

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: November 13, 2018

Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the settlement authority in the pending worker's compensation in the amount of \$33,518.32 (approved). Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation for employment listed in the October 1-31, 2018 Personnel Ratification Report (approved). Motion to deny the request of a former employee that the district defend or indemnify the employee regarding a complaint against the employee (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, statement of media notification.

Moment of silence in memory of a student who passed away recently.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Berg)

Character Education Students of the Month - Niy'asha Myers, an eighth-grader at Robert Smalls International Academy (August) and Shanaya Green, an eighth-grader at Lady's Island Middle (September).

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. School counselors identified a list of character words and definitions that focus on attitudes and personal qualities that build a foundation for success in life and work. A student from each school is selected as that school's Character Education Student of the Month. Then that student goes on to compete for Character Education Student of the Month for the entire school district. Tonight we're celebrating the Character Ed Student of the Month exhibiting the Character Traits "Friendship/Kindness" and "Acceptance."

"Friendship" is defined as the emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends.

"Kindness" is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Robert Smalls International Academy Principal Jennifer Morillo introduced the Character Education Student of the Month for August.

"Acceptance" is defined as the action or process of being received as adequate or suitable, typically to be admitted into a group or received by others. Lady's Island Middle School Social Worker Kathleen Bingham introduced Character Education Student of the Month for September.

ACE – South Carolina Association of Cosmetology Schools (SCACS) Skills Competition

ACE Director Dr. Michael Lovecchio introduced several students from the Beaufort Jasper Academy for Career Excellence who competed and placed first at the South Carolina Association of Cosmetology Schools student competition.

Beaufort High student named to Team USA at the 2019 International Weightlifting Federation Youth World Weightlifting Championships

Beaufort High School Principal Charity Summers introduced Dade Stanley, a junior at Beaufort High School, who was named to Team USA of the 2019 International Weightlifting Federation Youth World Weightlifting Championships.

District Teacher of the Year/ Foundation for Education Excellence

Foundation for Educational Excellence Chair Deborah Collela presented the Wayne Carbiener Award to newly selected District Teacher of the Year Karen McKenzie.

Public Comment

A community member commented on the need to reduce achievement gaps affecting minority students and students from low-income families. A representative of the Beaufort Rotary Club presented on the club's Civility Project, which is aimed at improving the levels of civil behavior among public officials and citizens. A community member introduced herself to Board members as a newly appointed pastor at a church in the Dale community. A community member commented about efforts to improve services for students with special needs and asked the Board to form a committee to assist parents of children with special needs.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Earl Campbell invited newly elected Board members in attendance to introduce themselves.

Committee Reports

Evva Anderson reported on activities and goals of the Board's Ad Hoc K-8 Committee. David Striebinger reported that the Board's Finance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Herb Berg reported that a representative of the firm hired to coordinate the superintendent search will attend the Board's work session on Saturday.

Hilton Head Island High School Principal Amanda O'Nan briefed the Board on the school's plan to make minor schedule changes aimed at alleviating traffic congestion problems around the campus. O'Nan told Board members that starting Jan. 7, her school would begin classes 15 minutes earlier each day and also dismiss 15 minutes earlier, which will help reduce the amount of traffic caused by the high school's close proximity to Hilton Head Island Middle School. Under the new schedule, Hilton Head Island High will begin classes at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m.

Chief Financial Services Officer Tonya Crosby presented the district's First Quarter 2018-19 Financial Report and answered Board members' questions. Motion to approve the report (approved).

Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting and Planning Coordinator Carol Crutchfield presented updated student enrollment data and introduced a discussion about the potential effects of “grandfathering” or exempting some students from school reassignments if attendance lines are changed by the Board. Board members will continue the discussion at their two-day work session scheduled for Friday-Saturday, November 16-17.

Board Business

Motion to approve the recommended scope for the Board’s Ad Hoc K-8 Committee (approved).

Motion to approve a \$5,600 donation from The Creek Touchdown Club to Battery Creek High School to support the school’s football program (approved).

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda (approved).

Public Comment

A community member expressed concern about a middle school’s evaluation of her son’s individual educational program. A community member briefed Board members on the effects of rezoning on her three children’s school assignments. A community member expressed concerns about possible rezoning and how that might affect the Bluffton community.

Motion to adjourn (approved). Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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