

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on [Monday, June 8, 2009](#) with the following members of the Board present: Chair - Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Vice Chair - Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Chris Collins, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. [Mr. Chris Fraser was absent](#). Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. John Emerson, and Mr. Elliott Smalley were also in attendance.

The news media was 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 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 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Green called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Mrs. Green announced that a Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 5:15pm in the Board room.](#)

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. The Board recognized the Behind the Scenes Award Winner, Mr. Jim Frye, for contributions to Mary Ford Elementary.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley expressed condolences to the family of the 6-year-old *Lambs* Elementary School *student*, Jah'Quez Smith Hamilton, who *drowned* in the pool of the Brackenbrook Apartment complex in North *Charleston* Tuesday afternoon. After mentioning the tragic death of Jah'Quez, she requested a moment of silence in memory of the student. Following the moment of silence, she spoke of an initiative to teach students how to swim. She recapped the school year sharing information on graduations, scholarship totals and other accomplishments. She spoke about the excitement at graduations and Richard Wright, the valedictorian at Clark Academy, who was expelled more than once in the last five years, graduated. Richard will attend Winthrop this fall. She thanked everyone—Students, Parents, Staff and Business Partners for their continued support for education. She announced that the North Charleston High School Improvement meeting that was held last Wednesday to receive input from the School Improvement Council has been rescheduled. Dr. McGinley announced that an interview panel with local community members--Mr. Hillery Douglas (business owner and former CCSD Board Member), Reverend James Townes (Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance), Representative Seth Whipper, Mrs. Anita Zucker (The InterTech Group), two state department representatives, Dr. David Rawlinson (director of Priority Schools) and Dr. James Wright, Ms. Kye Lahm (Mayor's Office of Education, Youth and Families), Dr. Brenda Nelson (CCSD Community Outreach Office), Mrs. Deborah Price (Principal at Laing Middle), and Dr. Doug Gepford (CCSD Chief Academic Officer) will interview principal candidates for ten hours today. She also shared information on Literacy Initiatives that will be presented later during the meeting.

At this time Mr. Ravenel requested information on the cost of the Palmer and Cay Salary Study and the number mentioned in the Post and Courier article. Staff responded indicating that the cost of the study was \$69,000.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Kenneth Sellers thanked the Board supporting for Gregg Mathis Charter and allowing them to continue providing service to at risk students.

2. Mr. Hilton Coakley addressed the Board in support of the School Improvement Council at North Charleston High and their involvement in reconstituting the school.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of May 26, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of May 26, 2009. The vote was 8-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 8, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on June 8, 2009:

- 1.1: **Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approved student transfer appeals A, B, C, D, G, and I. Student transfer appeals E, F, H, K, L, and M were denied. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.2: **Request for Proposal #P9031 for CCSD Telephone Systems** – The Board approved RFP P9031 CCSD Telephone Systems awarding the contract to Relational Technology Solutions, Inc. The amount for this project is \$1,165,030. The funding source is Fixed Cost of Ownership projects approved earlier by the Board (Fixed Cost of Ownership Projects - \$503,774 and Construction Projects - \$661,256). The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.3: **Personnel Matters** –
 - A. The Board approved a proposal to change personal business days as outlined below. The motion was approved 8-0
 - a) A reduction in the number of personal business days available from 5 to 3 days for all nine month employees. Twelve month employees would continue to have 2 days available to them.
 - b) Unused personal business days will transfer into sick leave and accumulate at the end of the year.
 - c) Possible result--decrease in days used. Days currently are “lost” if not used; which in some cases may encourage employees to use the days whether they need them or not. Allowing unused days to transfer to accumulated sick leave will encourage teachers to use their days for emergencies.
 - d) Written communication providing additional clarification concerning use of personal days. Currently there are some inconsistencies in the utilization of these days. Additional clarification is needed to ensure consistency in approval.
 - B. The Board received as information Changes in Contractual Time/Work Schedules in Executive Session. No action was taken.
 - C. The Board approved a contract extension for Mr. Bill Lewis. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 1.4: **Bid #B9027 for SMART Interactive Whiteboard Installation and Services** – The Board approved the recommendation for bid#B9027 for SMART Interactive WhiteBoards Installation and Service for the Classroom Modernization Program and the 2005-2009 Building Program to W.H. Platts. The funding source is classroom modernization funding under the 8% debt issuance (Capital Projects: School Opening Aug. 2009 - \$541,409.01, and Schools opening in late 2009 and 2010 - \$1,900,000). The motion was approved 8-0.

