

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Tuesday, July 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. Elizabeth Moffly, Mr. Brian Thomas, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrak participated by phone. Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green and Mrs. Ann Oplinger were absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mrs. Melissa Metarazzo, Mr. Bill Briggman, 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 July 23, 2012 to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – Mr. Thomas, Mr. Ascue approval.

1.2: Appointment – Principal– Minnie Hughes ES – Dr. McGinley

1.3: Appointment – Principal – CE Williams MS – Dr. McGinley

1.4: Personnel Matters – Dr. McGinley

1.5: James Simons Montessori School – Request to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price - Package 2 – Mr. Lewis

1.6: Harbor View ES Demolition & Early Site Package – Mr. Lewis

1.7: Chicora Elementary School (McNair Swing Campus) Playground Renovation

1.8: Request for Proposal P1233 - Digital Curriculum – Mr. Bobby/Mr. Feil/Ms. Jessica Favor

1.9: Contract Extensions – Burke HS and North Charleston HS Principals – Dr. McGinley

Note: Executive Session ended at 5:28pm.

OPEN SESSION

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:36 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.

NOTE: Mrs. Kandrak could not be reached by phone. Therefore, she did not vote on this item.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue to Adopt the amended Agenda of July 23, 2012. The motion was approved 6-0. Note: Mrs. Kandrak did not vote on this item.

- Rev. Collins requested pulling agenda items 10.2 A and 10.2B because other Policy Committee members weren't available and the Policy Committee hadn't met since April. Mr. Fraser said pulling the item meant it would have to go back to first reading because of the time expiration between the first and second readings.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

4.1: Parent University Volunteers – Dr. Nelson

The Board recognized four Parent University Volunteers

- Ms. Margaret Bryant and Ms. Misty Iorio were recognized for their tireless volunteer efforts and
- Mr. Levi Bing, representing Piggly-Wiggly, for their continued support in providing meals at all Parent University sessions.

Note: Mrs. Kandrak was back on the phone at 5:48pm

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported the following:

- August 22nd is a month away and staff is in full “back-to-school mode”.
- Administrations hiring efforts continue as staff work to attract the best and brightest teachers. Now, and in the past, the district’s goal is to have zero vacancies on day one.
- In today’s Post and Courier there is an article on the district’s partnership with **Teach for America**, a national non-profit organization that recruits bright, ambitious college students to teach in high potential schools.
- This Thursday, the district will hold a **New Principal Summer Institute** at North Charleston City Hall for 12 new principals. The upcoming orientation will cover topics on Leadership Effectiveness, Literacy-based learning, Teacher Effectiveness, Partnerships and Communications.
- On July 11th the district spent the day at the **South Carolina Department of Education** to talk about the **future of Burke High and North Charleston High**. The district was glad to know the state board recognized that progress was being made in the two School Improvement Grant cohort schools. The district as a whole is making progress. This is a sign of the great work being done by students, teachers and many supporters. Administration will work closely with Mr. Maurice Cannon and Mr. Bob Grimm in assembling a plan that will work from the top down, as well as the bottom up.
- July 19th the U.S. Department of Education approved the state’s request for ESEA Flexibility, formerly known as No Child Left Behind. One of the key changes to the regulation will affect school choice transfers and transportation. The district is still waiting on guidance from the State as to which schools are eligible and which are not. Once this information is received parents will be notified. Mrs. Michele English-Watson said that No Child Left Behind name has changed. Information provided to the board in the form of handout outlines all changes with transportation, SES, and accountability system. AYP information will no longer be used. A new accountability system will replace it. However, at this time that information is not available. Schools will be identified as priority or focus schools. These are the low performing schools in the district and transportation will be provided. The state formula will be used to identify schools.
- Parent University volunteers and Dr. Nelson were thanked for their services and for making a difference.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers signed up to address the board at this meeting.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes June 11, 2012, June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012

The board acted on Open Session Minutes of June 11, 2012, June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 as follows:

1. June 11, 2012 – Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 6-1 (Kandrac opposed).
2. June 18, 2012 – Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 6-1 (Kandrac opposed).
3. June 25, 2012 - Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 6-1 (Kandrac opposed).

