

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, April 22, 2013, 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. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Ericka Taylor, and Mr. Padron were also in attendance.

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

At 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to go in Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items. The motion was approved by consensus.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

1.2: Out of County Student Appeal

1.3: Teacher Dismissal Appeal Hearings

1.4: Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

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

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Then she called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt the April 22, 2013 agenda with the modification shown below. The vote was 9-0.

- Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett to move from Executive Session agenda item # 1.4: Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal to open session agenda item 10.1G.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – Mrs. Erica Taylor – Executive Director of Strategy & Communications

4.1: A. Administrator of the Year Recognition – The Board recognized Dr. Lisa Herring for receiving the "Administrator of the Year" award from the S.C. Counseling Association.

B. The Cooper River Bridge Run Fund Recognition – Coach David Spurlock and Mr. Richard Hendry, from *Coastal Community Foundation* recognized Charleston County schools that received **The Cooper River Bridge Run Fund** awards. The Coastal Community Foundation's support provided funding to 18 CCSD schools.

Mr. David Spurlock also presented a plaque to Mr. Hendry for his efforts of support of health & wellness programs for CCSD students and teachers at Belle Hall PTA, Buist Academy, Burns Elementary, Charleston Progressive Academy, E.B. Ellington ES, Ft. Johnson Middle, Garrett Academy, Harbor View Elementary, Laing Middle, Lambs Elementary, Moultrie Middle with Rein & Shine, North Charleston Elementary with WINGS for KIDS, Pinckney Elementary, Pinehurst Elementary, Sanders-Clyde with Chucktown Squash, Stono Park, Sullivan's Island Elementary, and Wando High School's Special Education Department & Wellness Committee.

C. Beyond Expectations: Powered for Life Mentoring Program: Powered for Life Mentoring Program. Ms. Abby Sharp and Burke High School Principal, Maurice Cannon shared details about the "world class" mentoring program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nancy McGinley reported the following:

- Today is Earth Day. Many schools celebrated Earth Day with activities that will later be posted on the district's website.
- Dr. McGinley called for a Moment of Silence to remember the victims of the Boston Marathon explosion

bombing and the unfortunate explosion in West Texas last week.

- At the Countywide Administrators meeting on April 11th, the district recognized several African American women that were instrumental in breaking the racial barrier and integrating CCSD schools back in 1963.
- A Historical Marker was presented to James Simons commemorating and honoring the 50th anniversary of the desegregation in Charleston. The official marker will be placed when the school is completed
- Dr. Robert Marzano, a leading National Researcher, presented information on competency-based education which focuses more on the mastery academic content rather than time, place or pace of learning. Dr. Marzano will partner with CCSD teachers to develop proficiency scales as a way for students to be able to show mastery on any given standard. This was a great learning experience for principals, administrators and teachers.
- Harborview groundbreaking was held earlier today. The new school will open in the fall of 2014.
- Four new, state of the art schools are scheduled to open next year—Memminger ES, Buist Academy, Charleston Progressive, and James Simons. Capital Projects Administrator Bill Lewis and Capital Projects Committee members were thanked for their work.
- Walt Pusey represented the district in the Southeaster Facilities Planning Conference where he presented “School Security Designed Not Applied”.
- Studer Satisfaction Parent Surveys are being completed by parents on the district’s website. The survey closes on May 30th.
- During tonight’s Charleston Achieving Excellence Update, the Executive Director of the Charleston Promise Neighborhood will present information on Charleston Promise Neighborhood
 - Rev. Collins asked when James Simons ES name changed to James Simons Montessori. Dr. McGinley said the school name did not change.
 - Mrs. Moffly asked if individuals completing the online survey would remain anonymous. Dr. McGinley said it’s the Parents Survey. Mrs. Audrey Lane said the surveys are anonymous.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ernest Middleton, a CCSD student, expressed concerns about his transfer appeal from Lincoln HS to Wando HS that was denied by the Constituent Board. Mrs. Coats encouraged the student to complete the application process. Mr. Lou Martin was asked to assist the student with the application process.
2. Mr. Mark Belfar, a CCSD teacher, attempted to address the Board regarding a resolution he submitted for Board action. Mrs. Coats told Mr. Belfar the board meeting was not the right forum to discuss personnel issues. She also informed Mr. Belfar that if he made a verbal appeal to the board, it would “taint” his ability to appeal to the County Board.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: A. Open Session Minutes of March 25, 2013

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Open Session Minutes of March 25, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

B. Open Session Minutes - Special Called Meeting of April 10, 2013

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the Special Called Minutes of April 10, 2013. The vote was 7-2-0 (Collins and Fraser abstained).