6.3: Financial Minutes of May 26, 2009

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the financial minutes for May 26, 2009. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Budget Update

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer presented a budget update. During his update, Mr. Bobby reviewed information prepared by staff in response to questions received from the Board during the 1st reading of the budget. Mr. Bobby said the stimulus money has been released and CCSD is scheduled to receive a little less than \$3 million. However, Aiken is scheduled to receive \$7 million. The second reading of the budget is scheduled for June 22nd. Mr. Bobby also stated that info was sent to Senator McConnell about Hold Harmless funds.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Summer Quick Start and Year Long Programs

Dr. Nancy McGinley presented a Literacy Update. She said to expect significant change in achievement in a large school district is a process. However, she said the district has spent the last five years building up a safety net of supports around literacy. Those supports are listed below and said that the prime years for literacy foundation is Kindergarten through third grade.

GRADE	YEAR	SUPPORTS
9	2009-2010	Credit Recovery; 3rd, 6th, 8.5 Programs; Response to Intervention; Quick Start; Reading Teacher – High/Middle Schools; Expansion of Early Childhood
8	2008-2009	Core Teams; Elementary, Middle, & High School Action Designs
7	2007-2008	Elementary, Middle, High School Learning Communities; Credit Recovery
6	2006-2007	Teacher Coaches – E-GAP, M-Gap, P-Gap
5	2005-2006	MAP Testing, Differentiated Instruction
4	2004-2005	CPE, Work begins on Coherent Curriculum
3	2003-2004	School Based Programs
2	2002-2003	School Based Programs
1	2002-2002	School Based Programs
K	2000-2001	School Based Programs

The 2009-2010 Literacy Interventions --Expansion of an additional 446 Students will be served in 83 Full Day Classes and 8 Half Day Classes. The Early Childhood focus includes a new director (Mrs. Lerah Lee) in the Department of Early Childhood who will **meet** with Cabinet and Associate Superintendents. Dr. McGinley shared information on collaborative efforts with Special Education to develop a best practice model for Early Childhood interventions and Speech Clinicians on Language Development.

Mr. Dirk Bedford presented information on the Third Grade Academy for Burns, Dunston, Frierson, Hursey, James Simmons, Mary Ford, Midland Park, Mitchell, North Charleston, and Sanders-Clyde. The key components of this initiative is High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, Voyager Software, 15:1 student teacher ratio, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, 90 Minutes Reading, 60 Minutes Math, 30 Minutes Behavioral Health, and same teachers work with students in summer and year long. The goal is that all 3rd Graders on grade level in Reading & Math by June 2010

Mrs. Carol Bartlett, principal at Birney Middle presented information on Quick Start and Year Long Interventions. Middle School Quick Start Summer Programs are planned for seven schools--Birney, Haut Gap, Morningside, St. Andrews, West Ashley, Zucker, and Sixth Grade Academy. The key components are High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, Voyager Software, 10:1 student teacher ratio, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, 90 Minutes Reading, 60 Minutes Math, 30 Minutes Behavioral Health, and have the same teachers work with students in summer and year long programs.

Middle School Year Long Programs is planned for six schools--Birney, Haut Gap, Morningside, St. Andrews, West Ashley, and Zucker. The Key Components are High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, Voyager Software, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, Double Dose Reading and Math Instruction, Study Skills Instruction, and Community in Schools tutorial support.