7.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 18, 2012

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – Mr. Fraser – Approved 7-0

The Board approved Student Transfer Appeals as follows:

- Approved student transfer appeals B, C, D(for one year until sibling graduates), I, L, M, N, and K;
- Approved student transfer to another school, not requested – A to James Island ES, G to Laing if sibling attends Wando; J, K, O and Q to WAHS; E to Whitesides ES
- Deny for lack of space student transfer appeals P.

1.2: Appointment – Principal– Minnie Hughes ES – Dr. McGinley

The board approved the appointment of Ms. Abigail Woods, to the position of principal at Minnie Hughes ES. The vote was 7-0.

1.3: Appointment – Principal – CE Williams MS – Dr. McGinley

The board approved the appointment of Mr. Kevin Smith, to the position of principal at C.E. Williams MS. The vote was 7-0.

1.4: Personnel Matters – Dr. McGinley

The board received information on Personnel Matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.5: James Simons Montessori School – Request to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price - Package 2 (Concrete & Steel) – Mr. Lewis

The board approved a recommendation for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Package 2 “Concrete Foundation and Structural Steel” for M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$3,102,275.00. The funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 7-0.

1.6: Harbor View ES Demolition & Early Site Package – Mr. Lewis

The board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder – Hill Construction Services of Charleston, Inc. for the Harbor View ES Demolition and Early Site Package (Solicitation No. 12-SMG-B-009). The amount is \$1,136,220.00 and the funding source is the one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 6-0. (Fraser did not vote).

Note: Mr. Fraser recused due to business relationship. He left room at 5:58p.m. and returned immediately after vote. Mrs. Coats chaired the meeting during discussion/vote of this item.

1.7: Chicora Elementary School (McNair Swing Campus) Playground Renovation

The board approved a recommendation authorizing staff to enter into a contract for the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the Chicora Elementary (McNair Swing Campus) Playground Renovation (Solicitation No. 12-SMG-B-101). The vote was approved 6-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas to eliminate the digital sign from the motion for Chicora Elementary. Rev. Collins said the new digital sign could be read by folks driving by and the sign could be moved to the new school site. If this request is denied, it would set precedence for future signage requests. Mrs. Moffly said the elementary school did not need a sign which could cost \$10,000 and it was too much for a sign at an elementary school. Mrs. Coats said she didn't support spending money for a sign at a temporary site and preferred using money to make Chicora a state of the art school. Mr. Thomas agreed. Rev. Collins asked for clarification on signage. Then he agreed that he it was okay to do something different as long as signage would be used at the permanent site. Mr. Lewis said he would work to reduce the cost. However, Mr. Lewis said he could not give an exact amount at this time and the city has spent a lot to improve that neighborhood so it may be necessary to identify something appropriate. Mrs. Coats asked Mrs. Moffly for a friendly motion to cap the amount spent on the sign. Mrs. Moffly said because she didn't support digital signs she didn't want to spend money on them. Mr. Lewis said there could be an appropriate two sided signage at a minimal amount that could be moved to the new site. While Mrs. Moffly initially refused the friendly amendment, she later said she would accept it if amount was reasonable. However, Mr. Thomas did not accept the friendly amendment. The board voted on Mrs. Moffly's original motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas to eliminate the digital signage. The motion failed 4-3 (Ascue, Coats, Moffly supported the motion).

1.8: Request for Proposal P1233 - Digital Curriculum – Mr. Bobby/Mr. Feil/Mr. McCarron

The board approved a recommendation awarding a three (3) year contract with the option of two (2), one (1) year renewals, for Digital Curriculum at an annual cost of \$496,992.00. The vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Moffly supported and requested follow up from the district.

1.9: Contract Extensions – Burke HS and North Charleston HS Principals – Dr. McGinley

The board approved a recommendation to authorize the superintendent to negotiate three (3) year contracts to principals at Burke High and North Charleston High and return final negotiation to the board. The vote was 6-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Kandrach requested they be voted on separately. Mr. Fraser said they should be voted on together because it is a joint motion. Mrs. Moffly said the board discussed an update on performance and getting data beforehand. Then she suggested postponing the additional two year contracts.