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of April 22, 2013

The Board voted on Executive Session Action Items of April 22, 2013 shown below.

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

The Board voted on the first set of Student Transfer Appeal Requests for the 2013-14 school year. Mr. Ascue made a motion, seconded by Rev. Collins to only approve student transfer appeals: H, K, W, X, Y, AA, BB, CC, DD and V and deny others not listed.

1.2: Out of County Student Appeal

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve Out of County Student Appeal Requests pending release from the district they are zoned for. The vote failed 6-3 (Collins, Garrett, and Moffly supported motion).

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to deny the Out of County Transfer. The vote was 6-3 (Collins, Garrett, and Moffly opposed).

1.3: Teacher Dismissal Appeal Hearings

The Board identified dates to hear Teacher Dismissal Appeal Hearings.

April 30th

May 14th

May 20th

1.4: Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal – Mr. Mike Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations

Note: this item was moved to Open session. See agenda item 10.1G.

7.3: A. Financial Minutes of March 25, 2013

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the Financial Minutes of March 25, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

B. Financial Minutes of April 10, 2013

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve the Financial Minutes of April 10, 2013. The vote was 9-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: Charleston Promise Neighborhood Update (10 minutes)

The Board received an update on the Charleston Promise Neighborhood. Mrs. Latisha Vaughn Brandon – Principal on Special Assignment and Mr. Bill Hewitt - CPN Board Chair/Director at Large highlighted the following:

- The CPN is marked by under-education, teenage pregnancy, poor healthcare, air pollution, violent crime, unemployment, and intergenerational poverty. The aim is to break that cycle.
- History - CPN entered into partnership with CCSD, Charleston County, City of North Charleston, corporations and other non-profits May 12, 2012 to focus resources and efforts on improving the lives of families in the neighborhood starting with education.
- 2016 Vision – All four CPN elementary schools (Chicora, James Simons, Mary Ford, and Sanders Clyde) will be among the best in Charleston County.
- 2030 Vision – The Neighborhood will be socially and economically indistinguishable from the rest of Charleston County within a generation.
- Key Success Factors
 - Build wrap-around services for every child – a seamless pipeline of prenatal to college supports.
 - Achieve scale – i.e., two thirds participation
 - Evaluate program benefit/cost performance
 - Leverage technology for performance evaluation
 - Engage community residents
 - Cultivate a culture of success
- The Six Strands of Success include Parenting, Education, Employment, Community Engagement, Healthcare, and Housing.
- Progress in Absolute Ratings from 2008 to present show
 - Chicora – Below Average to Average
 - James Simons – At Risk to Average
 - Mary Ford – At Risk to Average
 - Sanders Clyde ES – At Risk to At Risk
 - Sanders Clyde MS – Below Average to Below Average
- Boeing Partnership – Boeing invested \$200k in CPN's "Enhancing School Leadership Performance" Initiative which provided financial incentives for teacher performance, expert external observers, principal professional development, etc.
- 9 Teach for America teachers were assigned to the CPN schools.
- Continued Partnership Request – Three-year continued financial commitment of \$215,000 annually (\$150,000 cash; \$65,000 Education Initiative Staffing Support), and continued data sharing for program support.
- Leveraging CCSD's Investment for 2013-14 – 4 new programs proposed for next school year.
- **Questions from the Board**
 - Mr. Garrett asked what would happen when James Simons ES reached its goal since it is at 80% now. Mr. Hewitt said there are other schools that need help. Since the start of CPN, 3 of the 5 schools have done well. Rev. Collins asked about tracking. Mr. Hewitt said CPN schools are being tracked to determine resources needed to reach the goal. CPN is not looking for fame, but results. Rev. Collins asked about a fund raiser held for Teach for America teachers. Mr. Hewitt said 14 individuals gave \$5,000 each and some volunteered to mentor TFA teachers. Rev. Collins also asked about incentive pay. Mr. Hewitt said teachers were evaluated on the work their students' classroom work, external evaluations, and other areas. The teachers that did well were paid at a total of \$93,000.

