

CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 11, 2013 - 5:15 p.m. 75 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401



EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, February 11, 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. Chris Fraser, Mr. Todd Garrett, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Michael Miller participated telephonically during Executive Session. Mr. Tom Ducker was absent. Staff members Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, 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.

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

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

- 1.2: Personnel Matter Mrs. Cindy Coats
- Superintendent's Evaluation for 2012-2013
- 1.3: Charleston Charter School for Math & Science Memorandum of Understanding
 - 1.4: Personnel Matter Dr. Nancy McGinley

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

5:15 p.m.

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

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

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to adopt the February 11, 2013 agenda. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).
- Mr. Barter also requested on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee to move agenda items 10.1A, B, C, D, and F to the beginning of Potential Consent Agenda section since there wasn't a quorum at the recent Finance & Audit Committee meeting. The vote was 7-0.
- Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to change agenda item 11.3 Montessori Expansion to a discussion item. Rev. Collins said the rationale is because it did not comply with Board policy IE requirements for program change. Mrs. Coats asked Rev. Collins if his request was to move all options. Rev. Collins said he wanted staff to solicit parental input. The vote failed 5-2 (Collins and Moffly supported the motion).
- Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to pull agenda item 1.3. The motion was approved 7-0.
- Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to adopt the amended agenda. The vote was 5-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed).

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

- 4.1: A. 2012 Mark Cobb Memorial/Ron McWhirt Scholarship Golf Tournament Presentation Dr. Ron McWhirt, a former CCSD Superintendent and Mrs. Tammy Cobb, volunteers and corporate sponsors were recognized for her husband's work with the scholarship fund throughout the years. Dr. McWhirt and Mrs. Cobb presented a check in the amount of \$14,832.86 to Dr. McGinley to support the scholarship fund.
 - **B.** Teacher Supply Closet Run for Success Recognition Pinehurst Elementary School Mrs. Yvonne Orr, a representative of the Teacher Supply Closet, presented an award to Principal Diane Benton and her students for their participation in the recent Feet First run/walk event
 - **C.** James Island Swim Team This item was pulled from the agenda.
 - **D. SCEOP Recognition** South Carolina Outdoor Education Program (SCOEP) was recognized for partnering with CCSD schools and offering over 11,000 students the opportunity to take guided ecological kayak tours. Through a grant of \$200,000, they are able to provide this opportunity to CCSD students. Their goal is to create a comprehensive study that is aligned with the district's curriculum.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGinley briefed the Board on the following:

- Negotiations between Durham and the Teamsters Union continues. She hopes both sides will come
 to an amicable agreement very soon. Staff will continue to communicate any new developments, as soon as
 it is learned.
- **Teacher of the Year and Teacher Gala** The annual Teacher Gala is Feb 22nd. At that time, all CCSD Teacher of the Year nominees will be recognized. The five Teacher of the Year finalist were announced.
 - o Mr. Kirk Lindgren Charleston County School of the Arts
 - o Mr. Paul Pallagi Ladson Elementary
 - o Ms. Angie Grimes Morningside Middle
 - o Ms. Lisa Trott Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary
 - o Ms. Melissa Yaraborough St. Andrews School of Math and Science
- This Month Career & Technology, Black History, and events will be celebrated throughout the district.
- Parent Anonymous, a CCSD business partner, will hold a conference on February 23rd at Stall HS.
- Congratulations to Mr. Todd Garrett who was named to 2012 Commercial Realtor of the Year.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Ms. Tiffany Koch addressed the board in support of having a full Montessori program in North Charleston.
- 2. Ms. Stacey Hudson addressed the board in support of full implementation of a full Montessori at Hursey ES.
- 3. Ms. Jillian Hollingsworth addressed the board in support of a full Montessori program in the north area.
- 4. Mr. David Hoey addressed the board about the Health Advisory Committee membership requirements and attendance of its student members.
- 5. Ms. Christine Tiller owner of Tamara Montessori in Berkeley County addressed the board in support of a Montessori program in North Charleston.
- 6. Ms. Louise Monteith addressed the board in support of expanding the Montessori program in North Charleston.
- 7. Ms. Myrtice Brown addressed the Board in support of a Montessori Program in North Charleston, Hursey, and continuance of a dual program at Hursey.
- 8. Mr. William Brown addressed the board about a *Brighter Future Foundation Athletic and Mentoring program* at Chicora, Burns, Hursey, North Charleston ES and Pinehurst. He highlighted some of the programs they sponsored. He asked the board for financial support for the non-profit program since the program has grown.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

7.1: Open Session Minutes of January 28, 2013 & Special Called Meeting of January 30, 2013

- Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, approval of the Open Session minutes of January 28, 2013. The vote was 6-1-0 (Ascue abstained).
- Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, approval of the Open Session minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 30, 2013. The vote was 6-1-0 (Fraser abstained).

