

Superintendent's Board of Education meeting summary: October 21, 2014

Chairman Bill Evans called the meeting to order at 5 p.m., and the Board went into executive session. The Board reconvened at 6:05 p.m. with one action coming out of executive session:

Motion to approve the negotiated agreement with Riverview Charter School, conditional on Riverview selecting one of the options presented in the agreement. Approved.

Motion to approve the agenda. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Michael C. Riley Elementary 4th and 5th grade students performed "Put on a Happy Face" from the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*, arranged by Jill Gallina. The dance ensemble was directed by Ann Pinelli, and the Singing Eagles were directed by Kathryn Reardon.

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Moss)

[FIRE HERO] Along with the Burton Fire Department, we'd like to honor a young man from Battery Creek High School. Tyrik Kelly was rushing to catch his bus to school one morning when he noticed something that wasn't quite right. First, an odd smell caught his attention. Then he noticed smoke and heard a smoke alarm coming from a neighbor's home. Without hesitation, he quickly ran back home to tell his mom to call 911. The Burton Fire District responded right away and extinguished a small stovetop fire inside the neighbor's home. Fire district spokesman Dan Byrne said if the response had come just minutes later, the flames would have quickly spread and created substantial damage. We are proud of Tyrik for being such a responsible, proactive citizen and setting an example for all of us to follow.

[ART WINNER] Battery Creek Senior Ericka Alston was one of just 13 artists chosen nationally from all grade levels to have her work displayed in the annual calendar produced by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment. The theme for this year's calendar was "What home means to me," and Ericka included these words in her drawing: faith, family, unity, smiles, peace, serenity, comfort, laughter, forgiveness and love. Her inspiration came from the belief that home is more than a structure. It's what's inside that makes it a home. We are proud of Ericka's work and national accomplishment.

[ATHLETIC AWARD] Both Hilton Head Island High and Bluffton High schools received the "Safe Sports School Award" from the National Athletic Trainers' Association for providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment for student athletes. They are two of only eight schools in the state to be recognized with this honor, and

we'd like to congratulate them tonight: Joe Monmonier, Athletic Director and Shawn Zink, Athletic Trainer at Hilton Head and Dave Adams, Athletic Director and Todd Stewart, Athletic Director at Bluffton High.

[SWIM WINS STATE] Hilton Head Island High girls swim team, led by Coach Mike Lane, claimed their fifth straight 3-A State Championship. The Seahawks won the team title by 130 points over the second-place team. Among a multitude of great matches and victories was Senior Lilla Felix, who set a new school record in the 100 backstroke and defended her state title in the 500 freestyle with her teammates. Lilla never lost a meet at Hilton Head, and she recently accepted a swimming scholarship to attend Yale University next fall. Team members are: Isabella Boatright, Lilla Felix, Madison Field, Lily Gallagher, Victoria Gill, Alyssa Hayward, Lily Kerr, Karah Kurtz, Anna Mealer, Brennan O'Gorman, Sarah Reamy, Shannon Short, Alison Snell, Ellen Vanagel, Megan Vigh, Lauren White, Amanda Woody

Finally, Mr. Ken Childs will make a special presentation in honor of the 60th anniversary of the court case Brown v. Board of Education.

Public Comment

A community member asked for changes to transportation and hall monitor staffing for H.E. McCracken and Bluffton middle schools.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Evans reminded everyone about the following dates: on Wednesday is the State of the Region luncheon; Thursday morning is the State of the Schools breakfast at Pinckney Hall; October 30 at 1 pm is the ground-breaking ceremony for the new high school in Bluffton; and Nov. 3 is the joint meeting with the Jasper School Board to discuss ACE (6pm at ACE).

Chairman Evans also commented on attending Whale Branch Middle for national school lunch week, Riverview's Feed the Hungry food drive, and Beaufort High's "See Something, Say Something" play.

Also, he is reaching out to other districts to talk about school funding issues.

Committee Reports

ACE: Mr. Rivers reported that the next meeting is being rescheduled.

Community Outreach and Legislative Advocacy: Mr. Campbell said the SCSBA annual meeting is on HHI in December and encouraged board members to consider running for office within that organization. He also stated that the Board needs to decide on their delegates for that meeting.

Curriculum and Instruction: Ms. Bush said the committee will meet at the end of November.

Finance and Operations: Ms. Cordray reported that the committee met today. They voted on the Cleaning and Maintenance Update and the 4th quarter unaudited financial reports. The committee voted to recommend that Superintendent be allowed to extend the transportation contract for one year. The committee also recommended granting the sewer easement request for Beaufort County.

Human Resources: Mr. Beckert said the committee met yesterday to review the Human Resources Annual Report and the progress of the Batelle for Kids study. He also reminded Board members to turn in their Superintendent evaluations.

Student Services: Mr. Payne said the committee will be preparing for their agenda items for the work session on Nov. 14-15.

Website and Communications: No report.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moss introduced Dr. McCord, who shared anti-bullying posters made by students and information about Beaufort High's "See Something, Say Something" play. BHS Drama Teacher LaRaine Fess led Board Members and Senior Staff in taking the Lemon Challenge. Then Dr. McCord and students from area high schools made a presentation about Project Unify.

Dr. Moss introduced Robert Oetting to give an update with video footage on the construction of River Ridge Academy.

Board Business Action

Motion to modify the 2014-15 Annual Work Plan to change the date of P.E. 1.14 Maximize Instructional Time from June to September. Approved.

Motion to approve a donation from Dress for Success in the amount of \$5,000 to Bluffton and Hilton Head schools. Approved.

Motion to name the new high school in Bluffton "May River High School." Approved.

Motion to make the new high school's colors royal blue, black and silver. Approved.

Motion to make the new high school's mascot the "Sharks." Approved.

New Business

Ms. Orishak commented that she would like updates on the Hilton Head Island TIF and Beaufort Bailey Bill.

Chairman Evans reminded everyone there will be a board work session on November

14-15. Friday morning's topic will be school choice, and Saturday morning will be an Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Board members were encouraged to send other topics.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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