

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: May 19, 2020

The Board recessed executive session and Chair Christina Gwozdz called the public meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education direct the administration to exercise the USDA-approved COVID-19 waiver and extend the contract with the current Food Service Management Company, Sodexo, for a period of one year ending June 30, 2021. Board discussion. Amended motion that the Board direct the administration to exercise the COVID-19 waiver and extend the contract pending successful contract negotiations with Sodexo for a period of one year ending June 30, 2021. Board discussion. Motion that the Board postpone the motion until the next Board meeting. Board discussion. Motion to postpone failed. Amended motion approved.

Motion to approve the agenda. Board discussion. Motion approved. Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence in honor of Georgia Haygood, a Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts teacher who recently passed away. Statement of media notification.

Public Comments

Community members spoke regarding high school graduation plans.

Chair's Report

Dr. Gwozdz shared information from the joint County Council-Board of Education representative meeting regarding impact fees, fiscal year 2020-2021 budgets, fiscal autonomy and county-wide internet connectivity. Dr. Gwozdz encouraged Board members to review video of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 1, 2020 Board Work Session minutes (approved). Motion to approve the May 5, 2020 Board meeting minutes (approved). Motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Special Called Board meeting minutes (approved).

Committee Reports

Academic Committee – Chair Tricia Fidrych said the committee met on May 12 and reviewed its revised scope. The committee will meet again on June 17.

ACE Committee – Chair Earl Campbell said the last meeting reviewed employment contracts and fund balance; Dr. Lovecchio shared information on how students would receive instruction. Mr. Campbell addressed the Board's questions.

Ad Hoc Bluffton Growth Committee – Chair Rachel Wisniewski shared that the committee met to discuss its scope. Motion that the Board accept the Ad Hoc Bluffton Committee's scope. Board discussion. Amended motion to direct the Chair to appoint William Smith to serve on the committee as a third member. Board discussion. Motion to force a vote (failed). Board

discussion. Amended motion failed. Motion to accept the Ad Hoc Bluffton Committee's scope approved.

Ad Hoc Coherence Governance – Chair David Striebinger said the committee met twice last week to review the handbook and review all motions from 2019 and 2020. The committee will meet again on May 28. They will proofread the entire package prior to bringing it to the full Board.

Finance Committee – Chair Joann Orischak gave an update from the committee. Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby provided a third quarter budget report. Motion from the Finance committee to accept P.E. 3.7 Monitoring FY2020 (including P.E. 2.B.1 and P.E. 3.1) Third Quarter Financial Report (approved). Committee member Dick Geier shared two changes to the committee's scope. Motion to adopt the proposed changes to the scope. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Operations Committee – Chair David Striebinger gave an update from the committee. Motion to accept P.E. 10 – Safety. Board discussion. Dr. Rodriguez and Director of Protective Services David Grissom addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Motion from Committee to approve naming Battery Creek's PAC Stage in honor of John Cullinen. Board discussion. Battery Creek High School Principal Chad Cox addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Rob Corbin, bond referendum program manager, presented a construction update. Dr. Rodriguez and Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting addressed the Board's questions.

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Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Chief Instructional Office Dr. Mary Stratos presented on summer programming and addressed the Board's questions. Dr. Stratos presented on the Department of Defense Grant and addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility – Ms. Crosby addressed the Board's questions regarding the monthly transparency report and the monthly \$100K Report. She then gave an update on the 2020-2021 budget, including the difference between adopting a temporary budget versus adopting a continuing resolution, and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to certify the 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$254,297,442 hereby appropriated to the Beaufort County Board of Education to fund school operations. This appropriation is to be spent in accordance with the school budget approved by County Council and will be funded from the following revenue sources:

A. \$149,733,105 to be derived from ad valorem tax collections;

- B. \$ 93,347,306 to be derived from State revenues;
- C. \$ 690,000 to be derived from Federal revenues;
- D. \$ 1,918,500 to be derived from other local sources;
- E. \$ 7,535,948 to be derived from inter-fund transfers; and
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Board discussion. Amended motion to certify a temporary budget for the school year 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$254,297,442 hereby appropriated to the Board of Education to fund school operations. This appropriation is to be spent in accordance with the school budget approved by County Council and will be funded from the following revenue sources:

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Motion approved.

Dr. Rodriguez provided a COVID-19 update to address updates student meal distribution and also on the district's previous countywide broadband initiative. Ms. Fidrych shared her experience with attending the video recording of graduation ceremonies at two high schools. Dr. Rodriguez addressed the Board's questions about the broadband initiative, high school graduation plans and summer school.

Board Business

Dr. Stratos presented information on the Magnet School assistance program grant and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to approve the signing of the letter by the Board Chair for the Magnet School Assistance Program Grant application (approved).

Future Agenda Topics

Rachel Wisnefski would like to discuss the Board Parliamentarian position.

Motion to table the outstanding items from executive session. Board discussion. Motion failed.

Board members resumed executive session.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Board of Education authorize the execution of contract awards to Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A. to provide Professional Design Services for Battery Creek High School (renovation of school on an active campus) and LS3P Associates, LTP to provide Professional Design Services (Robert Smalls International Academy replacement school on an active campus, using referendum funds (approved).

Motion that the Board approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment and authorize the Superintendent to execute an amendment with Thompson Turner Construction in the amount of \$14,602,698 for referendum projects and 8% capital projects at Broad River Elementary School, Coosa Elementary School, Lady's Island Middle School, Mossy Oaks Elementary, Beaufort High School, District Educational Support Center, Right Choices, St. Helena Early Childhood Center, and Whale Branch Early College High School according to Exhibit A (approved).

Motion that the Board approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment and authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment with H.G. Reynolds co., Inc. in the amount of \$18,210,740 for a referendum project at Beaufort Elementary School according to Exhibit A (approved).

Motion that the Board approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment and authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$12,791,339 for referendum projects and 8% capital projects at Bluffton Elementary School, Bluffton Middle School, H.E. McCracken Middle School, Hilton Head Island Early Childhood Center, Hilton Head Island Elementary School, Hilton Head Island High School, Hilton Head Island School for Creative Arts, and Okatie Elementary School according to Exhibit A (approved).

Motion that the Board approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment and authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment with Contract Construction in the amount of \$5,700,374 for referendum projects and 8% capital projects at Whale Branch Middle School and Whale Branch Elementary School according to Exhibit A (approved).

Motion to adjourn approved at 12:26 a.m.

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