Mrs. Coats announced that both Mr. Ducker and Mr. Miller had undergone surgery last week.

7.2: Executive Session Action Items of February 11, 2013

1.1: Student Transfer Appeals

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, to approve a request to transfer two students to James Island ES, instead of Stiles Point ES since there was no space there. The vote was approved 7-0.

1.2: Personnel Matter

Superintendent's Evaluation for 2012-2013

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument Tool to be used November 2013. The vote was 7-0.

Rev. Collins added that the tool should include additional information.

1.3: Charleston Charter School for Math & Science Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. Chris Fraser – Pulled 2/8/13

Since this item was pulled from the agenda on 2/8/13, the board did not discuss the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science MOU.

1.4: Personal Matter – Dr. Nancy McGinley

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of a recommendation to approve the principal contract discussed in Executive Session. The vote was 7-0.

During discussion Rev. Collins reminded the board to include the goals established.

7.3: Financial Minutes

A. January 28, 2013 & Special Called Meeting of January 30, 2013

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the Financial Minutes of January 28, 2013 & Special Called Meeting of January 30, 2013. The vote was 7-0.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: 2012 Assessment Results & Action Steps – Mrs. Melissa Matarazzo – Executive Director of Assessment and Accountability

The Board received an update on strategies implemented to meet Vision 2016 goals. Mrs. Matarazzo shared highlights of 2012 Assessment Results and Action Steps. More information may be provided at the Board workshop on Wednesday.

- Results Matter Data is being received from everyone to include the Superintendent. Results of the data will be used to make changes and/or do something new.
- Responses to data must expand beyond tested grades.
- Formative feedback and interventions must occur at the school, classroom and student level.
 - Elementary, Middle and High School Action Steps for Specific Schools, Title I Schools, and All Schools
- Recent Decisions and Next Steps
 - o Teacher Incentive Fund is designed to increase teacher effectiveness at 14 schools
 - Race to the Top is designed to personalize learning at 19 schools
 - Qualitative Study of implementation of Everyday Math at grades 4 and 6
 - 201 day contracts for teachers at At-Risk Schools
 - o Charleston Educator Symposium, June 2013 Recommendations for FY14 allocations
 - Mr. Ascue reminded everyone that parents who participated in the Vision 2016 meetings urged staff to make sure tools and options are in place and used at the highest level.
 - Mr. Fraser said he would like to monitor public engagement and requested data for evaluation returns on investment.
 - Mr. Garrett asked about performance strategy to address performance in Title I schools.
 - Mrs. Coats asked about results for student performance results for students that participated in the fifth quarter program in the Innovation Zone and Literacy Reading Programs. She said the results should be provided before a request is made for more resources. Dr. McGinley said she requested that information from Dr. Winbush and Mrs. Nichols earlier. After receiving the information, staff began looking at placing resources behind the things that are working. Last year staff identified the three top priorities for the District. Again, this year staff will bring three top priorities to the board for funding along with data. A significant investment was made to fund the primary Literacy Academies. The district is documenting the results for the 1st 3rd grades. A request for 4th and 5th grade will come this year because that's the area where there is a drop. Staff will also look at whether it is using the most effective materials and look to see if staff is trained properly. Help for individual children and professional development will be discussed at the upcoming board workshop this week. Dr. Herring will bring information on common core curriculum.
 - Mrs. Moffly inquired about the investment in grades 2-3rd grades. She said early childhood didn't seem to have a big impact on 3rd grade students. With test scoring falling in 5-6th grades, CCSD was teaching reading in K-3 then the focus is changed to critical thinking in grades 4-5th. She also said questions on the state test were not direct but convoluted and confusing. She suggested it impacted the test scores.
 - Mr. Barter asked if more funds should be spent in early childhood to help kids prepare to learn before they reach kindergarten. He would also like to discuss how to use one program to compliment another. Dr. McGinley commented on an article in the New York Times about turning around high challenged schools. The fundamentals they talk about is. early childhood, building that foundation, then literacy. There conclusion is the same as the District's "there is no silver bullet". However, the intent is to start building from the ground up starting at the pre-kindergarten level and starting to look at where the district is Out of eighty schools, only eight schools are still at-risk. Every one of those eight schools should have universal pre-kindergarten, allowing students to get the foundation they need.
 - Mrs. Moffly said she had a different opinion about childhood education. She said "research has proven that the earlier kids are introduced to institutionalize learning, the earlier they begin to have behavioral problems in elementary schools, because more is not always

better".

