

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: August 18, 2021

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

Superintendent's Report

Website Update - After being interrupted by Board member William Smith, Dr. Candace Bruder, Director of Communications, provided an update on the forthcoming new website. Dr. Bruder and Mark Chauhan, Technology Services Officer, addressed the Board's questions.

Diversity Group Update – Director of Employee Services, KeKe Swinton, presented an update on the Student Advisory Council on Diversity & Inclusion and addressed the Board's questions.

Update on Land Consultant – Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting provided an update and addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Motion to accept the donation from Realtime Media - Sun Maid Board of Imagination to Hilton Head Island Elementary in the amount of \$5,000 for supply tools for STEM activities (approved).

Motion to accept the donation from Vaden of Beaufort to Whale Branch Elementary School in the amount of \$13,500.00 for Teacher and Student Supplies. Several Board members expressed gratitude for Vaden's donation. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (approved).

Motion to entertain public comment on this agenda. Board discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to suspend the Board's policy for public comments at tonight's meeting and allow public comments prior to adjournment. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Future Agenda Topics

Board member Mel Campbell would like an update on the profile of a Beaufort County graduate.

Announcements

The Board will hold a special called meeting to receive legal and public health advice on mask mandates.

Public Comment

Several community members spoke against a mask mandate. Community member spoke in favor of a mask mandate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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