

**I. OPEN SESSION  
5:15 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, March 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, Rev. Chris Collins, Mr. Tom Ducker, Mr. Chris Fraser, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffly, and Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent and Executive Secretary. Mr. Michael Miller arrived at 5:32 p.m. Mr. John Barter and Mr. Todd Garrett were absent. Staff members Dr. Charles D'Alphonso, Mr. Michael Bobby, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Bill Lewis, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mr. Padron, and Mrs. Erica Taylor were also in attendance.

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

**II. 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 Mrs. Moffly, to adopt the March 11, 2013 agenda with the amendments listed below. The vote was 6-0.

- Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to place agenda item 10.1B - Naming of Wando in the Potential Consent agenda item section to be listed as agenda item 11.1.
- Rev. Collins questioned why agenda item 8.1B was a CAE Update item when the board made a decision to address the item after the community meeting was held. It was determined that it would come back before the board on March 25<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- Mr. Fraser suggested item 7.2 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes be removed since there were no executive session items on the agenda.

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

**4.1: A. Wando Teacher Cadets** – The Board recognized Teacher Cadets from Wando HS and their teacher, Ms. Betsy Wilson.

**B. Recognition of Exclusive Charter Sponsors for the Teacher Gala**

The nine businesses listed below were recognized by the Board for their sponsorship of the 2013 Teacher Gala.

- Cruz Chevrolet
- Cummings Turbo Technology
- Post and Courier
- Wilbur Young - Young, Clement, & Rivers, LLP
- Houghton Mifflin
- Durham Bus Services
- Capstone
- McGraw Hill
- Southwest Airlines

Ms. Cassandra Williams, a teacher at James Simons, was awarded the use of a car donated by Cruz Chevrolet.

**C. Goodwin Elementary**

- Ms. Ginger Rutherford from SMART recognized Dr. Nancy McGinley and CCSD Technology staff members: Ms. Kristen Brittingham, Mr. Tim Tanner, Mr. Craig Bennett, Ms. Emily Elliot, Ms. Sherry Kirkland, Ms. Kayela Clark, and Ms. Sandi Ward

for their development of the Smart Lesson Bank that received an honorable mention from the state this school year. Others recognized:

- Ms. Melissa Zaremba - her class was selected as a SMART collaborative classroom.
- Principal Dianne Ross and other staff members from Goodwin ES were recognized for being named a Smart showcase school.

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Congratulations to Goodwin ES for the Smart School recognition.
- Ms. Anita Huggins, Director in the Office of Teacher Effectiveness, and other CCSD staff members were thanked for making the Gala possible.
- Since the last Board meeting Durham Bus Services and the Teamsters came to an agreement. The leadership and drivers were thanked for resolving the situation without work stoppage. Also, Mr. Bill Lewis and members of the Incident Command Team were applauded for their leadership.
- Dr. Charles D'Alphonso – Interim Director of Accountability and Assessment was introduced. He will replace Melissa Matarazzo.
- Owen Duffy, a Ft. Johnson MS student, won the Low country Regional Spelling Bee. Owen received an all expense paid trip travel to Washington, DC to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- The Innovation Zone Learning Community held its own Spelling Bee at Chicora Elementary School where 75 students participated. Levi Richardson of North Charleston ES won first place in the elementary completion and Bryan Garcia of Morningside MS won the middle school level.
- Dr. McGinley visited North Charleston Principal Cindy Saulsberry and spent time reading to four year old Child Development class at North Charleston ES.
- On Saturday, student from 47 public schools throughout the tri county area competed for top honors at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Quest Academic Competition at Trident Technical College. Students compete in many areas including social studies, science, math, culinary skills and the arts. Cario MS was awarded first place for grades 7 and 8 and Academic Magnet HS was awarded first place for grades 9 and 10. Other schools that placed were Moultrie MS, Laing MS, and Wando HS.
- CCSD students have artistically talented students. Four Charleston County School of the Arts students—Jalaya Dargan, Tamia Horton, Malcolm Palmer and Mosiah Williams contributed to the production of "A Woman Called Truth" in a Dock Street Theatre Production
- Dr. McGinley traveled with Mr. Louis Martin, Mr. John McCarron, and Ms. Lainey Berry to an Apple Computer training in California last week.
- Tonight's CAE Update is on the restructuring plan for District 1. She is not proposing to close Lincoln HS.

## **VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Mr. Muhammad Idris apologized for addressing the board about a private school matter on Feb. 25, 2013. He expressed concerns about a liquor store located near a school.
2. Ms. Aquita Brown addressed the Board in support of the community's request to keep current grades at Lincoln HS.
3. Mr. Thomas Colleton thanked staff and board members for attending the meeting at Lincoln last week.
4. Mr. Joseph Bowers addressed the Board in support of keeping the sixth grade at Lincoln HS which is what the community requested.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

### **7.1: A. Open Session Minutes of February 25, 2013**

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the Open Session minutes of March 11, 2013 with the following modification. The vote was 7-0.