• Mr. Ascue said about the gentleman who brought the "Brighter Future" packet, that it's the little things that make a different. He said when kids come from homes that are not conducive to learning, learning is more difficult. He suggested the district should invest in programs that hold students accountable in classrooms. Mrs. Moffly said she is a big proponent of parental rights and the law requires parents to send students to school or be arrested. She questioned the role of the highly qualified teacher if students are supposed to be taught at home. She said the role of parents should be to raise their kids. Mr. Ascue said education and discipline works together.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

9.1: FY 2013 Financial Report – December 2012 – Mr. Steve Markiew

The board received the December 2012 Financial report as information.

Mr. Markiew said Head Start and Early Head Start Budgets were provided as information.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee

Note: The Board approved a motion moving agenda items were moved to the 10.1A-D to the Consent Agenda during the Adoption of the Agenda.

E. Head Start and Early Head Start Refunding Grant Application

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the Head Start and Early Head Start Refunding Grant Application. The amounts follow: Head Start - \$6,445,709; Early Head Start - \$1,726,168. The school district will provide approximately \$2.0 million in in-kind funds for FY2014 (Head Start \$1.6 million and Early Head Start \$400,000). The funding source is Federal funds. The vote was 6-0.

Note: Rev. Collins left the room at 6:35 and returned at 6:40. Therefore he did not vote on this item.

10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

A. First Reading - Board Policy BBAAAA - Constituent Board Powers and Duties

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the first reading of policy BBAAAA. The vote was 7-0.

B. First Reading - Board Policy GCKBA - Transfer of Administrative Staff

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the first reading of policy GCKBA. The vote was 7-0.

C. First Reading - Board Policy GCQC - Resignation of Teachers

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to approve the first reading of policy GCQC. The vote was 7-0.

D. First Reading - Board Policy KB - Parent Involvement in Education

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the first reading of policy KB. The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly suggested that policy be revised to include a sentence stating that regulations regarding parental involvement should be brought back to the board for approval. Mr. Fraser said Moffly's amendment would be considered at the next Policy Committee meeting.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Note: The Board approved a motion moving agenda items were moved to the 10.1A-D to the Consent Agenda during the Adoption of the Agenda.

10.1A: Montessori FF&E Bulk Purchase Agreement

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the recommendation to approve the Montessori FF&E Bulk Purchase Agreement. The initial year contract comes with the option of four one (1) year renewals to five (5) different vendors for Charleston Montessori and James Simons Montessori Programs. The first year cost is \$1,011,315.58. The funding source is the 1% Sales Tax the Board approved on August 9, 2010. The vote was 7-0.

10.1B: New Harbor View Elementary School

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation to award a contract or the New Harbor View Elementary School (Solicitation #12-SMG-B-012) to TQ Contractors, Inc. for the Base Bid in the amount of \$15,069,870.00 and Alternates No. 5 (deduct) & 6 (add), in the amount of \$98,509.00, totaling \$15,168,379.00. The funding source is the 1% Sales Tax Revenues. The vote was 8-0

10.1C: Request for Reallocation of Funds for 75 Calhoun Cooling Tower

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the reallocation request for funds to replace the cooling tower at 75 Calhoun Street and approve the bid award to Triad Mechanical in the amount of \$135,000. The funding source is FY2013 Operations, Planning and Systems Improvement Fixed Cost of Ownership project savings and contingency. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Barter said that work needs to be done because the cooling tower is on its last leg. This is Phase I. There is a possibility of a Phase II with possible energy savings. Also, he informed the board that the District is considering a joint effort with the City for a cost savings. Mr. Fraser urged the board to fully engage the City in the cost savings effort. Mr. Ascue said he would like to see information on cost savings with future requests. Mr. Barter said the savings would be included in one of the performance audits.

Rev. Collins questioned purchase amount for the equipment. Mr. Barter responded stating it was for purchasing the equipment and labor.

10.1D: Request to Purchase Small Group Instruction Services

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the request to purchase small group instruction services from Catapult University Instructors. The total cost is \$95,385. The funding source is Federal Funds. The vote was 7-0.

