

I. OPEN SESSION
4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2012, in the Board Room at 75 Calhoun Street with the following members of the Board present: Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats – Chair, Mr. Craig Ascue - Vice Chair, Mr. John Barter, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mr. Michael Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Staff members Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, and Mrs. Erica Taylor were also in attendance.

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

1.1: Oath of Office

Judge Thomas Morrison, City of Charleston Magistrate, administered the Oath of Office (below) to Mr. John Barter, Mr. Tom Ducker, and Mr. Michael Miller.

Oath of Office:

"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I AM DULY QUALIFIED, ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, TO EXERCISE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN ELECTED (OR APPOINTED) AND THAT I WILL, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES THEREOF AND PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE AND OF THE UNITED STATES, SO HELP ME GOD".
(S.C. Constitution, Article III, Section 26).

1.2: Election of Officers

Mrs. Coats called for the Election of Officers—chair followed by vice chair required by Board Policy BD, Organization of School Board.

- Mrs. Moffly nominated Rev. Collins for the position of Board Chair. The vote failed 2-7 (Collins and Moffly supported the motion).
- Mr. Fraser nominated Mrs. Coats for the position of Board Chair. The motion was approved 7-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed).
- Rev. Collins nominated Mrs. Moffly for the position of Vice Chair. The vote failed 3-6 (Collins, Ducker and Moffly supported the motion).
- Mr. Fraser nominated Mr. Ascue for the position of Vice Chair. The motion was approved 8-1 (Collins opposed).

Mrs. Coats shared a message she sent the board prior to the meeting that said the board did not comply with Board Policy BDE which requires the delivery of board agendas on Wednesdays with all attached materials. Then she shared options for consideration:

- not discuss any agenda items that have materials attached or
- suspend the board's policy and move forward with the agenda with a 2/3rd majority vote.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to suspend Board Policy BDE and move forward with agenda. The vote was 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:05p.m., Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to go in Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The vote was unanimous.

2.1: Workers' Compensation Settlement – Ms. Dana Enck – Director of Risk, Safety and Environmental Management

2.2: Principal Appointment – St. James Santee Elementary

2.3: Personnel Update

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED
5:15 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:15pm with the same members present. Then Mrs. Coats

directed Mrs. Stoney to distribute information to new board members that she and Mr. Ascue felt would be helpful to new board members.

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, Adoption of the November 12, 2012 agenda. The motion was approved 9-0.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – Ms. Clara Heinsohn – Director of Public Affairs & Volunteers

5.1: A. State Farm Celebrate My Drive Campaign – Mrs. Michelle English-Watson, Director of Federal Programs

State Farm Insurance-Agent Mrs. Mary Joseph and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. LETC-Ms. Sharon Wigfall & Mrs. Cheryl Williams will present checks to high schools for their participation in State Farm's Celebrate My Drive Campaign:

- West Ashley HS Principal - Mary Runyon - \$2,500 Grant
- Baptist Hill HS Principal - Kala Goodwin - \$2,500 Grant
- Stall HS Principal - Kim Wilson - \$2,500 Grant

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGinley shared the following:

- The Delta Sigma Sorority and State Farm Insurance Company were thanked for generous support to CCSD students.
- Veteran's Day was observed today all across the district. Hundreds of students and teachers honored Veterans through school based activities, events, and lessons.
- Last week Dr. McGinley made a presentation to the Southeastern Council of Foundations. She focused on partnerships such as Charleston Promise Neighborhood, Book Buddies, Overcoming Obstacles, and MUSC's Boeing Center for Children's Wellness will be presented later during the meeting. She highlighted the importance of partnerships and how they extend the impact of public dollars and rally support for students and employees.
- Outgoing board members Mrs. Elizabeth Kandrac, Mr. Brian Thomas, and Mrs. Ann Oplinger were thanked for their contributions to the district and the community.
- Rev. Chris Collins and Mr. Chris Fraser were congratulated for winning their re-election bids for the Board.
- New Board members, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. John Barter, and Mr. Todd Garrett were welcomed.
- Dr. McGinley said she look forward to working with the new board to advance Vision 2016 and chart a course for continued progress.
- Matilda Dunston Primary School recently won the "Distinguished Title I School Award" for progress they have made. Dunston's Principal Janice Malone and teachers will be recognized at a future board meeting.
- The state of South Carolina will officially release the 2012 report card results tomorrow morning. Based on simulations, the district predicts continued progress again this year. Report Card information will be shared at the next board meeting. Schools that have made notable improvements will be named. Dr. McGinley predicted that the number of "At Risk" schools would be in the single digits for the first time ever. She went on to say that five years ago, the district had 23 "At Risk" schools. Also, an increased number of schools are now in the "Good/Excellent" range.
- Dr. McGinley extended an invitation to everyone to attend the press conference at 10:30am on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at Dunston Elementary School in North Charleston for releasing of the district's test scores.

