

Board of Education Summary – August 2, 2011

Board Chairman Fred S. Washington, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

Mrs. Bush moved that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the personnel actions as presented for the 2011-2012 school year. The board approved the motion.

Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Mr. Burnes

Statement of Media Notification

Points of Celebration

As spoken by Dr. Truesdale:

Good evening , ladies and gentlemen. Tonight, we have as our guests, community partners from the Hilton Head Island Elks 2773 and the Kiwanis Club of Beaufort. These two organizations have magnanimously donated dictionaries to every third grade student in our Beaufort County School District. That equates to approximately 1500 students county-wide. On behalf of the students and their teachers, we would like our community partners to come forward. (Certificates of Appreciation to both).

It is my honor to introduce you to Bernateen Bibb. Bernateen is a former Teacher of the Year and Speech Therapist at Shell Point Elementary School. Ms. Bibb was recently chosen to participate in the "Courage to Teach" Program for South Carolina Teacher Leaders and has received a full scholarship for the program. "Courage to Teach" is a new initiative by the National Center for Courage and Renewal and the Office of Leader Effectiveness and CERRA have partnered to support the new endeavor. Bernateen is one of 25 from across South Carolina chosen to participate in the program. (Certificate of Achievement).

The Beaufort County School District's Back to School Expos held **on Saturday July 23rd** at Hilton Head Island High School and on **Saturday July 30th** at Whale Branch Early College High School were wonderful events that allowed students and parents to visit with agencies and services providers in Beaufort County. The expos theme this year was *Building Healthy Lifestyles, one student at a time!* Students were able to participate in a fitness course and the Ronald McDonald Dental Van was on site. Also on site was the Beaufort Memorial Mobile Unit providing free medical screenings. Educational Roundtables were held on topics such as *health and wellness, school attendance, bullying prevention, gang awareness and helping students succeed in school*. Thanks to our many generous donors students walked away with bookbags, bicycles, school supplies, gift cards to buy uniforms, laptops and many other giveaways. Lunch included healthy snacks, fruit and water. All attending enjoyed the *Marvelous Magic Marc Show*. A **Big Thank You** to a wonderful team of district staff for making this possible.

Mr. Washington stepped forward for the following recognition: The South Carolina School Boards Association has announced that several of our School Board Members have completed Board Member

and Leadership Training as part of the SCSBA's Boardsmanship Institute for this past fiscal year. I would like to recognize the following members and present them with certificates of achievement from the SCSBA –

Mrs. Julie Bell – Level 1

Mr. Bill Evans – Level 2 with Silver Pin

Mr. Steve Morello – Level 1

(Mr. Washington was then honored for his achievement of Level 5 with a Gold Pin)

Dr. Truesdale continued:

Our Youth Leadership Academy is meeting once again at Bluffton Middle School and Robert Smalls Middle School. This is a new initiative this summer that teams male emerging and school leaders from our middle schools and provides activities and opportunities to stretch their abilities to lead. This is the second week this summer that the students have met – one week in June one in August. The program focuses on Sean Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens. The students are working this week on preparations for a successful school year. We thank our board members, Mr. Speaks, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Bush, for stopping by and speaking to our students this week. Your support of this project is greatly appreciated.

Public Conversation:

Members of the public talked about school closures, consolidations, and a gentleman questioned MAP score data.

Comment Corrections:

Mr. Morello addressed a comment made during public conversation.

Showcase:

Amy Tressler, Naturalist with the Coastal Discovery Museum, addressed the board regarding the recent **Coastal Discovery Camps** held for Beaufort County students in conjunction with the Coastal Discovery Museum. The two camps, one in the Beaufort area and one at the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head, were weeklong for students in grades 3-5. There were 48 students who participated.

Dr. Alford presented his **2011 Adequate Yearly Progress Report, PE 8.4**. He reported that seven Beaufort County Schools made AYP this year in comparison to sixteen last year. The reason for the drop was that the standards increased significantly this year. This was a common trend throughout the state. As a whole, the District achieved 31 of 33 objectives. The Board had several questions regarding the data.

Dr. Alford also reported that Advanced Placement data had been received. The 2010-2011 data shows that gains had been made in three of 4 high schools for the percentage of AP scores of 3 or higher.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Truesdale presented to the Board the Semi-Annual Sole Source/Emergency Procurement Update. Action on the item will be taken at the next Board Meeting.

Dr. Truesdale presented the guidelines for student fees and supply lists. Mrs. Bush had requested the information so that the Board could review in light of the economic downturn and what parents could afford to spend. There was discussion by the Board.

Dr. Rosswurm presented the Annual Assessment Calendar from Riverview. The Board reviewed. Discussion followed. Mr. Morello asked Dr. Rosswurm if the Board could get an update on hiring data from Riverview.

Chairman's Report –

Mr. Washington spoke about the highly successful School Expos held in recent weeks North and South county. He expressed his gratitude to all of the businesses who donated food, prizes, and school supplies.

Mr. Washington reported that he had attended a recent ROAR (Reduce Our Awful Taxes) meeting and urged others to get involved in the ROAR movement.

Mr. Washington asked the approval of the Proposed Protocol for PE 9 – Community Relations be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

Mr. Earl Campbell asked to revisit the Facility Use Policy at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bell requested an update on the Farms to Schools Program.

Mrs. Bush made a motion to have items for the August 5th work session be sent to the Board officers by noon, Wednesday. The motion was approved.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bush made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

- July 5, 2011 Minutes
- Human Resources Status Report

The Board moved into Executive Session. Following a 5 minute Executive Session, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.