

February 23, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, February 23, 2009 with the following members of the Board present: Chair - Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Vice Chair - Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ruth Jordan was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, Audrey Lane, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

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

Vice Chairperson Meyers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler to convene into Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:25 p.m. Mrs. Green called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. The Board recognized thirteen Teacher Cadets from Wando High. Their college partner is the Citadel. Mrs. Betsy Wilson is their instructor.
2. The Board recognized Representative Wallace Scarborough in his absence for his support to the district.
3. The Board recognized students who won the 2009 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition poster contest.
4. The Board recognized Kim Barrow, a student at West Ashley High School for being the winner of the T-Shirt design contest for the Cooper River Bridge Run.
5. The Board recognized Corey Lucas, a Buist Academy student for winning the African American History Oratorical contest at his school.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley updated the County Board on **Montessori Education Week**; the strength and importance of district **partners**, including **Trident United Way**; and the district's **annual report card release**. Dr. McGinley praised the district's partners for their contributions, and credited teachers, principals, and all district employees for their hard work in helping CCSD earn its first-ever "Excellent" improvement rating. She also informed the Board that at the next meeting, CAO Dr. Gepford would brief Board members on specific plans and actions to improve persistently struggling schools.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Larry Carter, Mr. Joseph Watson, Dr. Wilmot Fraser, and Ms. Sandra Perry expressed concerns regarding the closure of Fraser Elementary.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the open session and executive session minutes of February 9, 2009 with the following correction—Mrs. Kandrac stated in regards to the corrected minutes of January 23, 2009 Agenda Item 9.3, her vote regarding the closure of Charlestowne Academy was always an opposing vote. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of February 23, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on February 23, 2009:

1.1 Student Transfer Appeals

The Board approved student transfers A, B, and C. Transfer D was denied. The motion was approved 9-0.

- 1.2 Student Expulsion Appeal Ratifications – The Board approved the recommendation of the Board Committee which heard the expulsion appeal of a Laing Middle School student as follows with a 9-0 vote:
 - o Overturn the District 2 Constituent Board’s expulsion decision of Austin for the 2008-2009 school year on the condition that the student continues the online instruction and not be allowed to attend any school functions.
 - o Further, this decision may be reconsidered based on the provision of information from General Counsel which was not available at the time of this hearing.
- 1.3 Principal Appointment – Zucker Middle School –The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Sheryl Biss as principal at Zucker Middle School. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.4 District 4 Constituent Board Vacancy – The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Charles Johnson to serve on the District 4 Constituent Board. The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.5 Contractual Matters – The Board acted on contractual matters as follows:
 - A. The Board received information on a contractual matter. No action was taken.
 - B. The Board approved a motion to award a contract to Newton Builders in the amount of \$253,400 (Capital Funds) for removal and replacement of the HVAC system at Hunley Park ES – K-Pod. The motion was approved 9-0.
 - C. The Board approved the Academic Magnet High School Construction contract proposals subject to a vote within two weeks of the principal, faculty, staff and each current household of the classes of 2011 and 2012. The contract proposals and amounts are listed below. The funding source is the 2—6-2009 Building Program Contingency (Bonds Proceeds). The motion was approved 9-0.
 1. Reallocation Resolution of \$4,571,690
 2. M.B. Kahn Construction Company not to exceed change proposal of \$3,872,300
 3. Heery International Additional Service Request of \$214,185.
- 1.6 General Counsel briefed the Board on legal matters. No action was taken.
- 1.7 The Board approved a recommendation to award to Accusweep, Inc. the contract for District-wide grounds services. The funding source is General Operating funds. The amount for the first term of contract--(8 month award is \$778,090 and the second term of contract 12 month award is \$1,167.136). The motion was approved 9-0.
- 1.8 The Board discussed a Personnel Matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of February 9, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the financial minutes for February 9, 2009. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Redesign Update

Mrs. Audrey Lane, Coordinator of Developmental Programs, provided an update on the **School Redesign Transition** process, noting that parent meetings would be held this week at Charleston Progressive, Charlestowne Academy, and Fraser Elementary schools.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

Mrs. Ruth Taylor, principal at Stono Park Elementary spoke about parental involvement and her pre-school club at her school.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 Second Reading of Policy Revisions - A. GCQA – Certified Non-Administrative Staff Reduction In Force, B. GCQB – Classified Staff Reduction in Force, and C. GDQA – Classified Staff Reduction In Force - The Board approved the second reading of the policies listed. The motion was approved 9-0
- 9.2 Magnet Transportation Options – The Board received information on magnet school transportation options. No action was taken.

- 9.3 Recommendation to Change Contract Days for Food Service Employees – The Board received information on a recommendation to change contract days for Food Service Employees. No action was taken.
- 9.4 Small Women and Minority Business Enterprise Update - the Board received an update on SWMBE. No action was taken.
- 9.5 Procurement Card Update – The Board received an update on the Procurement Card program. No action was taken.
- 9.6 Recommendation to Research, Test, and Implement Alternate Food Delivery Systems – The Board received information on a recommendation to research, test and implement alternate food delivery systems. No action was taken.
- 9.7 Expanded Furlough – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to approve the furlough for ten and eleven month staff not exempted under the current State law giving the same. The projected savings is \$191,942.00 which may be reduced by retirement cost. The motion was approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:40 p.m., Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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