VII. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sara Baker, a eighth grade student at Charleston Charter School for Math and Science addressed the board about the charter school facility.
2. Chaz Gries, a seventh grade student at Charleston Charter School for Math and Science expressed shared concerns about the division of charter school students when the Rivers

facility opens in December.

3. Mr. Arne McClure, the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science facilities chair, shared a resolution they approved last week regarding a permanent facility for the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science. Then he requested CCSD develop and provide permanent facilities for the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science for the 2012-13 school year.
4. Mr. Mike Campbell addressed the board regarding Vision 2016. Mr. Campbell who served as a facilitator for the Vision 2016 community meetings provided a summary of the Vision 2016 Community Involvement process. He also mentioned the 16-page power point that was developed from the 50 pages of input received from the community. He encouraged the board to continue soliciting community involvement.
5. Mr. Park Dougherty addressed the board about diversity at the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science. In his capacity as chairman of the committee that founded the school for three years, he said, there was no intention to do anything other than build a diverse school and concerns about diversity at Charleston Charter School for Math and Science were misplaced. Mr. Dougherty said he understood the history of Charleston and segregation witnessed for 300+ years and recognize that it is a huge problem. However, he said the 300 page charter contract that was approved by the board requires diversity at the charter school. Mr. Dougherty said it wasn't necessary to reserve forty percent of the Rivers building for another program for diversity purposes.
6. Rev. Alma Dungee addressed the board about Charleston Charter School for Math and Science Mrs. Dungee said she represents all and "what applies to one, applies to all."

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

8.1: Open Session Minutes of October 22, 2012

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 22, 2012 with corrections Mr. Fraser identified earlier to Mrs. Stoney regarding the location of the Sullivan's Island agenda item. The motion was approved. The vote was 9-0.

8.2: Motions of Executive Session of November 12, 2012

The Board voted on Executive Session motions of November 12, 2012 which follows:

2.1: Workers' Compensation Settlement – Ms. Dana Enck – Director of Risk, Safety and Environmental Management

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the Workers' Compensation Settlement. The vote was 9-0.

2.2: Principal Appointment – St. James Santee Elementary

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of a recommendation appointing Mr. Joe Sampson to the position of Principal at St. James Santee Elementary. The vote was 9-0.

2.3: Personnel Update

The Board received a Personnel Update in Executive Session. No actions were taken.

8.3: A. Financial Minutes of October 22, 2012

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the Financial Minutes of October 22, 2012. The vote was 9-0.

IX. CAE UPDATE

9.1: Wellness Initiative – Dr. Janice Key – Pediatrician MUSC

The Board received a presentation proposed of a Wellness Initiative for Vision 2016.

- The Boeing Plant funds this initiative. South Carolina is the 8th fattest state in the country. The focus of the wellness initiative is on obesity.
- The Superintendent recommended a Well Being initiative for both staff and students. Physical Wellness in CCSD is a well thought out world class Physical Education plan.
- The district has partnerships with many groups to address social and emotional well-being of students and staff. A wellness culture has been established in the district to include participation in:
 - Tennis
 - Swimming
 - Bridge Run
 - Garden at Mitchell Elementary that has expanded to an acre field and are GAP

- certified
 - o Climbing walls at Mitchell, Stall and N. Charleston HS
 - o Mother and Daughters basketball games, etc.
- The 79 doctors that are members of the Medical Society are all involved in the “Docs Adopt” program and have adopted schools across the district.
- Mr. Spurlock shared details about the wellness initiatives across the district.
- Mr. Spurlock extended an invitation to everyone to join him in running over the Ravenal Bridge on Saturday mornings. He said the health of students must be a priority.
- Mrs. Key shared the Vision 2016 Wellness Mission statement which follows:

“CCSD is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children’s health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Our mission is to promote wellness in all schools and for all students and employees in the district.”

