

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008 with the following members of the Board present: Chairperson Hillery Douglas, Vice Chair - Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. David Engelman, Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Brian Moody arrived at 3:15 p.m. 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

Vice Chair, Nancy Cook 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. Chairman Douglas called the meeting to order and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3.0: Special Recognition for October 27, 2008

- 3.1: The Board recognized visitors, Dr. Fran Welch, Dean of the College of Charleston School of Education, Health and Human Performance, Dr. Paula Egelston, Director of the Center for Partnerships to Improve Education and the freshman seminar class.
- 3.2: The Board recognized Ms. Kristen Tufts, Community Income Manager from the American Cancer Society and volunteer Staci Bennett who acknowledged schools that participated in Relay for Life.
- 3.3: The Board recognized representatives from Office Depot who presented a rebate check to the district in the amount of \$28,281.17.
- 3.4: Dr. Paul Khrono with the South Carolina School Boards Association recognized outgoing Board members, Ms. Nancy Cook, Mr. Hillery Douglas and Mr. Brian Moody for their service. Also, Ms. Debbie Bush, President of the South Carolina School Boards Association recognized Ms. Nancy Cook for her service on the South Carolina School Board.
- 3.5: Dr. Nancy McGinley recognized outgoing CCSD Board Members Brian Moody, Nancy Cook, and Hillery Douglas. Each addressed the Board and spoke about their service on the Board.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- Offered condolences to the families and school communities of the two CCSD students (School of the Arts and St. Johns High) who passed away this weekend. She provided an update on the School Redesign Initiative. Staff has begun the process of mapping out the district according to the 12-Board approved criteria. A preliminary list of recommendations will be presented to the Board on November 24th for review.
- An exciting round of school groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings are taking place. Last week a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Stall High School and the groundbreaking ceremonies for Sanders-Clyde and Haut Gap is scheduled for this week.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

There were no visitors registered to address the Board at this meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of October 13, 2008

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Meyers approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of October 13, 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of October 27, 2008

1.1: Superintendent's Evaluation – The Board conducted the Superintendent's Evaluation using the scale approved in January 2008. The scale ranged from Does Not Meet to Substantially Exceeds Standard. The Board approved a two part motion as follows:

1. The Superintendent's Evaluation for the 2007-2008 school year established *Exceeds Standard*.
2. To extend the Superintendent's contract one year; increase the travel allowance by \$300 per month; and provide a performance bonus of \$8,000 with the performance bonus being contingent upon a district absolute rating of Average and Improvement Rating of Good for the 2007-2008 state report card.

Both parts of the motion were approved 6-3 (Engelman, Ravenel and Toler opposed).

Mr. Ravenel stated for the record that he and his colleagues agree that ratings should be based on the official State Report Card. He expressed concerns about the increased number of UNSAT schools. While he is supportive of the Superintendent's salary increase, he suggested the contract extension decision be delayed until the issuance of State Report Cards.

Mr. Douglas responded that the Superintendent should be evaluated at this time because she has worked in this position for 18 months and in two weeks new Board members will be elected who will not know enough about her to participate in the evaluation of the Superintendent.

1.2: Appointment – Chief Academic Officer – The Board approved a motion to appoint Dr. James Doug Gepford to the position of Chief Academic Officer. The motion was approved 8-1 (Engelman opposed).

1.3: Appointment – Executive Director of Information Technology - The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. John McCarron as the Executive Director of Information Technology. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.4: Budget Reallocations – The Board approved a resolution to reallocate a total of \$3,757,627.00 in funds from the 2000-2004 Capital Improvements Building Program as follows. The motion was approved 9-0.

- Project 5863 – Rivers Middle (Carryover) (-\$880,000.00)
 - Project 9999 - Contingency FCO FY08 - \$405,000.00
 - Project 5934 - Hunley Park Elementary - \$400,000.00
 - Project 5419 – West Ashley High - \$75,000.00

1.5: Student Appeal Hearing Ratification – The Board approved a motion to uphold expulsion of a student until the family has the student evaluated by a licensed mental health professional and the district is provided a written report. The student will be re-evaluated for re-admission when the report from a licensed mental professional is received. The motion was approved 9-0.

1.6: Student Transfer Appeals – The Board acted on two student transfer appeals as follows:
A. The Board approved a motion to uphold the decision of the District 2 Constituent Board thereby denying an Inter-district student transfer from Cario Middle to Moultrie Middle School.
B. The Board deferred action on a student transfer appeal from Laing Middle to Moultrie Middle.

1.7: Student Expulsion Appeal – The Board will hear the expulsion of a student expelled from West Ashley High on Monday, November 3, 2008.

1.8: Legal Briefing – The Board received a legal briefing in Executive Session. No action was taken.

1.9: Personnel Matters – The Board received information on two personnel matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of October 10, 2008

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody to approve the Financial Minutes of October 10, 2008. The motion was approved 9-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Request to consider establishing the posting of the CCSD check register on the district website.

Mr. Bobby briefed the Board on an earlier suggestion from Mr. Engelman to post the district's check register on the CCSD website. Mr. Bobby stated that while this could be done, it requires some additional work. He will forward a recommendation to move this forward.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Title I Restructuring – Burke High

Mr. Charles Benton, principal at Burke High presented information on the school's restructuring plan.

Note: Mr. Ravenel left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Therefore, he did not vote on agenda items 9.1 – 9.5.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: Board Policy Regulation –JFAB – Admission of Foreign Exchange Students

The Board received the Policy listed above as information. No action was taken.

9.2: First Reading – Board Policies – GBXXX – Sick Leave Bank and IJOC – School Volunteers

A recommendation to approve the first reading of the policies listed above.

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the first reading of Board policies GBXXX – Sick Leave Bank and IJOC – School Volunteers. The motion was approved 8-0.

9.3: Designation of Purchasing and Signature

The Board received information on designation of purchase and signature authority by the Superintendent and Chief Procurement Officer per CCSD Procurement Code.

9.4: North Charleston High School – Project #5655 – Approval of Commissioning Services

A recommendation to approve the contract for HVAC Commissioning Services at North Charleston High School. The funding source is 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program budget. The total amount of the contract is \$141,652.00

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to award the contract for HVAC Commissioning Services for the North Charleston High School – Addition and Renovation project to Commissioning & Green Building Solutions, Inc. (CxGBS). The motion was approved 8-0.

9.5: Recommendation for Renaming of Murray Hill Academy

A recommendation to rename the Murray Hill Academy after Rev. Daniel J. Jenkins, at no cost to the district.

Ms. Cook motioned, seconded by Mr. Moody approval of the recommendation to rename the Murray Hill Academy the “Daniel J. Jenkins Academy”. The motion was approved 7-1 (Toler opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:00 p.m., Mr. Moody motioned, seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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