- Mr. Miller asked how many workers were employed with CPN. Mr. Hewitt said there are three employees and CPN pays a part of the CCSD Administrator's salary. In addition, they have a nurse and volunteers. Mr. Miller asked which of the six strands made the biggest impact. Mr. Hewitt said they all contributed and they hadn't done anything with the housing piece at this time because of funding. Mr. Miller asked about overlap in services mentioning book buddies and other community programs. Mr. Hewitt said they contract with Trident United Way to put Links for Success in all their schools. Their program aligns with book buddies and other programs to work cooperatively with each other.
- Mr. Ducker commented on the slide showing the impact of medical work in CPN schools. He said because of the amount requested, he would like much more information on the impact CPN is making. He also asked the impact if the money is not received. Mr. Hewitt said those entities would probably ask why invest if the district wasn't investing in those schools. Mr. Hewitt said CPN doesn't have a lot of data since it just started. He mentioned his background stating that he spent a lot of time measuring success. Then he said CPN is run as much on result as anything else. CPN is the only one doing the KidsWell program. Boeing gave CPN \$200,000. Many around the country are looking at what CPN is doing and thinking that CPN is doing an incredible job. He would be very disappointed if the district chose not to invest in it.
- Also in response to Mr. Ascue's question about CPN's partnership with the district. Mr. Hewitt said many suggested the CPN start its own charter school. He has had conversations with Metanoia about partnering. Mr. Hewitt said they are trying to inspire kids to go to college and relate to them what they need to do to get there. Mr. Ascue asked about the evaluation tool. Mrs. Vaughn Brandon said they use same tool that is used to evaluate CCSD teachers.
- Mr. Miller asked about the KidsWell Program. Mr. Hewitt said they started with a registered nurse.
- Mrs. Coats said the board wants results to show if CPN is working, how well it is working, and how could it be replicated. Mr. Hewitt said he didn't have written documents to prove support from other entities. However, governmental entities verbally indicated future support for CPN.
- Mrs. Coats asked about hiring of TFA teachers. Mrs. Lane said CPN fundraised for TFA organization. However, they did not pay for the TFA teachers.
- Dr. McGinley said CPN is an enormous asset to the district and their investment makes a difference in the area of things that hamper student success. CPN is working very well with the district's toughest schools. The school based health clinics is keeping students healthy and in school. The ACE program was built by the district. This Board does not have information the previous board had about the Harlem Children's Zone. Private partners take money out of their pockets to fund this program.
- Rev. Collins suggested Mr. Hewitt develop a chart to reflect the success of CPN. Mr. Hewitt said they would look for a way to map their success. Rev. Collins also asked more about teacher incentives. Mrs. Vaughn-Brandon said a teacher would have to move the classroom forward.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1: A. Head Start Financial Report – March 2013 – Mr. Steve Markiew, Supervisor – Early Childhood Education

The Board received the Head Start Financial Report for March 2013 as information.

Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Markiew if it was permissible to include future financial reports with the Board's Friday Update. Mr. Markiew said he only needed documentation to prove that financial reports are provided to the Board. Mrs. Coats said it could be worked out.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. John Barter

A. Race to the Top Grant – Professional Development – Dr. Lisa Herring, Associate Superintendent – Academic and Instructional Support

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve budget items in support of the Race to the Top grant (Wireless Internet upgrade expenditures - \$600,700.63; Professional Development with RISC for 2013-14 SY - \$164,230. The funding source is Race to the Top District Grant. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Barter shared an overview of the request. He said these two items that were coming forward tonight are urgent. Both items were approved by the Audit and Finance Committee.

Mr. Ducker expressed concerns about the administrative cost and multi-year costs. Then he asked Mr. Barter to look at both. Mr. Barter said he would. Mrs. Coats said the information was provided earlier.

The Board asked if the wireless contract was for staff to do the work or an outside contractor. Mr. McCarron said it would be done under the state contract.

Mrs. Coats expressed concerns about the \$600,000 in training, in addition to previous amounts approved in addition the Renaissance training. Dr. Herring said with the RTT grant, they are partners. In addition, staff is working on balancing out professional development so teachers won't be overwhelmed, but empowered to do the work. While there is some overlap, staff is working to resolve that issue.

