

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, January 11, 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 Kandrak, Mrs. Ann Oplinger, Mr. Arthur Ravenel and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools and Executive Secretary. Mr. Gregg Meyers was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Doug Gepford, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, 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. Toler 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: Legal Matters
- 1.2: Student Expulsion Appeals
- 1.3: Award of District-wide Visitor Management System
- 1.4: Yamaha Grand Pianos for School of the Arts
- 1.5: AE Selection Recommendations for RFQ-09-CCSD-R-0001

## **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 and led the group in a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

### **3.1: Behind the Scenes Awards**

A. The Board recognized Mrs. Joyce NeSmith, Director of *Beyond Our Walls* and Town of Mt. Pleasant Administrator Mr. Mac Burdette for receiving “Behind the Scenes Hero” awards.

## **IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

### **4.1: Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- North Charleston High School and School of the Arts both have amazing new buildings. North Charleston High underwent a \$30 million renovation with college-like features that will engage and motivate students. Everyone who helped to get these schools ready for business—teachers, administrators, Food Services employees, IT employees, Facility Services employees, and volunteers were thanked. She also thanked Connie Dopierola who assembled a team of Media Services Coordinators volunteers to help put the media center at North Charleston High together.
- Dr. McGinley thanked for its leadership and support for the capital plan that has made the openings of new and renovated schools. Over the last five years, the plan has transformed the county.
- Sanders Clyde Elementary and Haut Gap Middle schools will open on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> following the President’s Day weekend. This will provide time for new furniture and computer equipment to be installed, and teachers will be able to set up their classrooms the week before. Both schools are now in the final stages of construction and will go through a series of regulatory inspections. The opening celebration will be announced in the near future.
- The District is on track with plans to convert Midland Park Elementary into a primary school next year by moving the upper elementary grades to the Birney campus. As discussed previously with the Board, this will alleviate crowding and strengthen Midland Park’s focus on teaching and learning in the early grades. The faculty was briefed last week and a parent meeting is scheduled this week at Midland Park to walk parents through the plan.
- Two teachers were recently honored for their excellence in the classroom. Today, Ms. Karla Swain, a Special Education Resource teacher at Mt. Zion Elementary won the “Teacher of the Month” award.

Last week Ms. Mary Beth Meggett was one of only two educators statewide honored by President Obama at the White House for the Presidential Award for *Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*.

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

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

1. Mr. Robert New, Mrs. Ann Cheek, Mr. Jim Fisher, Mrs. Sally Newell, Mr. Corey Webb, Ms. Suzanne Reid, Mr. Bill Smyth, Ms. Chaney Long, Mrs. Ann Birdseye, Mr. Alan Hopkins, Mr. John Cusatis, Ms. Rene Bufo Miles, Ms. Robbin Mosier, and Mr. Karl Clark addressed the Board in support of naming the School of the Arts Theatre in honor of Mrs. Rose Maree Meyers.

## **XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

### **6.1: Open and Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2009**

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac approval of the Open and Executive Session minutes of December 14, 2009. The motion was approved 8-0.

### **6.2: Motions of Executive Session of January 11, 2010**

The Board approved the following motions that were made in Executive Session on **January 11, 2010**:

**1.1: Legal Matters** – The Board discussed Legal Matters in Executive Session. No action was taken.

**1.2: Student Expulsion Appeals** – The Board acted on two student expulsion appeals as follows:

1. The Board approved the committee's recommendation for a **Clark Academy** student by
  - o Overturning the District 10 Constituent Board's November 2009 expulsion;
  - o Placing and referring the student to the new Summit II Program for credit recovery for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year; and
  - o After successful completion of the Summit II Program, the Office of Student Placement will make a placement recommendation for student for the 2010-2011 school year.The motion was approved 8-0.

2. The Board approved the committee's recommendation for a **C.E. Williams Middle** student
  - o Overturning the District 10 Constituent Board's November 2009 expulsion;
  - o Assigning the student to St. Andrews Middle or West Ashley Middle;
  - o Placing the student on Office of Student Placement probation; and
  - o Counseling will also be provided for student by the Office of Student Placement.The motion was approved 8-0.

**1.3: Award of District-wide Visitor Management System** – The Board approved the recommendation to award District-wide Visitor Management System (B9026) to Raptor Technologies, Inc. The funding source is Fixed Cost of Ownership funds. The initial year cost including equipment is \$147,420. Potential contract cost over the maximum term (5 years) is \$138,240. The motion was approved 8-0.

**1.4: Yamaha Grand Pianos for School of the Arts**– The Board approved a recommendation to procure Yamaha Music Equipment for School of the Arts Education Program from Yamaha Source Sole procurement. The funds to procure this equipment are contained in the budget approved for School of the Arts. The total cost for this project is \$95,000. The motion was approved 8-0

**1.5: AE Selection Recommendations for RFQ-09-CCSD-R-0001** – The Board approved 1) the recommended selection of the following firms to design projects to be funded from the Qualified School Construction Bonds and 2) Authorizing the Superintendent to have staff move forward with the negotiation of a design contract for each of these groups. The motion was approved 8-0.

