

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2008 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Brian Moody, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. David Engelman was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, 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.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Hillery Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green 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 5:15 p.m. Chair Douglas called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.1: Special Recognition for September 22, 2008

The Board recognized Teacher Cadets from Wando High School Their instructor is Betsy Wilson. The Citadel is their college partner.

The Board recognized Ms. Debbie Hanna and the Office of Exceptional Children for their valuable partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina's Autism research.

The Board recognized Sadie Fox, an 8th grade Science teacher from C. E. Williams Middle School for Creative and Scientific Arts. Ms. Fox and her RoboCup Junior Team participated in a competition in Suzhou, China this summer.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- PACT scores which were released almost two weeks ago. This year, Charleston County School District had the highest levels of Proficient/Advanced scores on record and the highest percentages of Basic and Above on record. CCSD out-performed the state in every subject and at every grade level, had more students scoring at the Proficient/Advanced level than the state of South Carolina, and jumped more last year than it did the previous two years combined in its percentage of students scoring Proficient/Advanced in ELA and Math. When compared to results ten years ago—doubled in its percentage of students scoring at proficiency in English-Language Arts doubling, and tripled in Math. The district is placing a laser-like focus on the achievement gap.
- The School Redesign Initiative public engagement meetings had over 100 people attending each meeting at Burke High and Baptist Hill High and over 150 parents and community members at St. Johns High. A survey and PowerPoint presentation about the process are available online on a school redesign page at www.ccsdschools.com. The district is working closely with the PTA and SIC groups and optimistic about feedback CCSD will receive. The revised criteria will be brought back to the Board on October 13th.
- CCSD is taking dramatic steps to save money during this year's budget cycle, which is why the district is rolling out the redesign process. And it is why CCSD will keep working to maximize tax dollars while investing in the work of teachers and those programs that support the three core goals. This

week, the district's bond ratings were received for both Standard and Poors and Moodys. In each case, CCSD maintained the previous level of bond ratings, which are very strong, placing us in the top category of public school districts nationwide.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Mitch Rubenstein, Mr. Anthony Constantine, Ms. Kristin Bailey, Ms. Nicole Antonacci, and Mr. Eddie Bello expressed concerns with space issues at the Montessori Community School and asked the Board to consider a larger facility.
2. Mr. Charlie Castner thanked the Board for the decision to hire the basketball coach at Academic Magnet High School.
3. Ms. Ellen Smalls asked the Board to consider modifying a north area bus route for safety purposes.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 8, 2008

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of September 8, 2008. The motion was approved 7-0-1 (Jordan abstained).

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of September 22, 2008

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals – The Board acted on student transfer appeals as follows. The motion was approved 7-1 (Douglas opposed).

A. The Board approved a motion to approve a student transfer from St. Johns High to West Ashley High.

B. The Board directed the Superintendent follow-up on and approve another transfer from St. Johns High to West Ashley High if it met the transfer approval requirements.

1.2: Personnel Matter – The Board discussed a personnel matter in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.3: Appointment – Principal - Memminger – The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Anthony Dixon as principal at Memminger Elementary. The motion was approved 8-0.

1.4: Appointment – Executive Director of Information Technology – This item was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of September 8, 2008

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the Financial Minutes of September 8, 2008. The motion was approved 8-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Murray LaSaine Elementary Day of Caring – Lara Latto

Lara Latto, principal at Murray LaSaine Elementary presented information on contributions made by Day of Caring volunteers at the school on September 11, 2008.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: SCSBA Certification for Delegates for the 2008 Delegate Assembly

The Board will nominate delegates to represent the Board at the December 6, 2008 Legislative and Advocacy Conference.

Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook the nomination of Mrs. Jordan and Mr. Toler serve as delegates. Each received 7 votes. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.2: Stiles Point Elementary – Early Site Work Package

A recommendation to approve the Early Site Work Package for Stiles Point Elementary.

Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Early Site Work Package for Stiles Point Elementary. The motion was approved 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 6:25 p.m., it was motioned by Mr. Meyers seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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