

Superintendent's Board of Education meeting summary: December 9, 2014

Chairman Bill Evans called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., and the Board went into executive session. The Board reconvened at 5 p.m. with no action reported out of the executive session.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

The Beaufort Middle School Lady Gryphon Singers, led by June Kirkland, performed "Night of Silence" in honor of the upcoming holidays. Then members of the BLMS seventh-grade symphonic band, led by Zachary Dobbs, provided some samples from their Winter Concert.

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Moss)

A group of Bluffton High students just returned from a trip to our state capital. Under the guidance of teacher Erin Reichert, the Youth in Government students competed in the State Conference at the Statehouse and returned with several awards, including the "Premier Delegation" designation for the eighth consecutive year.

- Itzel Camarillo-Outstanding Witness
- Decker Paulmeier-Outstanding Statesman

- Four students chosen to represent SC at the Conference on National Affairs:
 1. Jesus Casteneda
 2. Hannah Hundley
 3. Liz Shreive
 4. Decker Paulmeier

- Many bills signed by the Youth Governor
- Two Bluffton bills were passed via override of the Governor's veto

Next, the South Carolina Finance Challenge quizzes student teams on personal finance, income and money management, spending and credit, and saving and investing. Out of more than 230 teams from schools across South Carolina, Bluffton High School had three of its teams finish in the state's Top 15. Bluffton High's top student team this year was edged out for the top spot by the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, an academic magnet school that draws students from the entire state. Coordinating Bluffton High's teams was Business Education Teacher Brett Wolfe, and the students on the second-place team were ShanaKay Ellington, G Ashley McCord, Denny Villatoro, and Deanna Nowakowski.

The Kiwanis Club of Hilton Head Island has donated more than \$1,000 in supplies to the Navy Junior ROTC program at Hilton Head Island High. This includes air rifle team equipment. Mr. Jerry Glass, President of the Kiwanis, is present to accept a certificate of our appreciation.

Thanks to the local Dress for Success organization for supplying hundreds of clothing items and other necessities to many schools throughout Bluffton. President Erin Ussery and other representatives are present to accept a certificate of our appreciation.

Hilton Head Island High School is home to three state players of the year – Here tonight is Mallory Liggett player of the year for girls cross country. Mallory is a freshman and is the top runner in 3A ... her cumulative GPA is 4.583.

Public Comment

No comments.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Evans reported on the SCSBA meeting, which focused on school finance issues and included an address from State Superintendent-elect Molly Spearman. Mr. Evans also recognized Jim Beckert for his service on the Board of Education.

Committee Reports

ACE: No report.

Community Outreach and Legislative Advocacy: Mr. Campbell reported on the recent SCSBA meeting, specifically on items in the State Superintendent-elect's address that would require federal action.

Curriculum and Instruction: Ms. Kinton reported that the committee met Dec. 2 and discussed PE 1.3 Notifying Parents of MAP Results, innovative courses for next year and school choice updates. The committee's next meeting is January 6, prior to the Board meeting.

Finance and Operations: Mr. Roth reported that the committee met today and received a construction report on River Ridge Academy and May River High School. The committee also discussed the expansion of facilities and capacities at Hilton Head Island Early Childhood Center for fall 2016 and the expansion of the federal E-Rate program through 2015.

Human Resources: No report.

Student Services: Ms. Anderson said the committee will meet December 15 at 4:30 p.m. at Okatie Elementary to discuss transportation and lottery issues.

Website and Communications: No report.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Campbell to give an update on the Town Hall meeting at Whale Branch Early College High School. Mr. Campbell stated that there was good participation in the Town Hall meeting and healthy discussions about adequate teacher staffing and quality instruction.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moss announced personnel changes, including the appointment of Chad Cox as principal of WBMS, Neodria Brown as principal of HHIMS and Reginald Deas as Director of Personnel.

Dr. Moss introduced Dr. Rhoads, who asked CATE Director Karen Gilbert to present CATE program updates. Her presentation covered an expansion of a variety of CATE courses, as well as the recent CATE Expo that allowed students to meet with representatives from multiple area companies, which drew more than 200 students and 20 companies.

Dr. Moss introduced Phyllis White to report on the external financial audit recently completed by Elliott Davis. The report included financial statements and management analysis. Elliott Davis gave the highest level of approval for the district's finances and internal controls.

Board Business Action

Motion to accept the financial audit as presented. Approved.

Motion to accept a \$10,000 donation from Parker's. Approved.

Motion to accept all contract amendments within the extension of the superintendent's contract. Approved.

Motion to approve the topic of "Act 388 and school funding" on the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Approved.

Motion to approve the topic of "school board candidate petition process" on the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Approved.

Motion to approve the topic of "employee dismissal act" on the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Tabled for further discussion.

New Business

Chairman Evans asked for an update on the Connect2Learn rollout.

Ms. Bush asked for a list of all Winter/Holiday performances, which has been posted on the district website.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

Joint Meeting with School Improvement Council Members

Board members held roundtable discussions with School Improvement Council members from across the school district. After the discussions ended, Chairman Evans provided a summary of key topics: school choice, transportation and transfers, K-8 schools, new school curricula, broadband capacity, bus overcrowding, 4x4 scheduling, school calendars, Act 388 and staffing.

Ms. Bush asked for statistics related to the pilot late start initiative at HHIHS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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