

Executive Session

- I A Special Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, August 15, 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. Mary Ann Taylor, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly was absent and Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac participated by phone. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo, and Mr. Elliot Smalley were also in attendance.

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

Chairman Fraser called the Open Session meeting of August 15, 2011 to order at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

1.2: Sullivan's Island Elementary School – Town of Sullivan's Island LEASE

1.3: Student Appeal Hearing

OPEN SESSION

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

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Oplinger moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adopt agenda of the Special Called meeting of August 15, 2022. The motion was approved 8-0

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

1. Ms. Christine Hamrick, a Sullivan's Island Elementary parent, urged board to approve the SIES lease and for the Town of Sullivan's Island and proceed with rebuilding the school.
2. Mr. Robert Shutterbeck addressed the Board regarding rebuilding Sullivan's Island Elementary.
3. Ms. Barbara Stelt expressed concerns regarding the Sullivan's Island Elementary School size and scope. While she supported rebuilding the school earlier, she was not aware of the proposed school size. Bringing 450 students to Sullivan's Island daily would pose a problem and Mt. Pleasant Academy and Whitesides Elementary are not full to capacity. She requested lease signing be postponed to allow time for a public hearing.
4. Mr. Jamie Ballard, a day porter recently transferred to Service Solutions, expressed concerns about being reassigned to the out-sourced cleaning company, not having a two-way radio to communicate with staff and salary and benefits.
5. Ms. Kim Zakowski, a day porter recently assigned to an out-sourced company, expressed concerns about hardships of employees reassigned to cleaning companies.
6. Ms. Donna Wright, a Service Solutions day porter assigned to Wando, expressed concerns regarding her pay and benefits. She questioned the employment of an administrator now that most district day porters have been reassigned.
7. Mr. Henry Copeland said the district's common thread is "bait and switch" citing that what the district says doesn't align with its action. He said while the majority (99%) supports rebuilding of Sullivan's Island Elementary. However, they do not support the proposed size and are told to take it or not. Administrators involved in this miss-representation are unprofessional. Mr. Copeland also said about day porters the smooth transition happened by design. He questioned the employment of the day porter administrator that doesn't have employees reporting to him, inequity of salaries, and new hires.
8. Mr. Carl Hubbard supports SIES rebuilding. He takes offense with what has been said about rebuilding SIES because everyone has been open. Town Council supports rebuilding. He was

concerned about traffic. However, he learned from staff that most students will be transported by bus to the school.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Motions of Executive Session of August 15, 2011

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

- A. The Board approved student transfer appeals A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, N, O, T, U; denied C, P, R & S due to lack of space; referred Q and M to NCLB Office.
- B. The Board denied student transfer appeals BB, DD, EE, FF; Deny AA and CC for lack of space.

1.2: Sullivan's Island Elementary School – Town of Sullivan's Island LEASE

Rev. Collins asked if lease had an effect on the size of building. Mr. Fraser said there are limits in the lease. Mr. Lewis said the town was interested in its square footage and height and those are in the lease. The superintendent made it clear to the PTSA that the district was looking at minimum capacity for all schools, including downtown schools. This was discussed with Mayor and Town Council and there were no objections—"no bait and switch". Parents were encouraged to visit Mt. Pleasant Academy because that school is close in size. Many community members visited the school. There have been extensive discussions with the PTSA, mention in a Moultrie News article and discussions in multiple venues. It was made clear that this discussion will go through the town. The District held parent meetings, the Town met with residents. Normal protocol was used. The enrollment capacity is for 60-70 more students. There were many parking improvements and the town agreed not to do improved infrastructure since there would hardly be any traffic during day.

Mrs. Kandrak expressed concerns about size and scope and said she asked about SIES during the seismic meetings. Binders with letters were received from SIES parents urging the district to build the school, while not mentioning the size. When new board came on, more binders were sent. Mrs. Kandrak said on the radio earlier today someone used the word charter school while referring to SIES. However, the superintendent didn't correct the individual. She also heard Lewis say mentioned the Moultrie News article and residents in the county did not receive this information from Lewis. Mrs. Kandrak requested dates of meeting held regarding rebuilding of SIES and information about when the school became a charter school. Dr. McGinley said Mr. Richard Todd used the word charter, she did not. SIES is not a charter but a partial magnet. She will provide meeting dates to the Board. New Board members may not know that initial discussion with Mayor and others was on heel of closing six small schools which were under 250. Staff could not go back to the board to rebuild a small school after the board agreed new schools would be built for 500. Redrawing district lines to move students to school was one option the second option was a partial magnet. After having conversations with the Mayor and Town, an agreement was made to have a partial magnet. All conversations the district has had were to rebuild for 500 students. Mrs. Kandrak said since Dr. McGinley did not correct the individual when charter was mentioned, constituents are now confused. Mrs. Kandrak asked Mr. Lewis for dates he attended meetings and did not apprise Board those meetings. Mr. Fraser said McGinley would provide meeting dates.

Mrs. Kandrak motioned, seconded by MAT to table Sullivan's Island Elementary School – Town of Sullivan's Island LEASE until Monday, August 22, 2011. Mrs. Taylor offered an amendment to the motion, "respectfully requesting to table this agenda item until a public hearing can be held to allow more input from the citizens; and further request that a time and date be arranged for a public hearing to take place within the next 10 days, and this public hearing to be held prior to the final vote on the new school by CCSD Trustees". Mrs. Kandrak accepted the amendment. Mrs. Taylor explained her request to table the item and handed Mr. Fraser the script she read from to so it could be recorded in the minutes verbatim. Mr. Fraser called for the votes. **The motion failed 5-3 (Collins, Kandrak and Taylor**

supported the motion).

Mrs. Kandrac asked if the statement about Sullivan's Island Town Council support included the Mayor. Mr. Lewis said two resolutions brought forward included the Mayor's signature and the town had two meetings. Mrs. Taylor attended one of them and spoke against rebuilding SIES. Attendance was high at the meetings and there were opportunities for pro and cons to address the topic. Mrs. Kandrac said district went thru hoops to restructure in 2008 with community meetings. However, this was not done for Sullivan's Island. Mr. Ascue said there has been a school on Sullivan's Island for approximately 50 years. He urged Mr. Lewis to work with town of Sullivan's Island to make sure the school size and scope serves Sullivan's Island and serve kids now and in the future. Mrs. Taylor said she the Moultrie News quoted her stating that she is "not for building a big school on pristine property". She clarified it with constituents who called her by saying "whatever the town wants". She would "take the school off the island if she were queen for the day and put it elsewhere. However, since she is not queen for the day, she would rebuild it smaller to fit the content of the island." Mrs. Kandrac Mr. Ascue and Mrs. Taylor also attended those meetings. Out of respect for Mrs. Moffly and other residents who didn't know it was being discussed, she requested the item be tabled.

At this time Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue approval of the Sullivan's Island Lease, a seventy-five year property lease with the Town of Sullivan's Island as attached in the amount of \$10.00 was approved 6-2 (Kandrac and Taylor opposed).

1.3: Student Appeal Hearing

The Board discussed a Student Appeal Hearing in Open Session. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:44 p.m., Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.