- Mrs. Moffly said on page 7, during the Common Core discussion, the minutes should say that she said the Common Core would replace the state curriculum, not integrate.

### **7.2: Executive Session Action Items of March 11, 2013**

There were no Executive Session items on the March 11, 2013 agenda.

### **7.3: Financial Minutes of February 25, 2013**

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, approval of the Financial Minutes of March 11,

## VIII. CAE UPDATE

### 8.1: A. CAE Update

#### **The Board will discuss the status of CAE Updates -**

- Mrs. Coats said the purpose of the discussion is to allow Board members the opportunity to discuss and give staff directives for future CAE Updates.
- Mr. Ascue said because of the Vision 2016, updates should be about school principal and teachers.
- Rev. Collins said updates should be “short and sweet” and from schools. He mentioned an earlier update received from North Charleston HS.
- Mrs. Coats asked for specifics on how CAE Updates should be done. Rev. Collins said the focus could be on the schools with special needs.
- Mr. Miller suggested scheduling at-risk schools should be first, allowing them an opportunity to identify what the Board could do to raise academic achievement, to include resources.
- Mr. Fraser said he wanted the Board meeting to move in the direction of “business of the board.” If moving in the direction of having more workshops, presentations and lengthy discussions, that should be done at that time.
- Mr. Ducker said future CAE Updates should be done at Board workshops. Decisions related to the topics could be considered later.
- Rev. Collins said if monthly workshops are scheduled, the Board should select 12 topics. Mrs. Coats suggested “Return of District 20 Schools Downtown”, “Renaissance Schools” and other District initiatives—teacher placement, population growth, etc.
- Mr. Fraser said he would be willing to read PowerPoint presentations, at his leisure, to prepare in advance for Board workshops. Mr. Ascue agreed and said workshops would be more fruitful.
- Mr. Ducker suggested assigning the discussion of CAE Updates to the Strategic Education Committee for a recommendation.
- Mrs. Coats asked Mr. Ducker to expand the Strategic Education Committee’s discussion to include Friday Updates.
- Rev. Collins said the history and purpose of CAE Update should be considered when determining the future of CAE Updates. He suggested refining and reducing future CAE Updates.
- Mrs. Moffly supports the workshop idea. She then asked the date of the next Strategic Education Committee meeting. Mr. Miller said the next meeting would be scheduled after information requested from staff is received.
- Mrs. Coats suggested the Strategic Education Committee provide meeting dates for the Board calendar.

#### **B. District 1 Presentation**

Dr. McGinley presented an updated version of the presentation she shared with the District 1 Community recently. A summary of the presentation follows:

- The District’s is not to close Lincoln HS
- Population statistics and enrollment trends in District 1 were highlighted from 1990 – 2010.
- St. James-Santee keeps current 6<sup>th</sup> grade, operate as a pre-K to grade 7 school in 2013-14. Middle grades Expressive Arts will be added.
- In 2014-15 St. James-Santee offers a pre-K to grade 8 and full middle grades program.
- CCSD recognizes the importance of schools in rural communities.
- We continue to support rural schools even with funding disparities.
- Our goal is to provide equitable outcomes related to student achievement and we recognize that per pupil expenses will be higher in small schools.
- Research supports K-8 schools as a viable option.
- St. James Santee Benefits:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 teachers (20 students)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 teachers (26 students)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 teachers (27 students)
- **Total 6 teachers (73 students)**
  - ❖ Art 1.0 teacher
  - ❖ PE 1.0 teacher
  - ❖ Music 1.0 teacher
  - ❖ Computer 1.0 teacher
  - ❖ Spanish 1.0 teacher
  - ❖ Drama/Dance 1.0 teacher
- Additional Benefits:
  - Computer/Technology teacher – to teach Keyboarding and other computer skills to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Keyboarding HS credit could be earned in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Additional Art, PE, and Music allocations to allow formation of a Chorus, Art Club, and enhanced PE opportunities.
  - Exploratory offerings to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade of Spanish, Drama, and Dance. Spanish HS credit could be earned in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
(as scheduling permits – these offerings will be made available to the elementary students as well).
- School/Community Task Force
  - Study use of buildings and/or location
  - Work with school leaders on the advance design of the replacement school
  - Possible creation of community recreation complex
- St. James Santee Survey Results: Of the 30 surveys that were returned, 21 (70%) said “Yes” their child will continue at St. James-Santee.
- District’s Recommendation: Allow St. James-Santee to keep current 6<sup>th</sup> grade and operate as a pre-K to 7 schools in 2013-14. In 2014-15 they will grow into a pre-K to 8.

Dr. McGinley said, as the Instruction Leader who looked at the data for years, this decision is in the best interest of students.

- Rationale: Lincoln Middle School is one of the **8** remaining “At Risk” schools. Parents are transferring out of District 1 after elementary school.
- QUESTIONS:
  - Mrs. Moffly – Survey combined sixth and seventh grades. Ms. Terri Nichols said they were pretty much the same for both grades. Mrs. Moffly commented on sixth grade students at elementary and high schools. She said the community desired to keep them at Lincoln. Mrs. Coats said the question is about content teachers. Mrs. Moffly said they should be moved to Lincoln. Dr. McGinley said it goes back to the data. The middle school is rated at-risk and has been moving backwards academically. She said students are transferring out of the middle school program. Enrollment could build more in a K-8 school. Also, she said Baptist Hill MS excelled after being moved to the High School. Mrs. Moffly said the data from Lincoln is the opposite from Baptist Hill. Mrs. Moffly disputed the information and said the district’s policy allow them to transfer them out. Dr. McGinley said the responses from the parents are clear.
  - Mr. Ascue asked what would be done with students in the Lincoln MS community who are determined to leave and what resources could be given to keep students from transferring out. Dr. McGinley said the curriculum and extra curricula program should entice students. Also, she said it was supported by the Mayors. Mr. Ascue asked if the additional allocations could be offered at the Lincoln campus. He said once the model is done there, students will come. Dr. McGinley said the board could direct her

- to do something else. However, her professional recommendation is to have a k-8 at Lincoln. Mr. Ascue asked if a parent satisfaction survey could be done on a monthly basis. Dr. McGinley said the formula was abandoned to provide a higher per pupil expenditure for both St. James Santee and Lincoln MS. Also, she said when students transition from elementary to middle school, that's when they tend to look at other options. Mr. Ascue asked if District 1 could be considered for the iPad option.
- Mr. Miller said if 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are transitioned to St. James Santee, are there any facts to prove it would change student achievement and bring in better teachers. He said if 6<sup>th</sup> graders are moved out, it would reduce Lincoln population down to 100 students or less. He is fearful since there is no guarantee that it would work. The community spoke out overwhelmingly what they wanted. He is looking for guarantees.
  - Mrs. Coats said the Board is well aware that Lincoln HS enrollment is 90 and she doesn't desire to close the school and transport those students a long distance.
  - Mr. Miller suggested the board look carefully at school reconfigurations. It is an important decision for the district. If the district is saying the academics would improve, he would support it. Dr. McGinley said the MS level at Lincoln has gone down over the last two years. A change is necessary. Not to recommend it is a malpractice. Her recommendation is to move the sixth grade and grow it with a thoughtful commitment that it would cost more than schools like Cario or Moultrie because of the low enrollment. Staff looked at the data to determine where to grow a strong Middle School. Mr. Miller asked why the 6-8 have been on the decline. Dr. McGinley said she didn't and there are multiple factors. She also said there are more students in District 23 than District 1.
  - Mr. Fraser asked for GIS data to show where the students live. He said that could help determine the location. Also, he asked the board to consider a K-12 campus. If rebuilding Lincoln, why not rebuild a K-12 to encase the whole community. Dr. McGinley said a shared campus would be a possibility if land is available in the St. James Santee area. Mr. Fraser said it would be easy for people to get around the vision if they knew what the end state would be.
  - Mrs. Coats agreed with Mr. Fraser and suggested a K-12 campus centrally located if the Mayors are willing to give the district some property.
  - Mr. Ducker thanked Dr. McGinley for recognizing that something needs to be done in areas with small population. He said presentation doesn't talk enough about the research to get the community to buy-in. He said the research may be able to convince him and community members. He mentioned a remote learning center instead of having Lincoln students travel to Wando. Something must be done to help rather than moving the grades from Lincoln. He asked why the change couldn't happen at Lincoln. The community must buy in and like what the district is doing. He suggested the district start working with the community for a win-win outcome.
  - Mrs. Coats suggested the district give some consideration to a combined campus. The community doesn't want the school moved. Dr. McGinley said there is no perfect model that would work any all neighborhoods. She likes the K-12 campus. The School Community Task Force to look at it as an option. Also she said the Board voted on January 28<sup>th</sup> to move those students. If changes are going to be moved, please note critical decisions will need to be made to address teacher allocation and other things.
  - Rev. Collins asked Lincoln's rating and graduation rate. McGinley said Average rating and graduation 76%. Rev. Collins asked the district's graduation rate. Dr. McGinley said 74%. Rev. Collins asked how successful a plan would be without community buy in. Dr. McGinley said not solid if the community doesn't support. Also, she said the fear of school closure.
  - Rev. Collins suggested subjects like computer technology, keyboarding, Spanish, and

other things identified earlier and add Math and Science opportunities.

- o Mr. Ascue thanked Dr. McGinley for reaching out to the Mayors. He applauded staff for working hard to get student scores up. He looks forward to voting on the recommendation on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)**

**X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**10.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. John Barter**

Mrs. Moffly recommended approval of A, C, E, and G, Mr. Fraser seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

**A. Waste Water Collection & Pump Facilities – MPWW Pump Station No. 10 – Laing Middle School – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations**

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the recommendation to award a contract for Waste Water Collection & Pump Facilities – MPWW Pump Station No. 10 (Solicitation No. 13-CMG-B-001) to Chandler Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$681,892.00. The funding source is one (1) cent sales tax revenues. The vote was 7-0.

**B. Naming of the New Wando High Career & Technology Building – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations – See Agenda Item 11.1**

NOTE: Since this item was not reviewed by the Audit & Finance Committee, during approval of the agenda, this item was moved to the Potential Consent Agenda Item Section. See agenda item 11.1.

**C. Easement for East Cooper Baptist Church – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations**

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the recommendation authorizing the district to grant an Easement for a limited access road behind the Belle Hall ES campus to East Cooper Baptist Church. The proposed formal easement will be brought back to the Board for formal approval, at no cost to the District. All cost associated with the access road, fencing, and gates will be the responsibility of the East Cooper Baptist Church. The vote was 7-0.

**D. Refunding 2005 Installment Bond – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations**

Mrs. Moffly said the Audit and Finance Committee unanimously approved the recommendation. Then she requested the resolution be amended on page 10.1D-8, section 1.02 to read “so long as should include board approval instead of giving individuals authorization to act on district’s behalf”. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Bobby said it aligned with the practice when bonds are issued. Mr. Bobby said there is a level of savings that would far exceed that amount. This would achieve funding and save over \$30 million. After discussion, Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, to approve the staff’s recommendation to refund the 2005 installment bonds. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Ascue inquired further about the savings. Mr. Bobby provided specifics stating the impact for refunding would help reduce the millage required. Future payments for debts going forward should be level from this point on.

Rev. Collins asked if it was possible to find \$20,000 for building a new school. Mr. Bobby said this fund could not be used for that purpose. Also he said it was not possible to increase 8% debt at this point. However, he said it may be possible in the next program and he would look at other alternatives.

**E. Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2013 Fixed Cost of Operation Funds**

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the reallocation of funds from Fiscal Year 2013 Fixed Cost of Operations (Classroom Modernization Project) recommendation to provide \$500,000 additional funds for wireless network upgrades. The funding source is Fiscal Year 2013 Fixed Cost of Operations. The vote was 7-0.

**F. 2013-2014 Work Schedule Change for 245 day employees**

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of the recommendation for the work schedule change for 245 day employees for 2013-2014 school year, at no additional personnel cost. The potential savings related to district wide shut down during winter and spring break reduces the district liability related to employee accrual of annual leave and positively impacts the cost of recruitment/retention. The vote was 7-0.

**G. GroupWise email Migration to Google Apps for Education Work Schedule**

Mrs. Moffly moved, seconded by Mr. Fraser, approval of one-time exemption from the procurement process for GroupWise email Migration to Google Apps for Education Work Schedule. The funding source is fiscal year 2013 Fixed Cost of Operations is not to exceed \$200,000. The vote was 7-0.

**10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser**

**A. First Reading Policy JFABC – Student Transfers – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel**

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, approval of the first reading of Board Policy JFABC – Student Transfers. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Fraser said the committee met with Constituent members and voted unanimously to approve it.

Mrs. Moffly asked about sibling preference. Mr. Fraser said it was not removed from the document.

**XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**11.1 Naming of the New Wando High Career & Technology Building – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief of Finance & Operations**

Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Rev. Collins, approval of the recommendation to name the New Wando High Career & Technology Building, in accordance to Policy FF, Naming Facilities. The recommendation is to name of the Wando Career & Technology Center currently under construction the **“Center for Advanced Studies at Wando.”** The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Bobby said as the district prepares to open, a name must be determined for the facility. A committee was formed and they met and made a recommendation to call it Center for Advanced Studies

Mrs. Moffly asked if Advanced Studies would mean one would have to qualify similar to Buist Academy.

Mr. Ascue asked who was on the committee. Mrs. Moffly said it is listed in the document provided. Mr. Ascue recommended more diversity in the future and said a policy change should be recommended.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business items were identified.

Since there was no additional business to come before the Board, at 7:10 p.m., Mr. Fraser moved, seconded by Mrs. Moffly, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved by consensus.