

**June 14, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, June 14, 2010 with the following members of the Board present: Vice Chair - Mr. Ray Toler, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Chair – Mrs. Ruth Jordan and Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green were absent. Staff members Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, and Dr. Brenda Nelson, were also in attendance.

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

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

### **Executive Session Agenda Items**

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeals
- 1.2: Legal Briefing
- 1.3: Personnel Matters
- 1.4: Appointment - Assistant Associate Superintendent
- 1.5: Appointment – Principal – Morningside Middle School Boys Academy (ARMS)
- 1.6: Appointment – Principal – Daniel Jenkins Academy
- 1.7: Appointment – Principal – Sixth Grade Academy
- 1.8: Appointment – Principal – Baptist Hill High
- 1.9: Academic Magnet Student Appeal

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Vice Chair – Mr. Toler called the meeting to order, led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

#### **South Carolina's 2010 School Improvement Advocate of the Year**

The Board recognized Ms. Clara Heinsohn, CCSD Director of Volunteers and Public Affairs, for being the recipient of South Carolina's 2010 School Improvement Advocate of the Year award.

#### **MUSC Recognition**

The Board recognized Ms. Melissa Cox of the Medical University of South Carolina for her work with the Teen Leadership Project between the College of Nursing and Medical Library at MUSC and St. John's High School.

#### **Design Award Winners – Moultrie Middle and Ashley River Creative Arts**

The Board recognized Moultrie Middle, the principals of Ashley River Creative Arts and Mt. Pleasant Academy, as well as the construction and design teams, for receiving building design awards for their state of the art facilities.

#### **DAR Book Donation**

The Board recognized Rebecca Jones, Janet Welsh and Ann Everett from the Daughters of the American Revolution for their donation of books to CCSD schools.

## **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **4.1: Superintendent's Report**

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- She regretfully announced the death of Javonne Washington who was a student at Springfield Elementary then urged parents to take advantage of swimming lessons offered throughout the county.
- Congratulations to the Class of 2010 and those who helped prepare those students for graduation.
- Because the economy is forcing more people to do more with less, many are experiencing emotional and health issues. Administrators will discuss an initiative that deals with the health of staff members at the upcoming Summer Leadership Conference.
- Information was shared on the June 13, 2010 Literacy article in the Post and Courier.
- The FY2011 Budget will be presented to the Board for second reading on June 28, 2010.
- The District is moving forward with Seismic Updates and Rebuilding Plans. The Board received an update last Thursday regarding the same.
- A Public drop-in for the new Jennie Moore Elementary is scheduled from 6pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.
- Staff is looking at how the Tax Increment Financing requested by the City would impact CCSD. The district has been asked to amend the King Street Gateway TIF to include the Gaillard Auditorium at no financial impact. However, the second part of the request is to extend the TIF until 2023. While the upgrade of Gaillard Auditorium is commendable, she objects to the extension of the TIF. The Mayor was notified of the objection today.

At this time, Mrs. Oplinger said she was excited about the Literacy information and felt it was moving in the right direction. She also asked when data would be available. Dr. McGinley said last year the district did not have First Grade Academies, just Third and Sixth. Data on those two Academies is forthcoming. Literacy initiatives and clusters are making the most progress. Information will also be provided on sub groups—Special Education and ESL.

Mr. Fraser said he looks forward to getting data which will reveal which areas need help.

## **V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5.1: Visitors, Public Communications**

1. Ms. Claudia Mazyck read the Governor's proclamation in recognition of Historic Preservation Month.
2. Dr. W. Eric Emerson of the SC Historical Society addressed the Board regarding preserving Jennie Moore Elementary as a historical site because it has a tangible link to the Gullah community.
3. Mr. George Freeman of the Gullah Heritage Preservation Society said two years ago he requested the Board to turn Jennie Moore Elementary over to the community. He urged the Board to work with the community, the Gullah Heritage Preservation Society, Parks and Recreation, the SC Historical Society and the community to save Jennie More Elementary for historical purposes.

4. Ms. Kim Poff and Ms. Stacey Podd reminded the Board that Harbor View Elementary conceded earlier to allow another school to be built first. They urged the Board to remember their patience and proceed with the promise to build them a new school.
5. Ms. Sarah Mack, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Deborah Grant and Mrs. Daisy Mongo expressed concerns about Frierson Elementary School and a recent decision to move 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Haut Gap Middle. They urged the Board to keep the school open and not to relocate 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
6. Ms. Cari Goetchens, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture with Clemson University shared information with the Board regarding South Carolina's Equalization Schools and efforts to preserve black schools. Ms. Goetchens urged the Board to reconsider rehabilitation of Jennie Moore.
7. Ms. Jennifer Smith expressed concerns regarding rumors of Buist Academy being housed in Oakland Elementary which would postpone the construction of St. Andrews Math and Science by 6-7 years.
8. Mr. George Jefakis, Ms. Candace Martin, and Ms. Taylor Pauylder expressed concerns about relocating and rebuilding of Buist Academy.
9. Ms. Tracey Thompson, a St. Andrews School of Math and Science School Improvement Council representative urged the Board not to change the plans for them to use the Oakland swing space while their school is being built.
10. Ms. Ashley Brown-Marshall and Ms. Elisha Clyburn urged the Board to consider additional traffic if the old Stiles Point facility was used to house Buist Academy.
11. Ms. Ellen Fiester-Small expressed concerns regarding Garrett Academy's facility.

