

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, September 28, 2009 with the following members of the Board present: Chair - Mrs. Toya Hampton-Green, Vice Chair - Mr. Gregg Meyers, Mr. Chris Collins, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Ruth Jordan, Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Arthur Ravenel, Mr. Ray Toler and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mrs. Ann Oplinger was absent. 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.

Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda items listed below. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session Agenda Items

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeal
- 1.2: Personnel Matter
- 1.3: Legal Briefing

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Green 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: ESOL Teachers - The Board recognized thirty-seven teachers for outstanding services in the area of English as a Second Language (ESOL).

3.2: 2009 Yes Carolina SC Entrepreneurial Teacher of the Year – The Board recognized Ms. Misty Palotta for being the 2009 Yes Carolina S.C. Entrepreneurial Teacher of the Year.

3.3: Community Events Coordinator for Select Health – The Board recognized Ms. Izetta Gourdine, Community Events Coordinator for Select Health, for donation of school supplies to CCSD students.

3.4: 2009 Yes Carolina SC Entrepreneurial Teacher of the Year – The Board recognized vendors and staff who worked to complete work projects during the summer.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.1: Superintendent's Report

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- Since the September 21st Board Workshop, the school zone concept was presented to the mayors and others for input.
- A series of Town Hall meetings will begin Tuesday, September 29th. The intent is to be proactive in sharing budget plans and information on Literacy. Principals will also attend these meetings to share information on their schools.
- At a surprise ceremony earlier today, Mrs. Lucy Beckham was recognized as the National 2010 Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary Principals. Mrs. Beckham will be recognized by the Board of Trustees at a future meeting. In closing, Dr. McGinley said she is honored to work with Mrs. Beckham.

V. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5.1: Visitors, Public Communications

1. Mr. Robert Fludd, President of the Liberty Hill Improvement Council, thanked the Board for supporting the recommendation to name the Academic Magnet High School and CCSD School of the Arts Campus the Bonds Wilson Campus.

NOTE: Mr. Ravenel left the meeting early, therefore, he did not vote on Open Session agenda items.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM

6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of September 14, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of September 14, 2009. Mrs. Kandrak requested the following revisions—on page 6-1-2 correction of the misspelled word enrollment and on page 6.1-4 she received one letter from the Board chair instead of two mentioned in the minutes. The amended motion was approved 7-0.

6.2: Motions of Executive Session of September 28, 2009

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on September 28, 2009:

- 1.1: Student Transfer Appeal** – The board approved the student transfer appeal, pending availability of space. The motion was approved 7-0.
- 1.2: Personnel Matter** – This item was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.
- 1.3: Legal Briefing** - The Board received a legal briefing in Executive Session. No action was taken.

6.3: Financial Minutes of September 14, 2009

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the financial minutes of September 14, 2009. The motion was approved 7-0.

VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT

7.1: Capital Projects Report – June 2009

Mr. Bobby, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the Capital Projects Report pointing out that the cash flow continues to rise.

7.2: Energy Conservation and Incentive Program

Mr. Bobby, Chief Financial Officer said the Board approved a two-year test for utility rebates. If the school has a free balance at the end of the year, the school receives 20% of that balance for their use. This past year, there were 33 schools that were under budget. Those schools will receive, collectively, \$47,113.00. The highest rebate is \$7,782 and the lowest is \$21. He hopes the outcome of the energy conservation and incentive program will be greater this school year.

7.3: Annual Report of Small, Women and Minority Owned Business Enterprise (SWMBE) Activity

Mr. Bobby, Chief Financial Officer said there is significant improvement with the use of Small, Women and Minority Owned Business Enterprise (SWMBE) and the district will work to reach its goal of 10%. In response to a question from Mrs. Kandrak about posting invoices over \$100, Mr. Bobby stated that the district is waiting for a directive from the State Budget and Control Office.

VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE

8.1: Redesign Update – Mrs. Audrey Lane, Deputy for Organizational Advancement, provided a Redesign Update. The next steps are outlined below:

- On-going analysis of students impacted by school Redesign regarding their individual student achievement (Data Central);
- Ensure the remaining facility improvements are completed in a timely manner;
- Continue to work with the Office of Civil Rights to provide timely, accurate, and concise information for their investigation.

Chairperson Green requested the next report includes a category with information on students impacted due to School Redesign.

IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1: SCSBA Certification of Delegates for the 2009 Assembly – *The Board will identify votes for certified voting delegates for the 2009 Delegate Assembly.*

Mr. Fraser motioned the votes be divided between the two delegates (Mrs. Jordan and Mr. Toler) giving each seven votes. However, Mrs. Jordan motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins that the 14 votes be delegated to Mr. Toler since she (Mrs. Jordan) serves on the state board and may not be available at the time of voting. Therefore, she will serve as an alternate. The motion was approved 7-0.

9.2: Second Reading Board Policies - GCCAF – Professional Staff Personal Business Leave and GDCE – Classified Staff Personal Business Leave - *A recommendation to approve the second reading of Board Policies listed above.* Mr. Meyers motioned approval of the Policy Committee’s recommendation of the second reading for Board Policies listed above. The motion was approved 6-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.3: First Reading – Board Policies - GCQFA – Suspension Without Pay of Professional Staff, GDQDA – Suspension Without Pay of Classified Staff, GCOA – Teacher Evaluation, GCKAA – Voluntary Teacher Transfers and ILD - Educational Surveys and Research
– *A recommendation to approve the first reading of Board Policies listed above.* – Mr. Meyers motioned, approval of the Policy Committee’s recommendation of the first reading of Board Policies listed above. The motion was approved 6-1 (Kandrac opposed).

9.4: Naming the Academic Magnet High School and the CCSD School of the Arts Campus – *A recommendation to approve the naming of the Academic Magnet High School and the CCSD School of the Arts campus the “Bonds-Wilson Campus” as required by Board Policy FF.* –Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Toler approval of the recommendation to name the Academic Magnet High School and CCSD School of the Arts campus the “Bonds Wilson Campus”, at no cost to the district. The motion was approved 7-0.

9.5: Facility Use Agreement: Woodland Hall Building – Unity Baptist Church –*A recommendation to approve a facilities use agreement allowing Unity Baptist Church to use the Woodland building to operate a community day care center.* – Mrs. Jordan motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the procurement of recommendation allowing Unity Baptist Church to use the Woodland Hall Building to operate a community day care center. The motion was approved 7-0.

Note: Mr. Collins left the room at 6:50 p.m. Therefore, he did not vote on agenda items 9.6 – 9.8.

9.6: Agreement for Services and Payment Approval – St. James Foundation. – *A recommendation to approve funds from Unallocated Fund Balance to make a payment to the St. James Foundation.* Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the recommendation for payment to St. James Foundation in the amount of \$125,982.22. The funding source is Unallocated Fund Balance. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.7: Home School Application – *A recommendation to approve a home school application.* Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of a home school application. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.8: 2010 Proposed Audit – *A recommendation to approve the 2010 Proposed Audit Plan.* Mr. Meyers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jordan approval of the 2010 Proposed Audit Plan, at no additional cost to the district. The motion was approved 6-0.

9.9: North Charleston High School Student Arrests Update – Collins, Fraser, Jordan and Kandrac - *The Board will receive an update on the NCHS student Arrests.* Mr. Chris Collins led the Board in a discussion about North Charleston High School Student Arrests. No action was taken.

Office of Student Placement staff members, Dr. Bob Stevens and Mrs. Emily Findley responded to questions from staff regarding the information contained on the spreadsheet regarding NCHS students who were arrested on September 2, 2009. Mr. Collins suggested a policy was needed to allow CCSD to maintain authority at all

times and do as much as possible to avoid student arrests. Mrs. Jordan said different jurisdictions handle similar situations differently. She requested there be some fairness in the process.

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