Mr. McCarron responded to questions about the number of schools being upgraded. Mr. McCarron said other schools had already been upgraded.

Rev. Collins asked if contractual matters could come to the board at a workshop all at once. Mr. Bobby said that Audit and Finance is doing a good job in reviewing Mr. Barter said A&F spent five hours reviewing items. However, if the board wants to explore further, it may not be a good idea for the Audit and Committee to spend so much time reviewing the items.

Mrs. Moffly said if the Board had the Race to the Top and Teacher Incentive Grant presentation in a Board Workshop, the Board would not have so many questions at this time.

B. - Change in the Nutrition and Food Service Calendar – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Mrs. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation to change the Nutrition and Food Service Calendar to 182 days and continue Professional Development Days for Managers and potential Management candidates. The cost – 2013-14 - \$97K, 2014-15 - \$100K, 2015-16 - \$103K. The funding source is Nutrition and Food Services Funds. The vote was 9-0.

C. - Recommendation for Increasing Prices for Breakfast and Lunch – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the recommendation to increase prices for breakfast and lunch to remain compliant with federal requirements outlined in the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (section 205). The recommended price increase for lunch – from \$2.15 to \$2.25 and breakfast – from \$1.30 to \$1.40. The total impact will be an increase in revenue of \$65,500 for lunch and \$11,470 for breakfast. The vote was 9-0.

D. Food Service Equipment Purchase – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a request to purchase \$500,000 in food service equipment under contract #08-SMG-B-006 with the General Sales contract that expires June 2013. The funding source is Nutrition and Food Services. The vote was 9-0.

E. Reallocation of Funding for Wando High Track – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve allocation of funds to resurface the athletic track at Wando HS in the amount of \$145,000. The funding source is FY13 Fund 578 Fixed Cost of Ownership, Operations, Planning and Systems Improvement project savings. The vote was 9-0.

Then Mr. Bobby responded to questions from Rev. Collins about other projects that were needed. Mr. Bobby said there are other needs. However, it's been in discussion for the last two years. The track needs to be improved before it becomes un-use-able. A comprehensive plan to improve all athletic facilities will be in the next building program.

F. Charleston Promise Neighborhood Funding – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the allocation of \$150K per year for three years in funds (total \$450K) to support CPN's expansion of programming and impact in four schools: Chicora ES, Mary Ford ES, James Simons ES, and S. Clyde ES/MS. The funding source is General Operating Funds. The vote was 6-3 (Ducker, Miller and Moffly opposed).

Rev. Collins asked for a workshop in the future on CPN reporting. Mr. Barter said the item came before the Audit and Finance Committee because of the amount (\$150,000 plus an additional \$65,000 amount which is half the salary for an employee to continue to work as they have done in the past). The Audit & Finance Committee approved it 3-1.

Mr. Miller asked about delaying approval of CPN Funding to allow time for Board members to ask additional questions. Mr. Barter said the other three governmental entities have already discussed and would have to go through their budget process so it could be delayed.

Rev. Collins asked if it is possible to fund a single year at a time versus three years at a time.

Mrs. Moffly requested the motion be amended due to unanswered questions, redundancies and duplication of nurse services. Also, she said an external audit of non-profit partnerships were mentioned in the Friday Update where concerns about supervision of grants and writing of grants without proper authorization.

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to postpone approval of the Charleston Promise Neighborhood Funding to allow the Board time to review non-profit entities, until a workshop has been held. The motion failed 5-4 (Collins, Ducker, Miller and Moffly) supported the motion.

Mrs. Moffly said postponing approval would allow the board to look at all non profit entities, determine how much the district is contributing to each, and the benefits of each as opposed to giving a blanket approval to all.