7.3: Financial Minutes of June 11, 2012, June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012

The board acted on Financial Minutes of June 11, 2012, June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 as follows:

4. June 11, 2012 – Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 7-0.
5. June 18, 2012 - Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 7-0.
6. June 25, 2012 - Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval. The vote was 7-0.

Mrs. Coats asked for final numbers for Pinehurst and James B. Edwards June 11th “not to exceed” amounts. Mr. Bobby said information was not available at this time.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: End of the Year Suspension Data – Dr. Lisa Herring

End of the Year Suspension Data will be presented to the CCSD Board.

Dr. Lisa Herring announced that she was presenting the district wide student Expulsion Report, not student suspension report. However, she could bring that information to the board, if the board desired to receive a presentation on Suspension Data.

- The pyramid was shared to illustrate the importance of reinforcing behavioral interventions
 - The majority of students are in green zone
 - The group that requires more attention than green zone is the yellow zone – requires minimal attention.
 - The group that requires the most attention is in the red zone – requires a lot of attention.
 - The OSP staff is off during the summer. Mrs. Emily Schmitz, Mrs. Blondelle Gadsden, and Mr. Douglas Moore work with two Behavioral Services Facilitator - Mr. Atawn Polite and Mr. Vernon Washington who work closely with the court system.
- The district's expulsion data shows a dramatic decline. CCSD has consistently decreased the number of expulsions over the last four years and this year the number decreased to 46. The decline was contributed to several factors—students understand the expectations, a collective effort of meaningful interventions, etc.
- The Office of Student Placement provided support to principals, teachers and parents.
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) and Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) trainings
- Response to Intervention (RTI) ensures that all has been done to keep students out of the red zone
- Code of Conduct updates
- The total number of OSP referrals for the 2011-12 school year was 534
- Staff will continue to evaluate and provide support to parents.
- While the behavioral numbers decline, staff will still be needed to support the work that

is being done.

- Staff plan to expand the district's partnerships

Questions:

Rev. Collins acknowledged that the the 2008 expulsion data shows the district made a lot of progress. He said that is fantastic. He commended the superintendent for the progress. Dr. McGinley said credit recovery was a strong factor. Also, the PBIS implemented in 2006 is becoming evident.

Mr. Ascue said it is necessary to address issue a parent mentioned about the Star Program. Dr. Herring said MUSC was involved in a recent effort with the Alternative Task Force to address those issues.

Ascue asked about high drop-out rates at St. Johns and other high schools and said it is necessary to have tools to help student succeed.

Mrs. Moffly asked about an update on the Office of Civil Rights investigation. Dr. Herring said she didn't have it. Dr. McGinley asked if data could be made available online. Dr. Herring said it could be placed online. Dr. McGinley said next year staff will ask for assistance such as professional help for students in red zone.

Dr. McGinley said Dr. Herring did an outstanding job leading the Alternative Task Force.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

10.2: Policy Committee

A. First Reading Board Policy DKC - Expense Authorization, Reimbursement – Mr. Bobby

A recommendation to approve the First Reading of Board Policy DKC – Expense Authorization, Reimbursement.

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the First Reading of Board Policy DKC – Expense Authorization, Reimbursement. The vote was 7-0

Mrs. Coats said DKC and GBEBDA policies were introduced on May 14, 2012. She said she would like to see it moved forward. Mrs. Moffly said the policy is already in existence and the committee has an equal number and should have an odd number. Mrs. Coats said would be good to have citizen participation on committee. Mrs. Moffly said the last meeting was canceled because two members could not attend. Mrs. Kandrac said expressed concerns regarding attendance of committee members.

B. First Reading Board Policy GBEBDA - Cell Phone Acceptable Use – Mrs. Enck

A recommendation to approve the First Reading of Board Policy GBEBDA – Cell Phone Acceptable Use.