10.1F: Invitation for Bid #1312 for APC UPS Equipment and Accessories

Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of a contract and funding for Invitation for Bid #B1312 for APC UPS Equipment and Accessories in the amount of \$671,966.58. The funding source is Building Program Funds (not to exceed \$200,000) and FY13 Fixed Cost of Ownership Funds (not to exceed \$100,000). The vote was 7-0.

11.1: Health Advisory Committee - Appointment

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to appoint Ashley Redmond to serve as the parent representative on the HAC. The vote was 7-0.

11.2: Hursey Montessori Costs – Mr. Michael Bobby

The Board discussed information related to Hursey Montessori costs. Mr. Bobby said financial amounts are provided for requests made earlier. When the request was made the intent was to provide equity and choice for parents and students. Providing programming in a sustainable and cost effective manner to grow Montessori was to happen over time. Montessori is a choice desired by parents across the district. Information provided initially was to provide options for a Montessori at an existing campus. The goal is to look at the best way to offer the Montessori service. Mr. Bobby shared several options:

- Keep existing dual program at Hursey, at a slightly higher price. This option doesn't provide for growth.
- Create an independent Montessori at Brentwood campus, continuing the traditional program at Hursey, at a greater investment. Brentwood campus would possibly be needed in the future for swing space.
- Other concerns, if Hursey is left alone, even bringing back the fifth grade, it would probably still have low enrollment. Only 50% students in the Hursey area chose to attend Hursey.

Financial comparison for options:

- Expanding Montessori at Hursey Campus Fiscal Impact \$220,000
- Create a stand-alone Montessori Campus Fiscal Impact \$900,000 plus capital improvement to be determined.

Mr. Bobby said it could be a short term solution to meet the commitment made in North Charleston for Montessori. He said Early Head Start could be moved and classrooms could be repurposed.

- Rev. Collins asked how staff addressed overcrowding at other Montessori schools. Mr. Bobby said parents apply where space is available, transferring across district lines. Middle level students would probably transfer to the Montessori West Ashley.
- Mrs. Coats asked how many new seats would be added to West Ashley. Then she asked the capacity of Murray LaSaine. LaDene said 350.
- Rev. Collins said space should be made for Montessori students but other students shouldn't have to make the sacrifice for Montessori students.
- Dr. McGinley said the district has invested a lot of money to have a Montessori at Hursey. Also, the classes that would be moved are Early Head Start students who are not currently enrolled there. The majority of students that applied for the Montessori Program at Hursey ES are not enrolled in school there, but are on the waiting list.
- Mr. Fraser said one option could be to move the fifth graders back to Hursey. He said if the

- district is growing Montessori, shouldn't it be moved now. Mr. Bobby said that is an option.
- Mr. Ascue asked about other available facilities. Mr. Bobby said there are none ready to support a Montessori now.
- Dr. Winbush said James Simons would have to be moved out for Brentwood to be considered before the Montessori program could be considered.
- Rev. Collins asked about the number of Montessori applications. Mrs. LaDene Conroy said there are 20 students left on the waiting list. This is in addition to the 179 students enrolled at this time
- Rev. Collins asked if one mobile could be added at Hursey to add the additional 20 students.
 Rev. Collins suggested the City may be able to work with staff to place the mobile beyond the CCSD boundaries.
- Mr. Ascue asked about splitting Montessori students among two campuses. Mrs. Conroy said it wasn't recommended.
- Mr. Barter asked what would happen with the waiting list from this point on. Mrs. Conroy said
 parents come back, keep applying, home school, continue at a private school or go to their
 home school until they get in. Mr. Barter asked how long it would take to prepare Brentwood
 for a Montessori and the cost. Mr. Bobby said he would need a couple of weeks to do an
 estimate.
- Mr. Fraser said because the board voted against Montessori, the board may not know how
 many are interested in the Montessori option. He suggested the board determine how to
 address the Montessori option in North Charleston. He is looking for a permanent solution.
 This would be a solution folks could rely on. Mr. Bobby said Brentwood may be needed for a
 swing space for Garrett or another school.
- Mrs. Moffly asked where the 20 students are from. Mrs. Coats said they are in District 4. Mr. Winbush said there are only four residing outside the district.
- Dr. McGinley said more time is needed to see how the numbers shake out. The trend has been to run the district in a more economical way. Having only 198 students at Hursey goes against efficiency efforts. She said using Brentwood campus means a short term solution and discarding resources already poured into Hursey to build a Montessori program.
- Rev. Collins said he agrees with Dr. McGinley. Next year should paint a picture of where it could be. He suggested knocking a wall out and adding space.
- Dr. Winbush said an option would be to move students that don't belong to Hursey. In February when the numbers come in, he would have to move teachers out because of enrollment numbers.
- Mr. Ascue said the decision was made to do a dual program at the last neighborhood meeting.
 The intent is to give options to parents and educate all students. Dr. McGinley has to make
 decision. If the board stifles her, the public will make the board accountable. The board
 needs to listen carefully before moving.
- Mrs. Coats said a large area of the Hursey zone live closer to other schools.
- Mr. Barter said the Montessori vote was 4-4. Now there is an opportunity to provide Montessori to other students.

