

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, May 11, 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. Ruth Jordan, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Arthur Ravenel was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were in attendance.

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

Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan 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 5:35 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

The Board recognized the following:

- Ms. Ellen Winkles, a West Ashley High School Teacher, for being named the new Teacher of the Year.
- South Carolina State Representative Mike Sottile read a concurrent resolution in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.
- South Carolina State Representatives Mike Sottile, Chip Limehouse, Seth Whipper and David Mack recognized Principal Lucy Beckham who was recently named the Secondary Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. Representative Sottile also presented a House Resolution to Mrs. Beckham.
- Mr. Jerry Shear, a Mitchell Elementary School business partner, was recognized for his support to the school.
- Nyla Smalls, a student at Charleston Progressive, was recognized for participation in a Student in Business competition.
- South Carolina State Representative Wallace Scarborough was recognized for services to the Charleston County School District and efforts to secure a \$200,000 Safe School Routes Grant for Stiles Point Elementary.
- Stall High School students were recognized for winning the Jefferson Award Program award which promotes student initiatives.
- Mr. Brad Davis, of Rick Hendrick Volvo, received a Charleston County School District “Behind the Scenes” award for his partnership with the district.
- Pastor Edwin “Chef” Wright was recognized for his leadership in the “Cool to be in School and School Supply Drive and other support to the Charleston County School District. Pastor Wright also announced that the next “Cool to be in School event will be held on August 15th at the North Charleston Convention Center.
- Keyara Staples and Trevon Betton, Brentwood Middle students, winners of an essay contest sponsored by Mrs. Kandrac. Both students wrote about what good behavior meant to them.

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. McGinley shared highlights of recent teacher recognitions. Ms. Ellen Winkles of West Ashley High was named the new Teacher of the Year. Ms. Winkles and many of her colleagues participated in “The Superintendent’s Cup” tennis tournament. Fifty two school teams and hundreds of teachers, administrators, and

school supporters participated. Haut Gap Middle School won the cup. Ms. Michelle Garner, a third grade teacher at A.C. Corcoran Elementary was named the May “Teacher of the Month”. A dedication ceremony was held for the new Military Magnet Academy on Friday. In preparation for upcoming budget readings, the district is holding community budget meetings. Budget meetings were held in districts 4 and 23 last week and three more are scheduled for this week. A lot of planning is being done to ensure a successful 2009-2010 school year, including:

- Work around the North Charleston High School reconstitution and related plans;
- Opening new options for middle school students including the 6th Grade Academy and Zucker Middle School
- Ensuring a successful transition for all families and staff impacted by School Redesign
- Laying of groundwork for significant interventions to boost literacy in At-Risk elementary schools, including expanded early childhood, the creation of 3rd grade academies, and “Quick Start” summer program that will extend the school year for students who need extra help and
- Restructuring of Morningside Middle School which will be discussed later in the meeting.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Ms. Catherine Brehon asked the Board to consider allowing Dr. Moore to remain as principal at North Charleston.
2. Mr. Leeper commended Dr. Moore and Dr. Fraser for their efforts at North Charleston High and urged the Board to involve Dr. Moore in reconstitution efforts for the school.
3. Mr. Charles Maker who had to leave the meeting was represented by a parent volunteer who shared concerns regarding the reconstitution of North Charleston High.
4. Mrs. Ella Mae Washington presented a plan to the Board after expressing concerns regarding the district’s reconstitution plans for North Charleston High.
5. Representatives David Mack and Seth Whipper addressed the Board regarding reconstitution plans for North Charleston High.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of March 23, 2009 and April 27, 2009

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins approval of open session and executive session minutes of March 23, 2009 with modifications shown below. Mr. Collins motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of open and executive session minutes of April 27, 2009. Mrs. Kandrac requested the minutes be amended as follows:

- March 23, 2009 – correct votes on agenda item 9.4 approval of furlough to 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).
- April 27, 2009 – correct votes on agenda item 9.1 approval of second reading of board policies to 6-2 (Kandrac and Toler opposed).