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the First Reading Board Policy GBEBDA - Cell Phone Acceptable Use. The vote was 7-0.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

11.1: St. Andrews Middle HVAC Project Structural and Electrical Change Order – Mr. Bobby

A recommendation to approve the St. Andrews Middle HVAC Project Structural and Electrical Change Order.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of the recommendation to approve the St. Andrews Middle HVAC Project Structural and Electrical Change Order and change order for roof repairs in the amount of \$100,000 due to structural roofing issues discovered after start-up of project. The funding source is FY12 Operations Planning and Systems Improvement Fixed Cost of Ownership project savings. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Bobby said this is a change order and funds are already sitting in accounts. Mrs. Moffly asked if this is renovation of a school to be demolished. Mr. Bobby said this is a renovation in the post 2016 program. It was in package with thirty other programs. The question was how long St. Andrews MS could be in an environmentally unsafe condition. Mrs. Moffly asked about the roof joist issues. Mr. Bobby said it was recently discovered and many years ago after a fire damaged it. Mr. Thomas asked why it wasn't it addressed earlier. Mr. Bobby said approximately 30 days ago, the engineers provided information and cost was added to it. Mrs. Moffly asked about future plans for that school. Mr. Bobby said district 10 plans have not been determined at this time. Mr. Ascue asked about the enrollment at St. Andrews Middle. Mrs. Coats said the enrollment was 454. Mr. Thomas spoke of the sag in the joist and said his child was scheduled to attend that school next year.

11.2: High School Pilot Courses – Dr. Herring

A recommendation to approve new and continued High School Pilot Programs.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats approval of a recommendation to approve new and continued High School Pilot Programs. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Moffly asked about additional expenses. Dr. Herring said it is assumed that if a school made a recommendation they already have students to enroll and teachers in place and not new hires. Mrs. Moffly said in the past it was recommended by teachers who wanted to expand what they are doing. Mrs. Moffly said she is a High-Schools-That-Work fan and wanted to know if students are taking advantage of getting credits outside of high schools. Mrs. Moffly said it isn't expanding as much as elective credits. Mr. Martin shared information on work study programs and truancy issues and said internships require teacher monitoring. A position is included in his CTE budget for next year to allow teachers to monitor students on site. Mrs. Moffly spoke about Supreme Court approving Religious studies as an elective credit. She suggested apprenticeship with parental monitoring. Mr. Martin said staff is required to follow state requirements and guidelines.

Mr. Ascue said it would be better to have contractors and others teach in schools. Mr. Martin said there are adjunct teachers and the district has a couple.

11.3: 2010-2016 Capital Building Program - District 20 Budget Reallocations – Mr. Lewis

A recommendation to reallocate funds from the 2010-16 Capital Building Program budget for District 20.

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of a recommendation to reallocate funds from the 2010-16 Capital Building Program budget for District 20. The motion was approved 7-0.

Rev. Collins said at last meeting it was said that the City had problems with designs and may be willing to provide funds. Mr. Lewis said the City supports but no they did not provide funds for Charleston Progressive. Mr. Lewis said renovations would be done similar to what was done at Rivers and he felt this would allow them to pare back on this project.

Mrs. Moffly asked the enrollment for Charleston Progressive. Mr. Lewis said the principal recently had to turn students away due to lack of space. Many students stayed at Sanders Clyde because they wanted to stay downtown. The superintendent plans a return strategy to get enrollment back up. Dr. McGinley said Charleston Progressive is a magnet school and some parents work down town or attend college down town. She said 569 students attend

CPA and they just couldn't take more students. Mrs. Moffly requested a breakout of students by elementary and middle levels. Rev. Collins asked about Charleston Progressive previous configuration. Dr. McGinley said the middle level was closed years ago because it was not doing well. The school moved up academically. Mrs. Nichols said she didn't have the numbers but the school is doing well. Dr. McGinley spoke about k-8 schools and complications of needing dual certified teachers for elementary and middle schools.

11.4: Performance Audit – Moffly, Kandrak, Collins and Thomas

As requested by the Board members listed above, Mrs. Moffly led the discussion about Performance Audit.

Mr. Ascue said he welcomed the audit. However, Kathleen Cox, the district's Internal Auditor, does random audits for the district to ensure spending at schools. The Policy Committee should look at the audits she has prepared because she has a good audit plan outlined. She finds discrepancies on book keeping issues and shares findings. After, Rev. Collins said district should open up to public vendors to see what they have to offer. Mr. Ascue said the district needs to look at what she is doing before spending \$100,000.

