

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: January 16, 2019

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the chair's report and addition of announcements at the end of the meeting (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Statement of media notification.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Red Cedar Elementary School Principal Dr. Kathy Corley presented information on how her school is addressing the achievement gap and addressed the Board's questions.

Director of Accountability Daniel Fallon presented school choice information, programmatic updates, and school capacity percentages and addressed the Board's questions.

Chief Instructional Officer Bonnie Almond provided newcomer program numbers and addressed the Board's questions.

Director of Secondary Education Geri Henderson gave an update on Islands Academy's transition plan and addressed the Board's questions. Motion that the Board obtain outside legal opinion whether we violated state statute, and if so what is needed to correct it. Board discussion. Motion amended to specify legal counsel to be used is the State Attorney General instead of outside counsel. Board discussion. Motion approved. Motion that the Board obtain State Attorney General opinion on if the Board and District violated state statute with the closing Islands Academy and if so, what is needed to correct it. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

The Board discussed the monthly board budget, specifically funds used for the outgoing Board reception.

The Board discussed the monthly transparency report.

Mrs. Crosby presented a proposal to purchase a time and attendance system and addressed the Board's questions.

Superintendent's Search Update

Dr. Bill Adams presented on behalf of Hazard Young Attea and Associates, the Illinois-based firm hired by the Board to coordinate the nationwide search for the district's next superintendent. Dr. Adams provided a summary of recent stakeholder meetings, interviews, and community survey results detailed in a draft Leadership Profile, which included the personal characteristics

that community residents want to see in the next superintendent; challenges facing the district; strengths of the district, and requirements for all job applicants

Discussion of the Leadership Profile and consensus-based revisions to the personal characteristics to be sought in the next superintendent. Motion to approve the Leadership Profile that will be used by HYA to attract applicants for the superintendent position. Motion approved.

Dr. Adams presented annual salaries of superintendents in different-sized school districts across South Carolina and Georgia.

The Board of Education's goal is to announce its selection in April 2019 and have the new superintendent begin work on July 1 to replace Interim Superintendent Herb Berg, who was hired to lead the district during the search process.

Chair Gwozdz informed Board members about upcoming conferences and Board member orientation training.

Public Comment

A community member expressed concerns about the closing of Islands Academy. A community member expressed concerns about the length of the meeting and the possibility of a bond referendum. A community member spoke about community resource officers who serve at district elementary schools; he also asked questions about current levels of school safety.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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