

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, January 25, 2010 with the following members of the Board present: Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, 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.

Board Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1.1: Contractual Matter
- 1.2: Legal Matters
- 1.3: Student Transfer Appeal
- 1.4: Personnel Matter
- 1.5: Pattison’s Academy for Comprehensive Education Charter Amendment

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson – Mrs. Jordan called the meeting to order. Chaplain Doug Farmer with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Moultrie Middle

The Board recognized Ms. Sarah Lyles Young, a student at Moultrie Middle for receiving a national award from the Club Z Tutoring Company for her outstanding performance in academics.

3.2: Broad Center Achievement Award

Dr. Nancy McGinley shared a Broad Center Achievement Award she and Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson received for progress made in Charleston County School District during her their administrations.

3.3: Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science

The Board recognized Mary Beth Meggett for receiving the United States Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching.

3.4: Elementary Spelling Bee Winners

The Board recognized two students from Sanders Clyde who were Spelling Bee finalists. Twin sister Kalyn Lewis won 1st Place and Amy Lewis won 2nd Place. Their teaching coach, Ms. Latrea Hutchinson, was also recognized.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent’s Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- The state’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report was released last. The new PASS test moved South Carolina from an *above-grade* level proficiency standard on the PACT test which was among the most rigorous in the country, to an *on-grade* level standard this year. AYP

requires that all sub-groups within a school hit certain proficiency benchmarks, and this new proficiency standard played a role in this year's calculation. The District more than doubled the number of schools making AYP (from 21 to 50). Thirty-one schools moved from "Not Met" to "Met" AYP this year. Only three schools moved in the other direction. CCSD schools far out-paced their peers across the state (69% of CCSD schools made AYP this year, compared with only 49% statewide. Also, graduation rate held firm at 71.7%. Dr. McGinley said the AYP report reflects real improvement in CCSD schools. However, graduation rate is still not where it should be, and achievement gaps remain between groups of students. While there are many factors behind these performance levels, the District knows that literacy improvement is the key to students' future. The Board will vote on the final reading of the "Accelerated Literacy Pathways" tonight. This plan will pay dividends and allow the district to "do more with less" over the long haul by focusing on proven teaching and early prevention instead of traditional interventions.

- The District recently received a competitive \$2.5 million dollar Early Head Start expansion grant from the federal government. This money will be used to improve supports for families with zero-to-three-aged children. The district is working to expand early childhood and look creatively at how to fund its highest priorities.
- In regards to Career Academy, Boeing Corporation recently gave the district \$50,000 to create an Aeronautics Academy that will be based at the new Stall High School. The district looks forward to working with Boeing to design "real world" programs that will boost the achievement and marketability of CCSD students.
- In closing, Dr. McGinley commended four CCSD high schools—James Island Charter, Academic Magnet High, School of the Arts and Wando High for being recognized by the state for their excellence in either maintaining or improving their students' ACT and SAT scores.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

No visitors addressed that Board at this meeting.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of January 11, 2010

Mr. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of January 11, 2010. Mrs. Kandrac requested the minutes be amended to correct an error in the motion to adjourn the meeting to reflect that Mr. Collins seconded the motion; not Mr. Meyers. Also, Mrs. Kandrac expressed concerns about the note added to item 9.3 to correct the funding source. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of January 25, 2010

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on **January 25, 2010**:

1.1: Contractual - The Board discussed contractual matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.2: Legal Matters – General Counsel briefed the Board on Legal Matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.3: Student Transfer Appeal - The Board approved a recommendation to deny the student transfer appeal request from Laing Middle to Moultrie Middle. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

1.4: Personnel Matter - The Board discussed a Personnel Matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.5: Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education Charter Amendment – The Board approved a motion to grant the request to amend the PACE charter application thereby increasing the number of students to 32. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

6.3: Financial Minutes of January 11, 2010

Mr. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the financial minutes of January 11, 2010. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Capital Projects Report – November 2009

The Board received information on the Capital Projects Report of November 2009. Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer for the District said there was still a high level of spending because of the number of construction projects. Mr. Bobby also said in reference to adjustments shown on the spreadsheet that the district is working hard to determine how to best use contingency funds.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Language! Model

Mrs. Mary Runyon and Natalie Kluttz presented Language! Model.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Board Policies – 2nd Reading (2)

- A. BBA – School Board Powers and Duties
- B. Literacy Requirements and Intervention Policy

A recommendation to approve the 2nd Reading of the Board Policies listed above. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve the 2nd Reading of Board Policies listed above. The motion was approved as follows:

- A. BBA – School Board Powers and Duties – The motion to approve the second reading of this policy was approved 6-2-1 (Kandrac and Toler opposed; Ravenel abstained).
- B. Literacy Requirements and Intervention Policy – The motion to approve the second reading of this policy was approved 9-0.

After the Literacy Requirements and Intervention Policy was approved, Dr. McGinley said she will begin notifying parents about the new policy.

9.2: Facility Use Request – Burke High - *A recommendation to approve a Facility Use Request for Burke High School Gymnasium as required by Board Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation to approve the Burke High School Gymnasium Facility Use Request. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.3: Naming of SOA Theater - *A recommendation to approve a recommendation to name the School of the Arts Theater.* Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation to name the School of the Arts the "Rose Maree Meyers Theater for the Performing Arts". The motion was approved 9-0.

9.4: Approval of Transfer of EIA categorical funds under Joint Resolution H.3353 and Provisos 1.43 and 1A.41 for fiscal year 2009-2010 - *A recommendation to approve the transfer of EIA Categorical Funds. The amount of funds that will be transferred from EIA Fund 368 – Technical Assistance Funds to the EIA Fund 338 – At Risk Student Learning is \$657,256.46.* Mrs.

Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve the transfer of EIA Categorical Funds. The motion was approved 8-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.5: Fiscal Year 2011 E-Rate Application – *A recommendation to approve the resolution to meet E-Rate Application Requirement for Funding. The Funding Source is General Operating Funds for FY2011. The amount is \$532,672.00. The funding source is General Operating Funds.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the resolution to meet E- Rate Application Requirement for Funding. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.6: Funding for Invitation for Bid #B1017 for Cisco SmartNet Services - *The funding source is General Operating Funds from 15612667-345. The majority of costs for High-percentage Free/Reduced lunch schools will be reimbursed upon approval of the E-Rate program. The amount is \$773,339.70. The funding source is General Operating Funds.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of funding for Invitation Bid #B1017 for Cisco SmartNet Services. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.7: Home School Application - *A request to approve a Home Instruction Application.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the recommendation to approve a Home School Application. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.8: Approval of Applications for Continuation of Pilot Programs - *A recommendation to approve applications for continuation of Pilot Programs at Garrett Academy.* Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the applications for continuation of Pilot Programs at Garrett Academy. The motion was approved 9-0.

9.9: Approval of Applications for new Pilot Programs - *A recommendation to approve applications for new Pilot Programs at Wando High.* Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of new Pilot Programs at Wando High. The motion was approved 9-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:35 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