

## **Superintendent's Board Special Called Meeting Summary: September 23, 2019**

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Board accept the offer for the sale of property in the Beaufort cluster. Staff is directed to move forward with the development of the real estate contract for sale and closing documents using a Board-approved closing attorney. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the agenda with the correction of moving the recommended motion from the Ad Hoc Results Committee to the Ad Hoc State of the Schools committee. Motion to add to the agenda the discussion of SRO staffing levels at elementary schools and Right Choices. Motion failed. Motion to approve the agenda with the correction (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence in honor of Louis Dore. Statement of media notification.

### **Public Comment**

Community Project Review Committee member spoke regarding the referendum. Community member spoke about the ineffectiveness of the current academic calendar. Community member spoke about the possible termination of a law enforcement presence at Board meetings and school security upgrades that would be addressed by the referendum.

### **Chair's Report**

Dr. Gwozdz asked Board committees to develop their budgets. There will be a special called meeting to discuss the Superintendent's 90-day evaluation.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Committee – Chair Tricia Fidrych shared that information covered in the committee meeting will be shared during the Priority Schools and TSI Schools presentations.

ACE Committee – Chair Earl Campbell said the committee met and completed the director's evaluation. The Board decided to meet once a month rather than every three months on the first Thursday of the month. The Board will be sending a letter to both superintendents and Board chairs regarding a joint meeting. The purpose is a discussion of the impact of CATE on ACE. Board discussion.

Ad Hoc Results Committee — Chair David Striebinger shared that the committee has met several times and is working on annual evaluation goals. The 90-day evaluation will be extended to October 7 due to Hurricane Dorian. The committee is proposing October 22 as a special called executive session. Motion to accept the timeline of the 90-day evaluation (approved).

Ad Hoc State of the Schools Committee – Chair Earl Campbell shared that the committee met on September 17 to discuss the State of the Schools date, food cost estimate and theme. The theme is “Brand New Day.” Motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to hold the State of the Schools Breakfast at the district office on October 24 with an estimated food cost of \$1,547.50. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Finance Committee – Motion to accept P.E. 4.5 Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise Report from January 1-June 30, 2019. Board discussion. Motion approved. Chair Joann Orischak shared the meeting topics from the last committee meeting.

Operations Committee – Motion to end the presence of law enforcement officers at Board meetings. Board discussion. Amended motion to end the law enforcement presence at Board meetings only after exploring and implementing an alternative security plan. Board discussion. Motion to table the amended motion until after the contractual information is clarified and a safety presentation by David Grissom and/or the Superintendent. Motion failed. Amended motion failed. Motion to end the law enforcement presence at Board meetings failed.

Committee Chair David Striebinger shared suggestions to AR SS-36, Student Athletics. Board discussion. Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting addressed the Board’s questions. Mr. Striebinger presented AR SS-57, Random Drug Testing of Students. Board discussion.

Mr. Oetting informed Board members about student assignments for new housing developments in Bluffton and addressed the Board’s questions.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### **Goal #1 Student Achievement**

Chief Instructional Officer Mary Stratos and Daniel Fallon, Director of Accountability, presented on Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools and addressed the Board’s questions.

#### **Priority Schools Update**

➤ Hilton Head Middle School Principal Pat Freda presented her school’s transformation plan and addressed the Board’s questions.

➤ Whale Branch Middle School Principal Freddie Lawton presented his school’s transformation plan and addressed the Board’s questions.

#### **• TSI Schools Update**

➤ Beaufort Elementary School Principal Melissa Holland presented her school’s transformation plan and addressed the Board’s questions.

➤ Broad River Elementary School Principal Constance Goodwine-Lewis presented her school’s transformation plan and addressed the Board’s questions.

➤ Joseph Shanklin Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Rivera presented her school’s transformation plan and addressed the Board’s questions.

- Okatie Elementary School Principal Jamie Pinckney presented her school's transformation plan and addressed the Board's questions.
- Pritchardville Elementary School Principal Brenda Blue presented her school's transformation plan and addressed the Board's questions.
- Whale Branch Elementary School Principal Melissa Vogt presented her school's transformation plan and addressed the Board's questions.

#### Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby presented the Board's monthly budget and addressed the Board's questions. Motion that next year's Board budget be created by the full Board and not be included in the administration's budget until voted on by the full Board. Board discussion. Motion approved. Ms. Crosby answered more questions.

Monthly Transparency Report. No discussion.

Monthly \$100K Report. No discussion.

#### **Board Business Action**

Ms. Crosby presented PE 4.7- FY 2019 4th Quarter Financial Report and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to accept PE 4.7- FY 2019 4th Quarter Financial Report (approved).

Motion to table the discussion on make-up days until the next Board meeting. Board discussion. Motion failed. Dr. Stratos presented options to make up the four instructional days missed due to Hurricane Dorian, and she addressed the Board's questions. Motion to go with the calendar approved by the Board in January 2019 with two minor revisions – using November 26 as a full make-up day and November 27 as a half day. Motion to waive the fourth of four missed instructional days (approved).

#### **Future Agenda Topics**

Joann Orischak would like to discuss visiting Daufuskie Island School. Earl Campbell would like the Board to contact the local delegation for a sit-down meeting to discuss issues.

Motion to adjourn (approved). Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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