Then she shared three objectives which were identified for 2013 and ones for 2016.

1. Increase number of schools with active wellness programs (including wellness committee, Docs-Adopt, and healthy policy/environmental changes) from 65% to 100%.
2. Increase the number of exemplary district wellness policies from 44% to 80%.
3. Increase the number of students evaluated for individual fitness (FitnessGram) among 5th, 8th, and high school students (once during high school) from 46% to 100%.

Mr. Barter said it’s a wonderful program. Then he asked about measuring progress and the possibility of advancing goals to get students to 100% before 2016. He also asked about measuring health of students. Dr. Key said the percentages were aligned with the Vision 2016 Goals. However, it was okay if the goals were reached earlier. Also, she said over 1,000 students were measured with the FitnessGram last year.

Mr. Ducker asked about measuring students with the FitnessGram. Dr. Key said it is in the state’s fitness act and other measurements are the BMI (height and weight expected for that age), Aerobic, Flexibility, and Strength. These measurements are used to put students into a level of green, yellow, or red. The stats are being identified at this time.

Mr. Dave Spurlock said that students that scored the lowest on the Fitness Gram also scored the lowest on test scores and those that scored the highest FitnessGram scored the highest on test scores.

Mr. Miller spoke about the fitness program at high schools in North Charleston. Also, he said extracurricular activities and PE were eliminated at most schools because of budget cuts. He asked if a physical and wellness plan could be developed to align with Vision 2016. Dr. Key said the committee could develop a more detailed plan. Mr. Spurlock said the exemplary standards would require minutes in Physical Activity and Physical Education.

Mr. Fraser said he heard the need for the board to adopt with no financial burden even though it is listed as an information item. Then, Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to adopt the proposed wellness initiative.

Rev. Collins requested additional details about how to reach goals. Even if the board adopted the initiative now, more details would still be needed. He said middle school level students do not have a lunch period. He asked how students could become active and participate. Dr. Key said the beauty is its not one selected program. Every school could decide how they would address the wellness initiative. Teachers could pull up exercise on a SmartBoard and pause to do it for three minutes a day. She said each school would decide what they would do to meet state goals. Jane Edwards have students run around school two times daily. That is

cost free. Options are provided for schools and a Wellness checklist is used to identify which schools get \$1,000 toward their Wellness Program.

Mr. Barter asked how staff would increase participation. Mr. Spurlock spoke of the District Wellness Team efforts to share information on best practices with others. Some schools are more invested than others. Mr. Ascue said he liked the school garden program idea and would like to see it expanded to all schools. Mr. Spurlock said the USDA is involved with the garden initiative and students are learning Math and Science while working in the field.

Mrs. Moffly said it was distressing to learn that students won't outlive their parents. She asked what has happened to the culture in the school environment that has created this problem. Mrs. Moffly said the culture must be changed with education mentioning the pressure on students to do better. Also, she agreed with Rev. Collins on the importance of recess. She inquired about the Board workshop to address school bus schedule and school start time. Then she spoke about research on sleep deprivation contributing to obesity. Mrs. Moffly said students spending more time at school and having more work to do after school interferes with student participation in extracurricular activities. It's a larger problem and food is a major contributor because of the antibiotics and steroids in chicken, beef and milk. She suggested the district change the menu used to eliminate steroids fed to students. Dr. Key agreed with Mrs. Moffly that the problem is big, adding that it is why they offered to partner with the district. She said while it seems overwhelming, the solution is to start addressing the issue.

Dr. McGinley thanked Dr. Key for her leadership. Also, she said Mr. Spurlock and Dr. Key have done a phenomenal job in making sure the district addressed the Wellness issue. She mentioned things the district would do to upgrade its lunch menu to promote wellness. She asked the board to support the Wellness Initiative that would promote wellness of students and staff.

Mr. Barter said this was an important topic. He thanked Dr. Key and Mr. Spurlock for their presentation suggesting a future presentation to help the board identify goals to address the initiative and better address progress.