#### **XI. APPROVAL OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

Mr. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the Open Session minutes of May 24, 2010. The motion was approved 7-0.

#### **6.2: Motions of Executive Session of June 14, 2010**

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session:

**1.1: Student Transfer Appeals** – The Board approved A, B, G and H student transfer appeals; C, D, E, F, I, J, and K were denied; the Superintendent was directed to investigate safety concerns for student transfer appeal F. The vote was 7-0.

**1.2: Legal Briefing** - General Counsel provided a legal briefing for the Board in Executive Session. No action was taken.

**1.3: Personnel Matters** – The Board received information on Personnel Matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

**1.4: Appointment – Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Learning Community** – The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Ruth Taylor to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Learning Community. The motion was approved 7-0.

**1.5: Appointment – Morningside Middle School Boys Academy (ARMS) Principal** - The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Joseph Williams to the position of principal at Morningside Middle School Boys Academy (ARMS). The motion was approved 7-0.

**1.6: Appointment – Daniel Jenkins Academy Principal** - The Board approved a motion to appoint Ms. Jennifer Coker to the position of principal at Daniel Jenkins Academy. The motion was approved 7-0.

**1.7: Appointment – Sixth Grade Academy Principal** - The Board approved a recommendation to appoint Ms. Lawanda Glears to the position of principal at the Sixth Grade Academy. The motion was approved 7-0.

**1.8: Appointment – Baptist Hill High Principal**- The Board approved the appointment of Adrian Busch to the position of principal at Baptist Hill High. The motion was approved 7-0.

**1.9: Academic Magnet Student Appeal** - The Board approved an Academic Magnet Student Appeal, subject to residency and domicile confirmation. The motion was approved 7-0.

### **6.3: Financial Minutes of May 24, 2010**

Mr. Collins motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers, approval of the financial minutes of May 24, 2010, 2010. The motion was approved 7-0.

## **VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT**

There were no Management Reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

## **VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE**

### **8.1: Summer Programs – Mr. Tom Widlowski**

Mr. Tom Widlowski, Director of Community Education, presented information to the Board on summer camps and efforts to reinforce learning and show students that learning is fun.

**NOTE: Mr. Ravenal left at 6:30 p.m. Therefore, he did not vote on Consent Agenda items.**

## **IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.1: Approval of Second Reading of Board Policies** – *A recommendation to approve the second reading of Board Policies listed below.*

- A. GCKAA – Voluntary Teacher Transfer
- B. GBEBB – Staff Dress Code
- C. KF – Community Use of School Facilities
- D. EBBA – Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the Second Reading of Board Policies listed above. The motion was approved 6-0.

**9.2: Approval of Pilot Courses** – *A recommendation to approve Pilot Courses listed below.*

- A. HSAP for Math (District)
- B. HSAP Prep for ELA (District)
- C. World Music I and World Music II (James Island Charter)
- D. Introduction to Aeronautical Studies (Stall High)

Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of Pilot Courses listed above. The motion was approved 6-0.

**9.3: Voyager Reading and Math Intervention System** – *A recommendation to purchase additional Voyager Reading Intervention Systems for Sixth Grade Academy students significantly below grade level. The funding source is Title II 2010-2011. The amount is \$55,996.00 for three years of materials for six (6) Sixth Grade Academy sites.* - Mr. Fraser

motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the Voyager Reading and Math Intervention System. The motion was approved 6-0.

**9.4: District wide Emergency Communication System** – *A recommendation to approve the purchase of a new District wide Emergency and Transportation Communication System. The total estimated cost for the first three years is \$1,072,851.58; the total fifteen year cost is approximately \$1,216,851.58, not including parts to replace after expiration of the warranty. The funding source is Fixed Cost of Ownership funds. - Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of the District wide Emergency Communication System. The motion was approved 6-0.*

**9.5: Military Style Uniforms for students at Military Magnet Academy** – *A recommendation to approve Bid Award #B1038 for Military Style Uniforms for Students at Military Magnet Academy. The projected amount is \$41,000 General Operating funds and an estimated \$205,000.00 for the total contract period. This account will be reimbursed as students register for enrollment. - Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, to approve Bid Award #B1038 for Military Style Uniforms for Students at Military Magnet Academy. The motion was approved 6-0.*

**9.6: Bid Award #B1027 – Renovations to IT Building on Bridge View Campus** – A recommendation to approve Bid #B1027 for renovations to the IT building at Bridge View Drive. The funding source is e-Rate funds, the amount is \$69,250.00. - Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger, approval of Bid Award #1027 for Renovations to the IT Building on Bridge View Campus. The motion was approved 6-0.

**9.7: School Attendance Zone GIS Verification** – The Board received this agenda item as information. No action was taken.

**9.8: Bid Results – Qualified School Construction Bond Projects** – Stall High, Alice Birney, Midland Park, and Septima Clark Academy - The Board received this agenda item as information. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Oplinger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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