Mr. Barter attempted to clarify some of the issues stating that he was on the CPN when it was founded until he submitted his resignation to CPN to run for the county board. He has a great appreciation for CPN and what is being done. Mr. Barter shared some things for the board consideration: The school district and the two government entities contribute a total of \$600,000 a year; CPN will spend close to \$1.5 million dollars this year; \$863,000 is raised from other parties. This is a partner that is working with the district in the four schools identified and there is nothing they do that the district is not aware of and not approving of. The district was there at the conception of CPN when people from the district went with Mayor Joe Riley and others that visited the Harlem Neighborhood Project in NY. They came back and it was needed in Charleston and Mr. Bill Hewitt was needed because he is a proven leader in the community that could bring leadership strength and has the connection to raise \$863,000 a year. He concluded this is a district partner. The district spends \$150,000 and gets \$1.5 million in return; \$600,000 comes from the government and \$900,000 comes from the people who believe in it. Mr. Barter said the four schools selected were centrally located and effort to transform a neighborhood was around these schools.

Mr. Garrett asked if CPN did a better job than CCSD with spending \$150,000 than CCSD. Mr. Barter said CPN did a good job leveraging money to transform neighborhoods around four tough schools.

Mr. Ascue said he was skeptical at first but he likes the idea of having volunteers spend money out of their pockets to test the waters to see what works. Rev. Collins said he agreed with Mr. Ascue. However, he wants information on accountability.

Mr. Miller said it is troubling that CPN is able to do more than the district could with the amount identified. Mr. Barter said he said they do a better job of spending \$1.5 million when the district only spends \$150,000. Mr. Ducker said he supports what they are doing but he wants to see what the incubator is doing for the \$150,000 spent. He asked staff to come back and tell the board how it's working.

Mrs. Moffly asked Mr. Emerson about an ethics issue stating it may be a conflict of interest for Mr. Barter to use his influence a financial gain to an associate or partner. Mr. Barter asked Mrs. Moffly to clarify the conflict. Mrs. Moffly said he is a friend and/or partner--associated with CPN and he gives of his finances to CPN. Mrs. Coats said Mr. Barter didn't benefit from CPN financially. Mr. Emerson asked about the partnership and if there was a relationship. Mrs. Moffly said since Mr. Barter served on the CPN Board he was a founder of CPN. She concluded that he should recuse himself from voting on this agenda item.

Mrs. Coats asked Mrs. Moffly she meant that anyone that had a past relationship should recuse themselves, i.e., Mr. Ascue shouldn't be allowed to vote on anything related to the District 1 since he served on that constituent board. Mr. Emerson said he read the statute and in his opinion, Mr. Barter didn't have to recuse himself from voting on this item.

G. Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal (Previously agenda item 1.4) – Mr. Mike Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to authorize staff to procure property and general liability insurance for FY2014 in the amount of \$6,307,000. The funding source is FY2013 General Operating Funds. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Ducker asked if the policy was competitively bided. Dana Enck said they go out every three years to examine a broker. That was done last year and the broker with SCSBIT was selected. Because of the size of the program, the entire market must be saturated. Many companies are layered in the complete the package.

Mr. Ducker asked if \$1 million was an adequate level, given the amount of insurance requested for the CCSMS. Mr. Fraser said the charter school is a small entity and wouldn't have means to cover itself as a large district would. Mrs. Enck said \$2 million was the highest amount of claims made in the past. Mr. Fraser concluded that the district has more resources than a small charter.

10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Barter to approve A-D. Rev. Collins asked to pull B. The Board approved policies A, C, and D with a vote of 9-0.

Mr. Fraser highlighted the following policies that were recommended by the Policy Committee.

A. Policy GBD – Employee Vacation and Non Work Days – 1st Reading

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the first reading of Policy GBD – Employee Vacation and Non WorkDays. The vote was 9-0.

B. Policy EEAE - Substance Screening for Vehicle Operators - 1st Reading – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Coats, to approve the first reading of Policy EEAE – Substance Screening for Vehicle Operators. The vote was 9-0.

Mr. Fraser shared highlights and said the Policy Committee recommended approval. Rev. Collins asked if the policy applied to employees on duty. Mr. Emerson said he didn't think it applied to

individuals driving personal vehicles on their own time. Rev. Collins inquired about employees charged with driving under the influence after hours. Mr. Emerson said it would be handled by law enforcement.

C. Policy GBEC - Illegal Substance and Alcohol-Free Schools and Workplace - 1st Reading – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the first reading of Policy GBEC – Illegal Substance and Alcohol-Free Schools and Workplace. The vote was 9-0.

Mrs. Moffly asked about employees signing on second page as it relates to CDL drivers. Mr. Emerson said it didn't apply to employees that do not have CDL licenses. Mr. Fraser said it would be modified prior to second reading.