Mrs. Moffly said she preferred an outside person to look at district finances. With a budget the size of CCSD's budget, board members should want to be efficient with taxpayers dollars and ensure that there are no duplication of services. The firms would be above and beyond the district's auditors and tell the district how to save.

Mr. Thomas said the performance audit would look at every branch and ensure spending of district funds. Mrs. Coats said she was struggling with the part about asking taxpayers to spend money that could possibly save money in the end. She said it's a waste when no one is reading the audits provided that already suggest ways to save money. Mrs. Coats pointed to a stack of internal and external audits and said she didn't feel it was necessary to go back to taxpayers and spend money on something that could potentially save money in the end. A lot of time was spent preparing audits and for two years no one on the board has taken the time to read them. Therefore, no one has identified for the board areas where the district could save money or make changes. Each audit has at least five suggestions on how the district could better spend its money. She said a performance audit is needed in the area of productivity audit to see if there are two jobs with the same functions. She didn't want to hire a company to identify what is needed until the district has acted on information it already has on hand. Mrs. Coats said Greene, Horton and Finney firm is on the list of companies Mrs. Moffly recommended to do the performance audit. They already work for the district and does the district's audit. Mrs. Moffly said audits done in past were considered an "agreed upon audit" which rendered no opinion. She also said Greene, Horton and Finney strongly suggested earlier the district solicit an outside opinion to address specific areas of concerns.

After Mrs. Coats listed the audits she had on hand. Mr. Fraser said three firms proposed are reputable. He suggested sending a directive to the Audit and Finance Committee bring a suggestion on what the question should be because right now it's too broad and would cost too much.

Mrs. Kandrak asked if Mr. Fraser said the volunteers on the Audit and Finance Committee had more knowledge on this topic than board members. She requested that information be placed on record. Mrs. Moffly said sending it to the Finance and Audit Committee would just delay something that needs to be done. Mr. Bobby said it has been 12 years since the last audit. She said the district has gone into its second large building program. It would not cost the district anything to find out what firms would approach district. The district should want to have conversation with audit firms to get an overview of how the district is doing.

Mr. Fraser asked Mrs. Moffly to type specifics for the Performance Audit. Mr. Ascue said he supports the request for a performance audit. However, he wants input from the Audit and Finance Committee and input from Mrs. Kathleen Cox and Mr. Bobby. He said the Policy Committee needs to put a policy in place. Mrs. Moffly said the board should be willing to have companies come in and give the district free presentations. Mr. Thomas said he supported presentations prior to going before the committee. Mrs. Coats said she would support if the board would vote to implement real change. She wants action and results. She spoke about money sitting in student account and said no one on the board knew anything about it. That money could be used for something right now. Mrs. Kandrak said the next Finance and Audit Committee is August 16th. Rev. Collins said a Performance Auditor would give opinion and help the district along with efforts of Mrs. Cox to narrow the scope. Mr. Fraser's response was that no one was against a Performance Audit done by an independent contractor. However, the discussion is more about what is needed. He suggested the Finance and Audit Committee start that process at their meeting is August 16th.

Mrs. Moffly questioned the rationale behind sending the Performance Audit to the Finance and Audit Committee since Mrs. Coats, who chairs the committee did not bring anything to the board from the Audit and Finance Committee. Mrs. Coats said to correct the misconception, she brought it to Mrs. Moffly because a Policy Committee to change un-announced audits. The Internal Audit presented the Audit and Finance recommendation to the Policy Committee and that change was made. The audits are waiting for an examination to say if the P-Cards are being used correctly, looking at how athletic directors spend funding, looking at bank fees, etc.

Mrs. Moffly said board members should support idea of getting experts to do work and say what should be done, versus volunteers. No one should delay the vote that would companies to make presentations to the board. Mr. Fraser said the request performance audit should not be requested without specifics. Mrs. Moffly said audit companies do this on a regular basis and they could say what is needed. Also, based on information she received from the state auditors, these companies do this on a regular basis. Therefore, they would know what to look for and be the best ones to present information to the Board. Mrs. Kandrak said in response to Mrs. Coats earlier statement that the board responds in form of comments and voting. She suggested board voting record be reviewed.