Mr. Garrett called for the vote on the motion to approve the Wellness Initiative. However, Rev. Collins said since it was posted as a presentation, the item should come be placed on a future board agenda. The Board agreed to add it to the next agenda under new business. Mrs. Coats said she supported it especially since it didn't cost the district anything.

X. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

XI. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

11.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats

11.2: Policy Committee – Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly

A. Second Reading – Policy GBEBDA – Cell Phone Acceptable Use

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the Second Reading of Board Policy GBEBDA – Cell Phone Acceptable Use. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Fraser asked if it had been more than 30 days between the first and second readings. Mr. Emerson said it was okay since it has been less than 60 days.

XII. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

12.1: Expansion of Enrollment at Buist Academy – Mrs. Terri Nichols, Associate Superintendent - Elementary Learning Community - **Pulled**

This item was pulled from the agenda. Therefore, no action was taken.

12.2: Charleston Progressive Academy – Building Package – Mr. William Lewis, Chief Operation Officer for Capital Programs

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation authorizing staff

to negotiate a Change Order with M. B. Kahn Construction Company for Charleston Progressive Academy, not to exceed \$650,000.00. The vote was 7-2 (Coats and Moffly opposed).

Mr. Lewis distributed information to the board regarding Charleston Progressive Academy. He said this is one of the five seismic schools and the City advised staff to restore a portion of the original campus. The changes initially proposed by the district were based on a conversation the City had with the community. The City changed to a single building. While staff reserved funds, when it went to bid, it came in higher by \$1.6 million. Reserved funds are available. However the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) rejected the waiver proposed by CCSD staff. Mr. Lewis shared three options. 1) stop the project and go to court which would require a lot of time and legal fees. But this option would not allow the district to complete the project on time. 2) The second option is to stop the project and try to redesign the project which would require a lot of extra time to get it done on time. 3) Recognize that there are a number of governing bodies that predict things downtown and the BAR is autonomous, even through the district had strong support. Mr. Lewis shared the cost to price out. Then he said the project has been impacted due to the set-back, therefore not opening the school in August, but 45 days later. He has exhausted everything for value engineering.

The former Board setup a process for program contingency in each wave. There is \$4 1/2 million left in program contingency which must be approved by the board. He recommended board approval to continue the project. The building on Meeting Street will have a positive impact on the downtown area.

Mrs. Moffly said the board would like to see more architectural renderings and know status of building programs under construction. Another issue she mentioned is low enrollment (past and present) and decreased school enrollment downtown. Mrs. Moffly suggested the board consider reducing construction downtown and consider rezoning. She said based on the most recent census, there may not be enough students to warrant three schools downtown.

Dr. McGinley responded to an earlier comment from Mrs. Moffly about the student enrollment at Charleston Progressive Academy indicating that it draws students from all over. The enrollment dropped because of the new location of the swing space. Also, she said information on school construction projects are on the district's website under Capital Program.

Mr. Miller asked if the new structure allowed community visibility into the school. Mr. Lewis confirmed.

Mr. Fraser asked Mr. Lewis to confirm information about the building waves and the individual contingency funds to cover additional cost and Mr. Ducker asked about the sign on cost. Mr. Lewis said \$4.3. The additional is \$650,000. Mr. Miller asked if the Board of Review was kept in the loop or was it an oversight. Mr. Lewis the BAR was kept in the loop.

Mr. Barter asked Mr. Lewis to share additional details on front area of the school. After Mr. Lewis provided details, he said the building would include those areas regardless to size of school.

12.3: Health Advisory Committee – Teacher

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of appointing Mr. Scott Becker to the Health Advisory Committee. The vote was 9-0.

Mrs. Coats shared background information for new members and said when the original group was recommended by Mrs. Moffly it was determined that others on list would fill vacancies. The person recommended is the only individual on the list that is a teacher. She spoke with person and he was a part time teacher last year but has credentials. Another concern is residency.

Mr. Fraser said he thought guidelines said would be a teacher had to teach in CCSD. Mrs. Moffly said no specifics, other than must be a Charleston County resident.

Mr. Miller asked about advertisement. Mrs. Coats shared details mentioning that Mrs. Portia Stoney placed an ad in the paper and maintains information received.

Mr. Ascue asked if board should revisit applicant pool if there were other vacancies so they'd be more applicants to choose from.