Mr. Miller asked about reasonable suspicion and screening. Mr. Emerson said while it was not listed, a vendor would do the screening.

D. Policy JFAB – Non Resident Students – 1st Reading - Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the first reading of Policy JFAB – Non Resident Students. The vote was 9-0.

E. Policy Regulation KB – Parent Involvement in Education – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

The Board received Policy Regulation KB – Parent Involvement in Education as information.

Mrs. Moffly suggested that policy GBD be revised to say any proposed amendment shall be reviewed by the Policy Committee and approved by the Board.

10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

A. Strategic Education Committee Report – Mr. Michael Miller, Chair of the Strategic Education Committee reported the following:

Mr. Miller named the four members on the committee: Ascue, Collins, Ducker, and Miller. They met twice and the name of the committee was changed from Vision 2016 to the Strategic Education Committee to reflect improvements beyond the 2016 school year.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: A. Approval of 2013-2014 Pilot Course Application – Dr. Lisa Herring, Associate Superintendent – Academics and Instructional Support Office

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve 2013-14 Pilot Course Applications, at no cost since the courses will become elective courses and a part of a teachers' course load. The vote was 9-0.

B. Elementary and Middle School Mathematics Textbook Selections

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to adopt textbooks outlined in the Instructional Materials Recommendation. Approved 9-0.

C. Wando South Swing Space Phase II (Laing Middle School) – Mr. Michael Bobby – Chief of Finance Operations

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to award a contract for the Wando South Swing Space Phase II (Solicitation No 13-CMG-B-002), in the amount of \$362,618 to Allied Contracting Services. The funding source is one cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 9-0. After the voting took place, Mrs. Moffly rescinded her vote. The earlier vote was changed to 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

D. School Task Force – Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats

Mrs. Coats shared a handout and said clarity was needed for staff to identify the two board nominated community volunteers the board voted on earlier.

Rev. Collins said that four community leaders are needed. Mrs. Coats said if the board desired to revisit the number of community leaders, it could be considered at a future meeting. However, some communities are ready to begin meeting without the board nominees. Mr. Ascue said based on the January 28th meeting notes, there may already be four parent representatives on the School Task Force.

Mr. Ducker suggested involving the constituent board in the process to execute the selection of parents. Mr. Miller said he was under the assumption that the motion Mr. Garrett made earlier

applied to District 20; and not other constituent districts. Mrs. Coats said it applied to District 20 and District 4. The facilitator would be someone that works with the district. They would take notes and ensure proper notice of the meeting should come back to the board to notify board of unique situations they encounter, i.e., Not being able to find parents to fill seats and ask the board for directions.

Mrs. Coats said if Rev. Collins wants to change the process, it would have to come before the board for approval.

Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to have the constituent board present two parent nominees of the impacted school to the County Board for approval. The motion was approved 8-1 (Moffly opposed).

If the constituent district board is unable to identify nominees, they should notify the County Board. Also, Mrs. Coats said the Board should review the document and determine if changes are needed or if additional directions are needed from the Board.

Mr. Garrett said some meetings have already taken place. Mrs. Coats confirmed. Mrs. Moffly requested that meetings be noticed.

E. Health Advisory Committee - Student Members – Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats

Mr. Ascue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barter to re-advertise vacant positions. The motion was approved 9-0.

Mrs. Coats said there were questions about who is serving on the Health Advisory Committee, HAC openings, and concerns about the attendance of students. Since no one on the list of applicants applied for the area where there is a vacancy, she asked the Board about directing staff to re-advertise for student applicants. Mr. Ducker commented about the attendance of the clergy members. Then he asked the process to replace members that did not attend meetings and suggested re-advertising. Mr. Fraser suggested waiting until fall to advertise for students. Mrs. Coats requested adding a category section on the application to allow applicants to list the area they are applying for. Mrs. Coats asked Mrs. Moffly to review the bylaws and advise the board of what is required.

F. Board Workshop Information and Discussion – Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats

The Board discussed board workshop information. A summary of the discussion follows.