11.3: Montessori Expansion in North Charleston

The Board discussed options related to expanding North Charleston Montessori in North Charleston.

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to approve the proposal with the amendment that at the next meeting or following meeting administration bring a proposal for a full Montessori school to open at Sept. 1st. And if there are other recommendations more feasible, those options should come before the board. The motion was approved 5-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed).

Mr. Ascue called for question, Mr. Fraser seconded. The vote was 5-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed). Also, during vote, Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, to amend the motion to require the board abide by board policy IE. The vote was 5-2 (Collins and Moffly opposed).

Rev. Collins said since there are only 20 students on the waiting list, parents should have an opportunity to provide input. Mr. Barter said he heard Rev. Collins' argument. The decision could change.

11.4: Kiawah Island Tax Increment Financing

The Board discussed options related to the Kiawah Island TIF.

Mr. Barter spoke of forming a group to study TIF after it comes out of County Council.

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve a recommendation for Mr. Barter, Mr. Ducker, and Mr. Ascue to work with Mr. Bobby to form a committee to have conversations with the Beach Company regarding the TIF. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Fraser left the meeting at 8:04 pm.

11.5: Wellness Initiative – Pulled 2/11/13

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

11.6: Discussion of Action Items Approved by Board at the January 28, 2013 Board Meeting regarding St. James Santee, Head Start in District 3, and Baptist Hill Middle/High School
The Board discussed action items approved by the Board at the January 28, 2013 Board Meeting for the following schools: St. James Santee, Head Start in District 3, and Baptist Hill Middle/High School.

Rev. Collins said when the board voted, he wasn't aware of the extent of the action the board took. Dr. McGinley reviewed actions taken stating that board input was received at an earlier board workshop. She listed actions which follows:

Rev. Collins asked Mr. Padron what the board voted on. Mr. Padron said the three items were brought from the Board workshop to the meeting for approval. Rev. Collins said he misunderstood the request. Therefore, he would bring a future agenda item forth. Mr. Ascue said while some constituent members felt it was a good idea, community input was needed. He also said District 1 deserve a new High School since Lincoln was built in 1954.

Moffly said the board provided input and thought staff would go out into the community for input. EM said ideas were floated at a workshop and to take action without community input was not expected. She received irate calls out of Edisto. Mrs. Coats said the board received its packet. She reviewed the tape and saw that board members did not asked questions and Mr. Padron was not allowed to speak. She suggested conducting a board meeting in District 1 & 23. Mrs. Moffly said the discussion was about the Neighborhood Planning Team process and concerns that it was not working.

Mr. Ascue said decisions are made because school enrollment is declining fast. Something needs to be done and immediate input is needed. There were two action items. One to allow St. James Santee to keep their 7th graders. If this isn't done their enrollment will decline. The other recommendation was about Baptist Hill High School.

Dr. McGinley added that the board approved the recommendation. Dr. Winbush said he met with the District 23 Board last week and they agreed to develop a team to make decisions. He said the only decision that was made was about the sixth grade.

Mr. Ascue mentioned the distance to both schools stating that they both schools were "far out". He suggested board members visit schools in those districts to observe the problems they are experiencing.

Rev. Collins asked about staff conducting parent meetings to discuss changes. Dr. McGinley said staff did not meet with parent and staff believes this is the best recommendation that could be made for those communities. Rev. Collins asked what could be done to enhance schools and make them more attractive. Dr. McGinley said those schools have same technology and curriculum as other schools. No one in the community wanted to see their school closed. Dr. McGinley said she could provide demographic information showing the number of students residing in those areas. If the Board doesn't want staff to bring recommendations forward, then the board should make that clear to staff.

Mr. Barter said the board got to it late during the meeting and therefore may have rushed to make a decision. However, the recommendation was clearly written.

Mr. Ascue suggested staff bring District 1 information to the board to prove that the constituent board agrees with the recommendation.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Since there was no additional business to come before the Board, at 8:29 p.m. Mr. Barter moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved by consensus.