The motion to approve the March 23, 2009 and April 27, 2009 minutes with necessary revisions was approved 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of May 11, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on May 11, 2009:

1. **Student Transfer Appeals (30)** – The Board acted on student transfer appeals as follows:
 - All Student Transfer Appeals were approved, but two. Agenda items 1.1J and 1.1K were denied. The motion was approved 8-0.
2. **Workers Compensation Settlements** – The Board approved two Workers Compensation Settlements. The motion was approved 8-0.
3. **Legal Briefings** – General Counsel briefed the Board on three lawsuits. The Board approved a motion authorizing General Counsel to move forward with mediation for one of the cases in litigation. The motion was approved 8-0.
4. **Student Expulsion Appeal** – The Board identified a date to hear a student expulsion appeal.

5. **Charleston Educational Excellence Financing Corporation (CEEFC) Appointment** – The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Joe Rackley to the Charleston Educational Excellence Financing Corporation Board. The motion was approved 8-0.
6. **Personnel Matter** – The Board discussed personnel matters in Executive Session. No actions were taken.
7. **Appointment to District Procurement Review Panel** – The Board approved the appointment of Board member Ruth Jordan to the District’s Procurement Review Panel. The motion was approved 8-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of April 27, 2009

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the financial minutes for April 27, 2009. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Audrey Lane, Coordinator of Developmental Programs asked the Board if they had questions regarding the School Redesign information provided on Charlestown Academy. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Meyers expressed interest in tracking students who currently attend Charlestowne Academy.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Redesign of Morningside Middle School

Mrs. Patricia Yandle – Associate Superintendent with the Middle School Learning Community Office presented information on the new single-gender academies at Morningside Middle School. Students are separated by gender and area taught differently based on brain research. Mrs. Yandle also presented information regarding tutoring during the school day, partnerships and introduced Ms. Kala Goodwine who is principal for the Girls Academy, Dr. Joe Williams, principal for the Boys Academy and Captain Smith who will serve as Assistant of the Girls Academy.

8.2: Reconstitution of North Charleston High School

Mr. Louis Martin – Associate Superintendent with the High School Learning Community Office presented the following information on Reconstitution plans for North Charleston High School.

- Staff/student organization:
 - Ninth Grade Academy: Three Small Learning Communities each with a staff teamed to a defined group of students including special education students.
 - Sophomore Academy: Three Small Learning Communities each with a staff teamed to a defined group of students including special education students.
 - Each academy will have a dedicated administrator.
 - Grades 11 and 12: traditional format
 - Increased student support:
 - Staff teams will have common planning time to discuss specific student needs and provide appropriate student support.
 - Teams will include a guidance person and a PBIS component to address student behavior issues.
 - 8.5, 9.5, 10.5 programs will address the needs of overage students toward on achieving time graduation.
 - Increased parent support:
 - The Ninth Grade and Sophomore Academies will each be assigned a parent advocate.
 - Each parent advocate will attend team meetings and be directly involved in parent contact to inform and support the parent in supporting their child.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 **First Reading of Policy Revision IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students, Grades K-8** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the first reading of Policy Revision IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students, Grades K-8. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.2 **Policy Regulation IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students, Grades K-8** – The Board received Policy Regulation IKE – Promotion Retention and Acceleration of Students, Grades K-8 as information.
- 9.3 **Facility Use Request – Burke High** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Facility Use Request for Burke High. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.4 **Facility Use Request – Garrett Academy** – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Facility Use Request for Garrett Academy. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.5 **Textbook Adoption** – Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the recommendation to approve textbook adoption. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.6 **Building Program Bond Fund Reallocations** –This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.
- 9.7 **Approval of Public Address System for New Moultrie Middle School** - Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the recommendation for the public address system for Moultrie Middle. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.8 **TOPS Program** – The Board received information on the TOPS Program. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:55 p.m., Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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