

CCSD Board Report

Monday, November 24, 2008

The following members were present: Gregg Myers, Raymond Toler, Ruth Jordan, Arthur Ravenel, Toya Hampton Green, Elizabeth Kandrak, Chris Collins, and Chris Fraser. Ann Oplinger was not present.

Moment of Silence, Pledge, and Oath of Office :

Chair Toya Green called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Recognition:

Director of Public Affairs and Volunteers Clara Heinsohn provided introductions for the special recognitions.

Fine Arts Learning Specialist Jim Braunreuther recognized schools who were awarded a total of \$65,000 in arts curricular grants including Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary, Brentwood Middle, Mary Ford Elementary, and Wando High.

Team Associate from the Physical Education and Athletics Department Dave Spurlock recognized outstanding teams and coaches.

James Reinhart, principal at the School of the Arts recognized Colleen Brennan, a tenth grade Visual Arts student who received the National Scholastic Art Award. Mr. Reinhart also introduced Colleen's teachers.

Dr. Fred Moore, principal of North Charleston High School, and Helen Frazier, parent educator, recognized Mr. Robert Faircloth, owner of Kia Country; George Lockwood, president of CPM Federal Credit Union; and Olen Holsten, general manager of Sam's Club, for their generous donations to North Charleston High School.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McGinley applauded everyone who was recognized tonight for the examples of excellence they are setting. She talked about other recent accomplishments such as groundbreakings for Ashley River Creative Arts and Whitesides Elementary; award-winning employees being recognized at the Superintendent's Breakfast; and parent, business and community leaders engaging in spirited conversations about maximizing resources and the School Redesign process. She stated that all parents want and *deserve* choices, which is why the District launched a school choice initiative to empower schools and communities to develop "partial magnet" themes. Tonight's announcement of five schools marks a tremendous step towards broadening the portfolio of options for parents and is a testament to the hard work that is being done by school faculties to transform schools.

She expressed that parents need to know that if they choose CCSD, they will have multiple options and their children will learn in nurturing, diverse and world-class school environments that prepare them to compete and succeed in the 21st Century world.

Visitors addressed:

Marzel Thomas spoke about charter schools.

Robiah Harris, a teacher at Charleston Progressive Academy spoke about the school's accomplishments.

Robin Daisley, J'Quan and Joseph Bailey, John Cobb, Wendy Smith, Mary Carmichael, and Park Doherty all spoke in support of Drayton Hall's charter application being approved by the Board.

Nelson Ohl and Liz King spoke in favor of the Montessori Community School.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board approved the minutes of their open session and executive session meeting on November 10, 2008 meeting.

The Board approved motions of executive session from their meeting on November 24, 2008 as outlined below.

The Board approved the financial minutes for November 10, 2008.

Motions for Executive Session, November 24, 2008:

- 1.1 The Board approved a motion to schedule a student appeal hearing.
- 1.2 The Board approved a motion to schedule a teacher appeal hearing.
- 1.3 The Board heard legal briefings.
- 1.4 The Board approved a motion involving North Charleston High School Project #5655.
- 1.5 The Board approved a motion involving a personnel matter.

Management Reports:

The Boards heard reports from CCSD's CFOO Michael Bobby on the General Operating Funds and Capital Funds.

Charleston Achieving Excellence Priority Items:

Dr. Brenda Nelson presented information regarding Neighborhood Planning Teams. As part of its School Choice Initiative launched in January, the Charleston County School District awarded partial magnet status—empowering schools to create new themes and disciplines that will serve students within their attendance zones and beyond—to five schools.

The Finance and Audit Committee updated the Board.

Board Members shared their thoughts on their visions for the Board.

Potential Consent Agenda Items:

The Board:

- 9.1 Approved the recommendation to the second reading of Board Policy IJOC-School Volunteers with two amendments.
- 9.2 Approved the recommendation to approve the right of way to install a gravel driveway on the Center of Arts and Academic Campus property.
- 9.3 Received information on the Summit Program at Daniel Jenkins Academy.
- 9.4 Voted 4-4 on the motion to approve the staff's recognition of denying the Drayton Hall Elementary Charter application.

The next regular meeting of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees will be at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Boardroom at 75 Calhoun Street in downtown Charleston. All are welcome.