Mr. Thomas said if there are comments in audit books Mrs. Coats mentioned, the board should make it a high priority. Also, Mr. Thomas and Rev. Collins agreed that the professional companies should make presentations to the board and provide directions to the board to narrow the scope. Mr. Fraser asked if the board request presentations and suggestions from the two of the three proposed companies, one that already works for the district instead of a Request for Proposals. Mrs. Moffly said she wanted to see what was included in their performance audit for districts similar to CCSD and the cost.

Mrs. Moffly said while discussing Vision 2016 goals a free service was provided by one group. Then the company was hired without a Request for Proposal or being discussed in the Policy Committee or Audit & Finance Committee. Mr. Fraser asked Mrs. Moffly if she was opening the request for other presentations. Mrs. Moffly said there are thousands of service providers. However, she prefers working with three local firms. She said a letter should be written to firms to see what is included in their audits. Mr. Fraser suggested a "Request for Proposals". Mr. Bobby said what he heard Mrs. Moffly say she is proposing to hear presentations to see the work that might included in a presentation audit and determine costs. Then the scope of services would have to be defined and deliverables for the company followed by some type of selective procurement—a RFP of RFQ based on what vendors bring to the table. Mr. Bobby said bringing in three independent firms to address the same topic without defining the scope

of services may generate three different proposals for different services and information included in proposals. He said there were many different moving parts in an organization the size of CCSD. So, at some point the scope of services would have to be defined. And, the only way the companies could give a comparable proposal would be to know what the deliverables are. Mr. Fraser said that is why he proposed sending it to the Audit and Finance Committee first. Mrs. Moffly said since the district is exempt from the RFP in the selection of auditors, similar to exemption of educational consultants. Mr. Fraser said it was still necessary to tell firms what was required. Mrs. Moffly replied that the board did not tell Studer what was required and they came with exactly what the board wanted. They said what they could offer and gave the board a good price.

At this time, Mrs. Moffly moved, request a presentation from the three companies identified (Green, Finney and Horton; Dixon Hughes; and Elliot Davis) for the purpose of initiating a Request for Proposal for an external performance audit. In addition, an auditor would be selected with cost. Mrs. Coats asked expectations after cost was received and what that meant. Mrs. Kandrak said companies that approached her and other board members at conferences said they guaranteed as district savings of at least 5% - 15%. Mrs. Coats asked Mrs. Kandrak if she had vendor names to share. Mrs. Kandrak said she didn't.

Mr. Fraser stated for the record the budget is not \$800 million as mentioned by a board member earlier. The amount is closer to \$500 million. Mr. Fraser asked if a workshop allowing vendors to present what should be considered. Mrs. Moffly said a presentation along with cost proposal. Mr. Fraser said the board could not negotiate with vendors in open session. Mr. Ascue said cost proposal would be outside the procurement process. Mrs. Moffly said four seismic schools all went to the same general contractors. Mrs. Coats said should companies to come to board as suggested by Mrs. Kandrak along with ones recommended by Mrs. Moffly's friend. Mrs. Kandrak said during seismic workshop three companies came in. Mr. Fraser said those were engineering first the district had already hired and paid to describe what needed to be done. It was not done in advance of the work.

Mr. Fraser asked why not take advantage of Greene, Finney and Horton CPA services and let them educate the board on the components of a performance audit. Then open up presentation to the three firms. Mrs. Kandrak said they could also present at workshop.

Rev. Collins suggested opening it up performance audit presentations to all vendors and not limiting it to the three identified. He said it should presentations only without proposed cost. Mr. Fraser said he wasn't sure what the district was asking three companies to say what one company could say.

Mrs. Moffly called for the vote on the motion to engage the three companies (Green, Finney and Horton; Dixon Hughes; and Elliot Davis) to give the board a presentation relative to a performance audit for CCSD and at no cost for the presentation. Firms will be asked to provide associated with how they would approach a district, like CCSD, and how they would give the board this information. Mrs. Coats second the motion with a friendly amendment that there is no cost to the district, specifically, no travel or expense cost to the district, for the presentation. And, that the company responds to the request for the presentation within 45 days. Mrs. Moffly accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Ascue said he could support that. Also, he said Mr. Bobby mentioned audits the state paid for.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items were identified.

Since there wasn't any further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.