15,076,000.* – Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the issuance of bonds to access funds allocated to Charleston County School District as a result of the American Recovery and Re-investment Act legislation. This will provide the second phase of funding and complete the receipt of all funds allocated to Charleston County School District. - The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2011 from Classroom Modernization Funds for Demolition of Baxter Patrick Facility – *A recommendation to approve the re-allocation Classroom Modernization Capital Funds, not to exceed \$500,000, to fund the complete cost to of demolish the Baxter-Patrick facility.* Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the recommendation to re-allocate Classroom Modernization Capital Funds, not to exceed \$500,000, to fund the complete cost of demolishing the Baxter Patrick facility. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Bus Shelter Easement with the City of North Charleston – *A recommendation to approve the lease agreement allowing the City of North Charleston to lease a 25' x 25' unimproved portion of property at 2670 Bonds Wilson Avenue in the City of North Charleston for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a bus shelter, at no cost to the district.* – Mr. Fraser moved, seconded Mr. Meyers, approval of the lease agreement recommendation allowing the City of North Charleston to lease a 25' x 25' unimproved portion of property at 2670 Bonds Wilson Avenue in the City of North Charleston for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a bus shelter. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.5: District Media Centers – Destiny Library Management Software License Renewal – *A recommendation to approve the renewal of the Destiny Library Management Software License Renewal for all of the district's media centers. The funding source is E-Rate funding. The total cost of the renewal is \$78,501.75.* – Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, to approve the renewal of the Destiny Library Management Software License Renewal for all of the district's media centers. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Re-allocation – *A recommendation to approve the 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Re-allocation Resolution in the amount of \$432,000. Upon completion of the New District 4 Stall High School project, all remaining funds will be re-allocated back to the 2005 Program Contingency.* - Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the 2005 Building Program Bond Fund Re-allocation Resolution in the amount of \$432,000. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.7: Reallocation of Funds to Support the Required Resources to Complete Seismic Relocation Projects – A recommendation to approve re-allocation of funds as follows:

- 1) Not to exceed a total of \$450,000 to be allocated from:
 - a. Remaining funds from the Sanders Clyde building – amount \$70,092. Approve reallocation of \$70,000 from Sanders Clyde to North Charleston High School project to be utilized for relocation costs at Brentwood.
 - b. Utilize remaining funds at Zucker Middle School for North Charleston High in the amount of \$220,000 for re-location costs for Brentwood.
 - c. Utilize funds from overall program contingency in the amount of \$157,971 for relocation of Laing Middle to Wando South; generating a total of \$448,063
- 2) Reallocation of fixed cost of ownership contingency funds from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 school years in the amount not to exceed \$570,000.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the recommendation to reallocate funds to support required resources to complete seismic relocation projects outlined above. The motion was approved 9-0.

At this time, Mrs. Jordan called for a Moment of Silence to remember the eighth grade St. Andrews Middle School student, Thaddeus Maurice Calvary who passed away after he was found unconscious in the school restroom in May.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Meyers moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

Nancy J. McGinley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools