

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District was held on Monday, September 23, 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. Bill Briggman, Mr. Michael Bobby, Mr. John Emerson, Dr. Lisa Herring, Mr. Bill Lewis, Mr. Louis Martin, Dr. Brenda Nelson, Mrs. Terri Nichols, Mr. Paul Padron, Mrs. Latisha Vaughn-Brandon, and Dr. James Winbush were also in attendance.

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

At 4:35 p.m., Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. Mrs. Coats moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to move executive session agenda item #1.5 to new business in open session; Mr. Barter said agenda item 10.1A should be moved to new business agenda item 11.1H since the revised version did not go before the Audit and Finance Committee; and Mrs. Coats said agenda items 11.1A and 11.1B were flipped because the delegate nomination was contingent upon the SCSBA membership renewal. Mrs. Coats moved approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Ascue, and approved by consensus. Then Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to go in executive session to discuss agenda items 1.1 – 1.4. The motion was approved by consensus.

1.1: Out of County Student Transfer Appeals

1.2: Worker's Compensation Settlement – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

1.3: Home School Application

1.4: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

1.5: Consideration of the Legal/Appropriate Use of Sales Tax Funds to design and construct spaces for additional Early Childhood (CTE) High School Courses at Low Country Tech at Burke High School Campus (Rhett Building) – Moved, see Consent Agenda item 11.1.

II. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE, & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Coats called the meeting to order. After outlining changes the board made earlier to the agenda, Mrs. Coats called for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Stall HS Girl's Choir performed the national anthem.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to adopt the revised version of the September 23, 2013 board agenda. The motion was approved 8-0.

- Executive Session agenda item 1.5 moved to the Potential Consent section of the agenda.

- Agenda items 11.1A and 11.1B were flipped.

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

A. Teacher Cadets – The Board recognized the Teacher Cadets from Wando High School and their instructor, Mrs. Betsy Wilson.

B. Be A Mentor Award to the Special Recognition – The Board recognized Ms. Kristina Ramirez and Ms. Kristin Cunningham, representatives from the Be a Mentor Program, for their ongoing dedication and work with the Charleston County School District.

C. Summer Reading Awards – The Board recognized recipients of the Summer Reading award. The student winners were Anna Bowden from Charles Pinckney, Olivia Morris from West Ashley High School and Zoe Wirsyla from Laing Middle School. The staff winners were Tamela Watkins from Wando High School, Leslie Cooper from St. Andrew's Math and Science and Sharon Leff from Ft. Johnson Middle School. Our Traveling Trophy winners are Pinckney Elementary School, CE Williams Middle School, and Lincoln High School.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Nancy J. McGinley – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. McGinley reported the following:

- The School Choice Fair was held this past Saturday. Mr. Paul Padron and staff were commended for their work in planning the event.
- The District's annual Parent University Fair will be held this Saturday at Stall HS. Dr. McGinley thanked Piggly Wiggly for being the main sponsor of the event.
- Dr. McGinley reported that she met with staff from Charleston Developmental Academy today. CCSD will continue to work with the charter school to enhance their partnership and address facility issues.
- The Teacher Incentive grant that will help accelerate efforts to elevate achievement in the district is now called BRIDGE: achieving the Vision. The BRIDGE monthly report is published on the district's website for anyone interested in reading more about the effort. Dr. McGinley commented on CCSD's efforts to recruit, develop, support and recognize effective principals and teachers under the BRIDGE framework.
- The District's Annual Literacy Report will be presented next month. This will allow staff the additional time they need to verify the data.

VI. VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Linda Ensor, a Dorchester School District representative, expressed concerns about the Common Core Curriculum. She suggested that it passed in South Carolina only because it was linked to eligibility for the Race to the Top grant.
2. Ms. Kathy Hughes expressed concerns about Common Core Curriculum. She said the Common Core readiness was an empty core that lacked important elements that are needed to prepare students for college course work. She distributed copies of an opinion from a former educator. Mrs. Moffly added that Ms. Hughes was a retired Laing Teacher.
3. Ms. Terri Timmerman expressed concerns about the Common Core Curriculum and its ability to prepare students for the work world.
4. Ms. Debbie Jones expressed concerns about the Common Core Curriculum and stimulus fund loop hole.
5. Mr. Roger O'Sullivan expressed concerns about the Common Core Curriculum Standards. He said it was an unfunded mandate and the validation committee was comprised only of folks from the private sector. No teachers were involved.
6. Mr. David Orner expressed concerns about the Common Core Curriculum. He asked if there was a "Plan B" if results were less than expected.
7. Mr. John Steinberg said the state imposed the Common Core Curriculum without input from the Legislators. Then he shared a Legislative solution in the making and encouraged everyone to contact Legislators about House Bill #S300.
8. Ms. Willette Wilkins asked the Board to consider both the regular and Montessori programs at James Simons ES, revisiting how multiplication is taught, and consider a sports medicine or physical therapy program at Burke HS.
9. Mr. Henry Copeland, a former District 20 Constituent Board member, expressed concerns about the early closure of the District's Choice Fair. He said agenda item 1.5 should be on the open session agenda. He opposes the idea of placing Child Development classes at Burke HS because it was a low wage job. He suggested a Sports Medicine program similar to the one Wando HS should be considered for Burke HS. Mr. Copeland asked if the Board wanted to compete with a former all white board to support programs for domestic services at Burke HS when other schools have programs far more sophisticated than that.
10. Mr. Mohammed Idris expressed concerns about busing of students instead of educating them in their own neighborhoods.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1: A. Open Session Minutes of September 9, 2013**
 Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve the open session minutes of September 9, 2013. The vote was 7-1-0 (Collins abstained).
- B. Open Session Minutes of August 26, 2013**
 Mr. Ducker moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Open Session minutes of August 26, 2013. The vote was 7-1-0 (Collins abstained).
 Mrs. Coats stated for the record that the revision should reflect what Mr. Lewis said the savings amount was \$5 million and not the amount Mrs. Moffly mentioned at the September 9, 2013 board meeting, during the approval of the August 26th minutes.
- 7.2: Executive Session Action Items of September 23, 2013**
 The Board voted on the following executive session action items of September 23, 2013.
- 1.1: Out of County Student Transfer Appeals**
 Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to deny two out of county student transfer appeals. The vote was 8-0.

1.2: Worker's Compensation Settlement – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve staff's recommendation for a worker's compensation settlement. The vote was 6-2 (Ducker and Garrett opposed).

1.3: Home School Application

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to approve a Home School Application. The vote was 8-0.

1.4: Legal Update – Mr. John Emerson, General Counsel

The Board received a Legal Update from General Counsel. No action was taken.

1.5: Consideration of the Legal/Appropriate Use of Sales Tax Funds to design and construct spaces for additional Early Childhood (CTE) High School Courses at Low Country Tech at Burke High School Campus (Rhett Building) – Moved to Open Session – see agenda item 11.1

7.3: A. Financial Minutes of September 9, 2013

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the financial minutes of September 9, 2013. The vote was 7-1-0 (Rev. Collins abstained).

B. March 11, 2013 Update

The Board received the March 11, 2013 financial update as information.

B. May 16, 2013 Update

The Board received a May 16, 2013 financial update as information.

VIII. CAE UPDATE

8.1: Annual Literacy Report – Mrs. Elizabeth Reidenbach, Director of Instructional Support Literacy Based Learning - Pulled

The Annual Literacy Report was pulled from the agenda. The report will be presented to the Board on October 14, 2013.

8.2: Common Core Update – Dr. Lisa Herring, Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Herring provided handouts and presented a Common Core State Standard (CCSS) Update as requested by Mr. Ducker at an earlier board meeting.

- Common Core Instructional Support Leaders in the Academic Division were recognized—Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Mrs. Betsy Reidenbach, Ms. Sara Scales, Mrs. Barbara Hairfield, Mr. Rodney Moore, Ms. Connie Williams, Ms. Carol Leopold, Ms. Constance Doperiela, Mr. Gary Beidleman, Mrs. Cathy Chick, Ms. Denise Zacherl, Ms. Jacinta McCown, Mr. Christopher Hagy & Ms. Amy Neloms
- Implementation of the CCSS was adopted by South Carolina July 2010 and expected to be fully implemented in 2013-14.
- CCSD began planning with the District's Implementation Team in 2010-11.
- The words Standards and Curriculum were defined.
- The Federal Government provided the opportunity for the district to receive a Race to the Top (RTT-D) grant. The district's RTT-D grant funding allows the district to implement 1:1 learning which is not a new curriculum or in lieu of the Common Core Standards.
- Common Core is a continuum that requires application of higher order thinking skills to real world situations. It is not a curriculum, but a standard. Examples of the SC Math Standard and Common Core State Standards were shared to illustrate the differences in the standards.
- A video presentation featuring two CCSD teachers illustrated the impact the Common Core Curriculum has had on CCSD students.
- Currently the district is using the Smarter Balance or PARCCC. The Education Oversight Committee will make a decision on which assessment is better. ASPIRE by ACT and other assessments are being considered.
- A project team is looking at the technology needs for the Common Core Curriculum. Keyboarding will begin earlier in elementary schools.
- Changing to the Common Core MAP Test may show a drop in student scores without full implementation of the CCSS standards.
- Additional CCSS Resources available:
 - o A Common Core APP is also downloadable for those with Smart phones.
 - o The State Department of Education website has additional information on the CCSS.

Questions:

- Mr. Ascue thanked Dr. Herring for doing a good job in unpacking the CCSS. He suggested a workshop be scheduled for further review of the CCSS. He asked if there were other curriculums that could be used. Dr. Herring said the Home Grown curriculum she mentioned

earlier. Mr. Ascue asked about curriculum standards and placement of students. Dr. Herring said the delivery is not the same for every student. Mr. Ascue asked about 1:1 learning. Dr. Herring said the 1:1 learning met students at their individual levels. She suggested discussing it further at the upcoming workshop.

- Mr. Barter asked about courses beyond the core curriculum (Advanced Placement and Career Academies). Dr. Herring said publishers are changing their textbook options to include content and information to align with the CCSS. Standards have been embedded into CTE and other Common Core standards.
- Mr. Garrett said RTT-D has an individualized technology piece that did not align with the Common Core Curriculum. He questioned if the money was being spent wisely. Then he asked about the bandwidth capacity and sustainability of the Common Core. Dr. Herring referred the bandwidth question to Mr. John McCarron. She said there would be a cost to sustain the practice after the grant.
- Mr. Ducker said more technology money would be needed to sustain the program. He asked about the decreased emphasis on classical reading mentioned earlier by someone addressing the Board. Dr. Herring said she needed more time to respond to his question. Mr. Ducker asked about the impact on math. Ms. Sara Scales said there is a pathway for 8th grade Algebra to continue. Mr. Ducker asked what is being considered to address students that fall behind in reading and math. Dr. Herring said Literacy would address that issue. She also asked Mr. Ducker for the opportunity to unpack that data at a workshop.
- Mr. Ascue asked about data-line and if student's personal information is at risk. Ms. Michele English Watson said that was addressed earlier in NCLB. Parents are able to sign off on a document to say they do not want the data published. Mr. Ducker said that may change. Mrs. Watson said she investigate it further.
- Mrs. Moffly referred to page 7 of the handout. Then she questioned the Federal Government's involvement in the CCSS. Dr. Herring said she did not have the answer. Mrs. Moffly said it wasn't imperative for the district to adopt the CCSS to apply for the RTT-D grant. Mrs. Moffly expressed concerns about students not being able to get a two year degree and said last year she asked the Board to support House Bill 3014. Mrs. Moffly urged the Board to send a resolution to Legislators to encouraging them to reconsider the CCSS.
- Mrs. Coats inquired about staff. Dr. Herring shared information on new hires and their roles. Dr. Herring said a new person was hired to coordinate the efforts. Mrs. Coats asked about testing on the Smarter Balance curriculum. Dr. Herring said there are challenges with the use of technology. Elementary students must be trained to navigate the computer for testing. Mrs. Coats asked if there was a side-by-side comparison on the Smarter Balance and the Common Core Standards. Mrs. Betsy Reidenbach said there was a comparison of the two tests. The pilot was done to see how students reacted to the test. Mrs. Barbara Hairfield said the field test is potential item for an upcoming test. Dr. Herring spoke about districts that piloted the test and said no feedback was provided. The purpose was to see challenges and what teachers thought about the test administered. Dr. McGinley said CCSD did not know the difference. However, other states had data.
- Mr. Ducker asked if the standards were government standards or copyrighted by a company.
- Mr. Miller asked about the potential of students taking the same test and scores declined. He also asked how the district would address the issue of students not having home computers. Dr. McGinley said keyboarding efforts in elementary schools should address that issue. Dr. Herring said she asked that question at the state level and it led to ongoing questions. A committee is looking at infrastructure readiness prior to addressing those issues. The keyboarding effort will begin at the kindergarten level.
- Mr. Ascue asked if charter schools were included in this effort. Dr. Herring said training is offered to all schools to include charter schools.
- Dr. McGinley said when the state adopted the curriculum CCSD did not take a political stand but began preparing students. The questions raised were valid ones. Mrs. Barbara Hairfield, a CCSD Administrator who serves on the State Oversight Committee, said the state board gave permission to the State Oversight Committee to move forward with the Smarter Balance Assessment. CCSD chose to affiliate with the Smarter Balance. In SC no assessment could be used unless it is approved by the Education Oversight Committee. The State Board has given permission but the Education Oversight hasn't so the jury is still out.
- Dr. McGinley said she directed Mrs. Coats to a website with information about student privacy.
- Mr. Barter asked how many state adopted the CCSS. Dr. Herring said 45 states.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

There were no management reports to come before the Board at this meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

10.1: Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. John Barter

A. Resubmission of Revised Laing Middle School Roof Replacement – Moved to 11.1H

10.2: Policy Committee – Mr. Chris Fraser

The Policy Committee did not make a report to the Board.

10.3: Strategic Education Committee – Mr. Michael Miller

The Strategic Education Committee did not make a report to the Board.

10.4: Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Tom Ducker

The Ad Hoc Committee did not make a report to the Board.

XI. POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11.1: Consideration of the Legal/Appropriate Use of Sales Tax Funds to design and construct spaces for additional Early Childhood (CTE) High School Courses at Low Country Tech at Burke High School Campus (Rhett Building) - Previously listed as agenda item 1.5

Rev. Collins asked about the decision to use the Rhett Building and if sales tax money was approved earlier. Dr. McGinley said \$10 million is in the current plan to work on standing CTE opportunities for Burke. In a workshop held earlier, the zone recommendation to include a Child Development Lab, came from the School Leadership Program. It is not a “babysitting program.” It teaches students about nutrition and early child development. Rev. Collins said he thought the funds were earmarked for another purpose. Dr. McGinley said it is an Early Childhood CTE elective course students could take.

Mrs. Moffly said the money could not be used because the referendum says the funding is for Low Country School at Burke.

Mr. Barter requested clarification. Mr. Bobby said there are two elements of the discussion. The primary one is the CTE program in question. But it opens the door to increase CTE at the Burke campus from the One Cent Sales Tax. The Board approved a referendum for six years to include \$5million to expand a CTE programming not confirming where LCTA would be at that time. The referendum language says the same. The intent of the language was to expand the CTE program, not defining the location, with funds identified. Mrs. Coats said it was done August 9, 2010. Mr. Bobby said the proposal is to expand the CTE program and talk later about how to do it to have it ready for the second semester. He said an agreement is needed to say that is the appropriate way to utilize that funding. He said this is an information action and would come back as an action item.

Rev. Collins asked if there would be Child Development courses at the Rhett Building. Mr. Bobby confirmed. Rev. Collins asked if this would have any bearing on the kindergarten seats. Mr. Bobby said there are two parts. They are marked A and B. Rev. Collins said he prefers having an engineering course or something more intense at Burke. Mr. Bobby said this plan didn’t preclude other plans for the school. Mr. Bobby said further discussion was needed to address Rev. Collins’ concern. Dr. McGinley asked Mr. Martin to address the Board. Then she said Mr. Cannon and Mr. Martin reviewed programs for the building two years ago. The culinary arts seats are not at the level of the culinary program at Wando HS. Mr. Martin shared other CTE courses offered at that facility mentioning the District’s zone concept and intent to provide equity in each zone. He said courses offered at the Burke facility were coupled with the courses considered for the Rhett facility to promote the zone concept.

Mr. Garrett asked about enrollment at Low Country Technical Academy (LCTA). Mr. Martin said students at LCTA were counted in their home schools. Mr. Garrett asked about adding students to the Burke facility to avoid spending money for the Rhett facility. He said there wasn’t enough time to get the project done within the timeline allowed and he did not favor the recommendation.

Mrs. Coats asked about renovations to convert to CD classrooms. Mr. Bobby said it wouldn't be \$5 million. He did not want to guess the amount. However it would cost at either location-- Rhett or Burke. Mr. Garrett said CD could be added to James Simons based on the capacity information provided.

Mrs. Coats asked if there were seats in elementary schools to convert to CD classrooms. Mr. Lewis said the challenge with downtown schools is that converting schools to CD would not work because of the logistics of placing students on the second floor of a building. Most downtown schools are two story buildings. Further discussion is needed. Then Mr. Garrett suggested using the former Fraser ES facility. Mr. Lewis said the issue would be the same for the Fraser facility.

Mr. Ducker asked if that was why Stall HS and Garrett HS were modified. Mr. Lewis said both schools were renovated in the mid 90s and it was design-intent; instead of retrofit. Mr. Ducker said he was surprised that staff didn't ask for additional programs at the Rhett building rather than a CD program.

Mr. Miller asked if the referendum specified the list of courses to be offered at the Burke/Rhett building. Mrs. Coats said the ballot did not mention courses; only construction. Mr. Miller asked if having the CD class at Burke would generate more attendance. Mr. Martin said the request came from Mr. Cannon. He outlined the sequence of Early Childhood Education.

Mr. Barter asked if the proposal for the CD location was Rhett because of courses taught there or if because of its link to Early Childhood. Dr. McGinley said she probably confused the issue by trying to do both at the same time. Since there is a waiting list at Garrett for the Early Childhood courses, Mr. Cannon thought it would be a good idea to add it to the list of courses at Burke. A certified Early Childhood teacher with experience in teaching high school courses would teach the course. If this is not a good idea, she is willing to take it off the table. CTE students would be required to spend time in the CD classroom. Mr. Martin said Garrett HS and Stall HS had similar programs.

Dr. Winbush said the intent was to improve graduation rate and improve revenue because both students and teachers could enroll their kids in the CD program. The CD program was not compromised in any way. The person over the course would have dual certification.

Mrs. Moffly spoke about an incident involving a Garrett student whose inappropriate behavior caused him to be removed from the school. Mrs. Moffly asked how many students had kids that would enroll in the CD program. Mr. Martin did not have the answer to that question. Mrs. Moffly reminded everyone that growth should supersede everything else and programs should be driven by demands. She disagreed with Mr. Lewis' explanation about using one story facilities for CD programs.

Mr. Ascue asked about the number of students interested in the teaching profession and said he would like to see them return to teach in CCSD schools.

Mrs. Coats said the board agreed earlier to add early childhood seats.

Dr. McGinley reminded everyone that buildings, such as James Simons ES, were designed for a purpose and it would be premature to renovate brand new buildings. It is necessary to discuss which programs are needed.

At 7:58pm the Board decided to take a break. At 8:05pm the Board reconvened in Open Session

with eight members present.

Rev. Collins asked about a blend of high-end programs for the Rhett Building. Then he said most courses offered there were not high-end courses. Mr. Martin said the high-end courses were Technology—web design, networking, Green energy, etc. Rev. Collins reiterated that he wanted a greater blend of high-end programs at Burke. Mr. Martin said there is already a high-end blend and businesses advised teachers of what is needed to meet needs of the workplace. Rev. Collins said he wanted programs that would have a good impact on students and increase diversity.

A. SCSBA Membership Renewal - Previously listed as agenda item 11.1B

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the South Carolina School Boards Association membership renewal for 2013-14 in the amount of \$32,700.00. The funding source is General Operating funds – CCSD Board of Trustees (\$30,000 - membership) and Legal Services (\$2,700 – Policy Services, Legal Defense Fund, and Board Policy Online Maintenance). The vote was 7-1 (Moffly opposed).

Mrs. Moffly questioned the value of the SCSBA membership except for being able to take a part in the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust and Board Orientation. She said SCSBA was a lobbyist group that supported things she would not endorse. Mrs. Moffly said Greenville School District was not a member of the SCSBA. However, Mr. Ascue said they are. Mrs. Moffly concluded that it's an unnecessary expense.

Mr. Ascue SCSBA members allows CCSD to “have a say” in education leadership across the state.

B. SCSBA 2013 Delegate Assembly - Previously listed as agenda item 11.1A

Mr. Garrett nominated Mr. Miller to serve as a Delegate. Mr. Ascue nominated Mrs. Moffly to serve as a Delegate. Mrs. Moffly nominated Rev. Collins as an Alternate at the 2013 SCSBA Delegate Assembly. The vote was 8-0 for the two delegates and alternate.

C. Montessori Community School of Charleston

Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Garrett, to reallocate savings, located in the Montessori Community School of Charleston (QSCB Project #5969), in the amount of \$350,000.00, to Wando Sports Medicine (QSCB Project #5957) in order to award a Not to Exceed Change Order to Contractor Construction Inc. The vote was 6-2 (Ducker and Miller opposed).

Rev. Collins asked if the money could be used for something else. Mr. Bobby said he didn't have an answer. An agenda item was brought to the Board earlier and it was determined by staff that this is a good use for this money given the time constraints.

Mr. Ducker asked the initial allocation. Mr. Bobby said it was a high amount until the experts worked through the details. Mr. Lewis said the amount estimated. Now they have an actual amount.

D. Wando Sports Medicine

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to authorize staff to enter a Not to Exceed (NTE) Change Order , in the amount of \$580,000.00, with Contract Construction, Inc. for the Center of Advanced Studies at Wando Sports Medicine Program. The vote was 6-2 (Ducker and Miller opposed).

E. Race to the Top-District Grant Budget Approvals – Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve two budget items (Reinventing Schools Coalition - \$1,089,160 and Metis Associates - \$165,440 in support of the Race to the Top-District Grant Budget approvals. The vote was 6-2 (Miller and Moffly opposed).

Rev. Collins asked who was doing the work. Dr. Herring said Metis is the outside evaluator that would provide evaluation and RISC would provide professional development services.

Mrs. Moffly asked how the district determined which exemptions required board approval. Mr. Bobby said the exemptions were in accordance to the procurement code. Mrs. Moffly asked about auditors and approval requirements. Mr. Bobby said the actual audit of programs would be included in the district's annual audit.

F. School Community Task Force Membership for District-wide Issues – Dr. Nancy J. McGinley, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Garrett moved, seconded by Mr. Barter, to approve the recommendation to adhere to the School Community Task Force Membership format previously approved by the board. The vote was 5-3 (Collins, Miller and Moffly opposed).

Mr. Barter said the recommendation did not say how many positions would be eliminated. Dr. McGinley said some groups had 40 members or more, which made it difficult to manage. The suggested reduction would have one teacher per school and the School Improvement Council or PTA representative. Mrs. Michele English-Watson added that there were 69 members on the District 20 Task Force.

Mr. Miller said some districts would have larger task forces. He suggested the SIC and PTA representatives remain on the Task Force and other community representatives, such as neighborhood association leaders, be reduced to a non-voting position, only providing information. Mrs. Coats disagreed and said she preferred receiving information from neighborhood groups so they could hear why kids aren't attending neighborhood schools. Mr. Miller said their voices should be heard but they don't need to vote.

Rev. Collins said it would be wiser to increase parents on the team because they would be impacted. Mrs. Coats said that would make the 69 members go up to 90 members.

Mrs. Coats said the request specifically addresses the two groups listed on the recommendation. However, staff may ask the board to approve other adjustments at a later time. Rev. Collins said he didn't want the business community to have the greatest impact. Mr. Ascue said that was not the case. Rev. Collins said parents were outnumbered because principals, teachers, business, faith, education communities, volunteers, associate superintendents, and additional members approved by the school. Dr. McGinley referred Rev. Collins to the recommendation written by staff and said the intent is to reduce the number because of the difficulty of working with large groups. District 20 has twenty-two neighborhood associations and Mt. Pleasant also has a large number. Having forty-four members versus fifty-six members isn't worth the argument. Rev. Collins said he would not support a reduction of SIC and PTA representatives. Also he wants the facilitator to work with the group.

After Mr. Ducker asked Rev. Collins if would offer an alternate motion, Rev. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Ducker, to add one parent for the impacted school, 2 PTA representatives, 2 SIC representatives, subtract one at large member and one parent (out of the school). The vote failed 4-4 (Ascue, Barter, Coats and Garrett opposed).

Mrs. Moffly questioned why the two groups in question were coming forth at this time. Dr. McGinley said both are large groups.

G. Health Advisory Committee – Student Applicants

The Board voted to fill the two student seats on the Health Advisory Committee. The vote was 8-0.

- Mr. Miller nominated Margaret Wiwuga of North Charleston HS.
- Mr. Ascue nominated Hope Snell of Wando HS.

Mr. Barter asked about students who did not provide resumes. Mrs. Coats said, in some cases, the principal may not have informed the student in time to prepare a resume.

H. Resubmission of Revised Laing Middle School Roof Replacement – Moved to 11.1H

Mr. Barter moved, seconded by Mr. Ascue, to approve the recommendation for the district to enter into a contract with Keating Roofing and Sheet Metal for roof replacement at the old Laing MS facility. The amount is \$1,221,600.00 and the funding source is QSCB funds. The vote was 8-0.

Rev. Collins asked if more money would be spent. Mr. Lewis said when a decision is made on use. Mr. Bobby said money spent to maintain the integrity of the building. No decision on how it would be used has been determined and more money would be spent when it is determined.

Mrs. Moffly said someone mentioned using the old Laing for a magnet school. Mr. Ascue said that was his suggestion.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Coats requested dates for Teacher Appeal Hearings.
2. Mrs. Coats requested a date for a Board workshop to further discuss the Common Core Standards.
3. Rev. Collins requested an update on International Baccalaureate Programs.
4. Mr. Miller requested the Policy Committee revisit the retention and social promotion policies.
5. Mr. Miller requested insight on Low Country Technical Academy and the process of transporting students to and from the site, also addressing the loss of instructional time.
6. Mrs. Moffly requested information on the Advanced Placement Academy at Burke to include information on where students live and the demand for Burke.
7. Mrs. Moffly requested an update on where students live and schools they attend. Mr. Bobby said his office is currently updating student information and verifying that the information in Power School is accurate. At this time, Mr. Bobby could not say how soon the update would be available.
8. Mr. Garrett requested the Transfer Process be simplified for students zoned for failing schools. Mr. Garrett said the current process is cumbersome and limited.
9. Mr. Garrett said there were complaints about the hiring process being too cumbersome.
10. Mr. Barter asked about Educational Excellence and how to attain it.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Ascue moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.