- Mrs. Coats said workshop dates have been identified through 2014. Those dates will be emailed to board members. She suggested bringing staff to the workshop only for discussion of their topics. Mr. Fraser expressed concerns about increasing the number of workshops because of the time is spent at committee and board meetings. Mr. Ducker said it is because some information discussed did not go through a committee. Mr. Fraser said topic of security was discussed three times. Mr. Garrett said Hursey was also discussed multiple times. Mr. Ascue said while some items are forwarded to a committee; others may not because they are time sensitive. Mr. Ducker said board meetings should be for business and have less discussion. Mrs. Coats said Audit & Finance Committee discussion items pertain to spending money and asking volunteers to attend six hour workshops and committee meetings would impact the district's ability to have community involved. She said technical decisions should be handled in board workshops.
- Mr. Barter said some Board members have jobs and other things on their schedule so it's hard for them to commit a full day board workshop. Rev. Collins suggested reducing Board workshops to ½ days and having only 2-3 agenda items. Mrs. Coats agreed. Then she directed staff to send Board workshop documents early to Board members. Mr. Ducker thanked Mrs. Coats for tailoring Board workshops to discuss topics board members wanted. Also, he said having information in advance is helpful. Mr. Barter agreed and said having information in advance allows board members to review information beforehand. Mr. Fraser suggested Board members read documents and meet in small groups or individually on topics they are interested in. Also, he suggested using Webinars for presentations. Mr. Ducker said providing DVDs to members that are not able to attend is also helpful.

Mrs. Coats also asked about Board budget priorities stating that she is looking for topics that are cost specific for budget purposes. All items on the May workshop agenda should be

budgetary items. Anything not related should be pushed to the June workshop

G. Legal Update on using Committees for Student Appeal Hearings (Collins, Ducker, Miller, and Moffly)

Per a request from Board members listed above for a Legal Update on use of Committee for Student Appeal Hearings. A summary follows:

- Rev. Collins asked Mr. Emerson if a Board committee could be used instead of quorum to hear student appeals and teacher appeals. Mr. Emerson said the case he referenced earlier applied to teacher appeals. Rev. Collins said he wanted to discuss this topic because he disagreed with Mr. Emerson's earlier opinion and student appeals are backlogged. He said it is the Board's authority to hear appeals and it should not be delegated to someone else. Rev. Collins inquired further about the law that applies to student appeals. Mr. Emerson shared a copy of the law and said his involvement with student expulsion appeals has been limited because other attorneys are usually not involved. Also, Mr. Emerson said it is permissible to have a committee hear student appeals and later have the full board execute the decision. Also, he said the board could do a "paper appeal". Rev. Collins said Richland 5 has a Hearing Officer and student expulsion appeal paperwork is provided to them in advance. Mrs. Coats asked Rev. Collins if that meant Richland 5 dispensed student personal record by email. Mr. Emerson said he would investigate to see how student appeal hearing materials were dispensed. Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Emerson to re-confirm that a committee could hear appeal and bring to full board for approval.
- Mr. Fraser read the statute that said the County Board could hire a Hearing Officer to hear on behalf of the Board. Mr. Emerson confirmed that some districts use Hearing Officers to hear appeals. However, their decisions are appealable to the County Board.
- Dr. Winbush said the district has Hearing Officers that hear expulsion appeals. Mr. Ascue said the County Board could hire its own Hearing Officer.
- Mr. Fraser said Board committees heard student appeals prior to being advised, in the last three years, not to use committees to hear appeals. However, that decision impacted the Board's ability to get a quorum to hear appeals. Mr. Ascue said the County Board could have a Hearing Officer. Mrs. Coats asked if there was a policy. Mr. Fraser said that part is not addressed in the policy. Mr. Barter suggested appeals be heard by a committee of three. Mr. Emerson said appeals heard by committees would require Board approval.
- Dr. McGinley said the Hearing Officers mentioned earlier by Dr. Winbush work in the Office of Student Placement did not come before the Board.
- Mrs. Coats asked the Board to work with Rev. Collins to develop a policy.

H. Weekly Updates on all in/out school suspensions and expulsions (Collins, Ascue, Ducker, and Miller)

The Board members listed above requested weekly updates on schools suspensions/expulsions. A summary follows:

- Monthly reports will be sent with the Friday Updates.
- Dr. McGinley also said the board could receive an update at an upcoming board workshop.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

At 8:46 p.m. Mr. Fraser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rev. Collins and approved by consensus.