12:4 National School Board Association asking local Boards to Pass Sequestration Resolution

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of sending the Sequestration Resolution to the State Congressional Delegation, with the Board Chair signature. The motion was approved 8-1 (Mrs. Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Coats said a potential letter has been written. She asked the board if they wanted to amend or approve it.

Mr. Fraser explained that unless there is congressional action in Washington, there would cause a huge issue with the budget. He added that it's the cliff that has been mentioned on the local and world news.

Mrs. Moffly said the district did not have membership with the National School Boards Association. However, the district is a member of the South Carolina School Boards Association, a lobbyist group, and she did not favor of paying them \$28,000 annually for membership.

Mrs. Moffly moved to not approve the motion. However, there was not a second.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Coats mentioned two student expulsion appeal hearings asking Board members to send a list of potential dates.
2. Mr. Ducker shared the following.

"I propose that the board approve a public workshop to discuss the controversy surrounding the placement of the Low country Technical (LCT) Program at the Rivers Campus. I also propose that the workshop be conducted in the CCSD Board Room on Wednesday, November 28th beginning at 1:00PM. I further propose that we invite as participants, key community leaders that are proponents and opponents of locating the LCT at the Rivers Campus. I will provide a list of suggested invitees for the board's consideration not later than Thursday, November 15th. The list will include administrators from Burke and the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science (CCSMS) as observers. Finally, I propose that the Superintendent, as a matter of reference for the discussion, provide the board and the attendees a verbal and written history of the project, its current status and participate in the discussion".

However, after discussion outlined below, it was determined that this topic would be discussed at the Board workshop on November 28th.

- Mr. Ascue requested a board workshop be scheduled to discuss 2-3 items instead of just one. I.e., Transfer Policies, District 2 Rezoning, Student Transfer Policies, etc.
- Rev. Collins said the Lowcountry Tech Academy project went back a lot further than Mr. Ducker was aware of. Also, he said he wasn't sure why Mr. Ducker would want to overturn the previous board's decision and it would take the majority to overturn the decision.
- Mr. Garrett said it does merit further consideration.
- Mr. Fraser said it would be helpful for new Board members to discuss LCTA.

- Mr. Barter said public input is helpful. However, he preferred receiving information at a workshop. Also, Mr. Barter requested a tour of Rivers and Burke facilities prior to the Board Workshop on Nov. 28th. Mrs. Coats asked Dr. McGinley to discuss with staff and determine if possible for staff to do an update on November 28th.
 - Mr. Fraser said one thing to consider is that all workshops are open to the public. If Mr. Ducker is asking to have individuals to provide input. That would be different from a workshop. Mr. Ducker said he wanted CCSMS folks to participate.
 - Mrs. Coats suggested a public meeting instead of a workshop.
 - Rev. Collins said he wanted the Ministerial Alliance to be invited since they have been stakeholders from start. He said new board members would be asked to think about a lot of issues. However, the new members should look at history of projects.
 - Mr. Barter said he was unclear about Mr. Ducker's proposal. Mr. Ducker said he wanted key stakeholders to at the table.
 - Mr. Miller asked if he meant in the form of a forum. Mr. Ducker said only key stakeholders and he would provide list.
 - Rev. Collins said he didn't want to delay or halt the LCTA project.
 - Mrs. Moffly said there is nothing to keep new board from changing the plans of the previous board.
 - Mrs. Coats suggested that with clear knowledge, and board members would have all information on project.
 - Dr. McGinley said the train has left the station for Lowcountry Tech Academy Program. Then she said the school has been designed and staff acted on the earlier directive from the board.
 - Mr. Barter asked staff to arrange a tour of facilities prior to workshop
3. Mr. Ascue suggested identifying a workshop time to discuss the Montessori program at Hursey and District 2 rezoning. Mrs. Moffly said the Constituent Board had authority for rezoning. Mrs. Coats said a community meeting was scheduled soon. She asked if board should wait to discuss after the neighborhood decision is received.
 4. Rev. Collins asked that course of Hursey be placed on the next agenda. Mrs. Coats said it would as information only.
 4. Mr. Barter said during the campaign he heard a lot about improvement in downtown schools. He asked that superintendent to talk about progress if any had or had not been made.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.