A Sixth Grade Academy Year Long Programs is planned for the McNair Campus. The key components are 180 Students in a 15:1 Pupil Teacher Ratio, High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, Voyager Software, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, Double Dose Reading and Math Instruction, Study Skills Instruction, Community in Schools Tutorial Support

Dr. James Winbush, principal at Baptist Hill High School presented information on Quick Start and Year Long Strategies for high school students. The Quick Start program for 7-12 Schools is planned for Baptist Hill, Burke and Lincoln. The key components are High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, STAR Lab or Voyager Software, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, Double Dose Reading and Math Instruction, Study Skills Instruction, and Community in Schools Tutorial Support

A Year Long Program is planned for Baptist Hill, North Charleston, Lincoln, St. Johns, Stall, Burke, and Military Magnet. The key components are 15 minutes of reading per day to help students retain reading levels over summer. Without this intervention, students may lose between 3-5 months of reading proficiency. Title I school received student-leveled books for home library summer reading initiative. After School Program Institute July 15th and 16th to address Quality Extended Instructional Time (MOTT Foundation/College of Charleston), Reading Specialists for direct student interventions and Professional Development, High Quality Teachers, Intensive Professional Development, STAR Lab or Voyager Software, Parent Compact, Behavioral Health Support, Double Dose Reading and Math Instruction, Study Skills Instruction, Community In Schools tutorial support.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Jordan left the room at 7:15 p.m. and did not return until 7:25 p.m. Therefore, she did not vote on agenda items 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8.

- 9.1 **Approval of Teacher Contracts for the 2009-2010 School Year** - *A recommendation to approve the 2009-2010 teacher contracts.* – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins approval of teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.2: Procurement of Computers for 2005-2009 Building Program and Classroom Modernization Project - *A recommendation to approve procurement of computers for 2005-2009 Building Program and classroom Modernization Project using the state contract.* Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the procurement of computers for 2005-2009 Building Program and Classroom Recommendations project. The funding source is 2005-2009 Building Program Funds. The amount is \$1,308,052 for computers and related services at four schools plus a budget not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the 13 other schools set to open late 2009 or 2010. The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.3: Procurement of Printers for 2005-2009 Building Program - *A recommendation to approve procurement of printers for 2005-2009 Building Program using the state contract.* Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Meyers approval of the procurement of printers for 2005-2009 Building Program using the State Contract with negotiated pricing. The funding source is the 2005-2009 Building Program Funds (\$216,740 for four schools plus a budget not to exceed \$800,000 for thirteen other schools set to open late 2009 or 2010). The motion was approved 8-0.
- 9.4: Amendment to the Noisette License Agreement to continue leasing of the Child and Family Development Center - *A recommendation to approve an amendment to continue leasing space for the Child and Family Development Center.* Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the recommendation approving an amendment to the Noisette License Agreement dated April 29, 2005 for the leasing of the Child and Family Development Center. The funding source is the monthly fee from General Operating Budget (\$4,235.10), HeadStart currently pays CCSD \$12,000 per year for the space they use.. The motion was approved 7-0.
- 9.5: Change to School Year 2010 Calendar to Accommodate Anticipated Furlough - *A recommendation to amend the 2010 school calendar previously adopted by the Board to accommodate anticipated furlough days.* Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the recommendation to change the 2010 school calendar to accommodate anticipated furlough. The motion was approved 7-0.

- 9.6: Facilities agreement – Burke High - *A recommendation to approve a facilities agreement for Burke High in accordance to Board Policy KF. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of a facility use request for Burke High. The motion was approved 7-0.*
- 9.7: The College Board Contract No. 2009S-K12-4226 - *A recommendation to approve the agreement with the College Board which meets the U.S. Department of Education requirements. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of the College Board Agreement with the Charleston County School District. All costs are covered by the Advanced Placement Incentive Program Grant and no CCSD funds are required. The cost proposed by the College Board for services is \$124,550.66, if payments are received by September 30, 2009 or \$136,110.98 if paid after September 30, 2009. The motion was approved 7-0.*
- 9.8: Approval of Board Hearing Committees – Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger approval of Board Hearing Committees. The motion was approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:30 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