<b>Architectural Firm</b>	<b>School</b>
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McKellar & Associates	Baptist Hill High School
Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects	North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary
John Ciccarella Architects	Clark Academy
SGA Architects	Stall High and Birney Middle
TI Group	Midland Park ES

**6.3: Financial Minutes of December 14, 2009**

Mr. Toler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Kandrac approval of the financial minutes of December 14, 2009. The motion was approved 8-0.

**VII: MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**7.1: Capital Projects Report – October 2009**

The Board received the Capital Projects Report of October 2009 as information.

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer, for the District said the report reflects updated budgets by both Construction Management Firms. The construction program is fully underway. In the month of October, the District’s expenditures amounted to \$17.3 million. He also said that the report reflects up to \$25 million which was set aside for the Rivers campus as requested earlier by the Board.

**7.2: Charter School General Operating Funding Formula**

Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer for the District, presented information on the General Operating Funding Formula for Charter Schools. He explained step-by-step how the three-part formula is calculated. He also announced that Charter Schools will receive a reduced amount this year since charter school funding is based on previous school year amounts. Mr. Bobby said if all schools were funded as charter schools, the amount would exceed what the District gets from the state.

**VIII: CHARLESTON ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE UPDATE**

**8.1: Future Vision for CCSD Zone Concept**

Dr. Nancy McGinley presented information on the Future Vision for CCSD Zone Concept as follows:

- *On October 26, 2009, the Zone Concept was presented to the Board illustrating a plan to strategically address the District’s core values of Results—Access—Partnerships. Recognizing the logistical challenges in the District, the Zone Concept offers more choices. The third phase of the capital improvement plan, the neighborhood planning team process which produced “partial magnet” thematic schools and the state requirements for career academies under E.E.D.A. all support the vision plan to offer a “portfolio” of school options within each of the four geographic quadrants within the county. The four geographic quadrants are the North Zone (District 4), the Southwest Zone (Districts 3, 9, and 23), the East Zone (Districts 1 and 2), and the Central Zone (Districts 10 and 20). A series of Town Hall meetings were held over a two-month period. The vision concept was presented to Mayors and members of the Chamber of Commerce for feedback. The input was favorable. Dr. McGinley recommended the Future Vision be approved with transportation within zones and not outside of zones. The zone concept does not eliminate previously established magnets and does not change role of Constituent Boards or Associate Superintendents. However, it provides higher quality education.*

Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of agenda item 9.6 - **Future Vision of CCSD – Geographic Zone Concepts**. The motion was approved 8-0.

**IX. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.1: Approval of Applications for Innovative Approach Pilot Programs – A recommendation to approve applications for Innovative Approach Pilot Program.** Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation to approve Innovative Approach/Pilot Program Applications for Maritime Studies at West Ashley High. The motion was approved 8-0.

**9.2: Funding for Invitation for Bid #B1010 for APC Smart UPS Equipment and Accessories – A recommendation to approve the funding for Invitation for Bid #B1020 for APC Smart UPS Equipment and Accessories.** The funding source is 2005-2009 Building Program Funds not to exceed \$200,000 and FY2009-10 General Operating Funds (approximately \$120,000). Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval

of the recommendation to approve the funding for Invitation for Bid #B1020 for APC Smart UPS Equipment and Accessories. The motion was approved 8-0.

**9.3: Agreement for Services** – *A recommendation to approve the agreement to acquire the services of Communities in Schools (CIS) for Jane Edwards Elementary School.*

Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of agreement to acquire the services of Communities in Schools (CIS) for Jane Edwards Elementary School. The cost is \$60,914.02. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The motion was approved 7-1 (Kandrac opposed).

Note: Mrs. Kandrac expressed concerns about the services provided by Cities in Schools. Also, Dr. Gepford provided an update after the Board meeting indicating that the funding source is Title I Funds; not General Operating Funds.

**9.4: Internal Control Documentation Project** – The Board received information on the status of the Internal Control Documentation Project. No action was taken.

**9.5: Midland Park Elementary** – *A recommendation to approve 1) Midland Park Elementary School to become two schools starting in SY2010/11, due to the rapid growth in enrollment and the limited capacity of the current school campus and 2) Repurposing Midland Park Elementary campus as Midland Park Primary School and serve grades (CD-2) and repurpose the current Alice Birney Middle facility as Midland Park Elementary School to serve grades (3-5). The funding source is expenditure of Qualified School Construction Bond Funds for the design and construction. Long term options for the CD-2 program at Midland Park will be a part of the 2010-2015 building program since the current campus was not designed as a primary school.* Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mr. Fraser approval of the recommendation shown above. The motion was approved 8-0

**9.6: Future Vision of CCSD – Geographic Zone Concepts** – *A recommendation to approve the future vision of CCSD and geographic zone concepts. The future budget impact identified are new construction/renovations funded by future capital budget, new partial magnets would be presented to the board annually for approval, and transportation costs will be determined as inter-school exchange programs are opened up or expanded.*

Note: The following action was taken after discussion of agenda item **8.1 Future Vision of CCSD – Geographic Zone Concepts** – Presentation. Mrs. Oplinger motioned, seconded by Mrs. Green approval of the Future Vision of CCSD – Geographic Concepts proposal shown above. The motion was approved 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fraser motioned, seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by consensus.

Approved:

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