

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: February 7, 2017

Chair Patricia Felton-Montgomery called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the January 2017 Personnel Ratification Report. Motion approved.

Motion to approved the Adult Education Report. Motion approved.

Motion to approve Employee A's worker's compensation settlement up to the amount discussed in executive session. Motion approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation.

Musical performance by the Beaufort Middle School Festival Chorus under the direction of June Kirkland.

Points of Celebration (announced by Dr. Moss)

Friends of Shanklin Donation

Tonight we recognize two donations to Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary. The first donation is of \$1,100 to the summer reading book collection from the Friends of Shanklin. Would Principal Celeste LaVan and a representative from Friends of Shanklin and come forward to talk about the donation and the summer reading book project?

Beaufort Ruff Ryder's donation

The second donation is \$1,000 to the Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary Boys Mentoring Program from Beaufort Ruff Ryders. Principal Lavan, if you would introduce a representative from the Beaufort Ruff Ryders and talk about this donation and the boys mentoring program?

Character Ed Student of the Month Ty'Jae Doe

The character education word for the month was "Compassion," which is defined as "A feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc.; sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others." We're happy to announce that our Character Education Student of the Month for northern Beaufort County is a student from Robert Smalls International Academy. Would Principal Nicole Holloman please come forward and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month?

BES students Lilly Pike and Isabelle Mujica

Last month, two Beaufort Elementary students stayed calm and took quick action that led to the rescue of a man and his dog. I'd like to ask Vice Principal Vicky Goude to come forward and introduce her school's young heroes.

LIMS student Caleb Henry

Lady's Island Middle School student Caleb Henry recently won a computer application contest hosted by the Charleston Defense Contractors Association. Would Principal Greg Hall please come forward to introduce Caleb and explain how he won this competition?

WBECHS Student Ambriance Lamar

Whale Branch Early College High School student Ambriance Lamar was recently recognized by former President Obama. Would Guidance Counselor Kimberly Brown please come forward and introduce Ambriance?

Project BEST

School social workers are a vital link between the school, the home and the community, helping parents understand and meet each student's social and emotional needs. A team of the district's social workers recently attended the Project BEST Fest. Project BEST is a statewide collaborative effort to provide evidence-based treatment and case management to improve the lives of abused and traumatized children. Our district is participating alongside other local youth service agencies in the Sea Island Community Bases Learning Collaborative. One of the first steps is to ensure that our community is capable of serving those students, and participation in the Project Best Community-Based Learning Collaborative does just that. Six of our district's social workers were honored with Project BEST Brokers Excellence awards. Director of Student Services LaKinsha Swinton also received the Project BEST Champion award. This group was selected from a pool of statewide nominees. Would the following people please come forward?

- Andrea Murray, from Islands Academy
- Dana Mullins, from Mossy Oaks Elementary and Beaufort Middle
- Krissia Walker, from May River High School
- Dawn Freeman, from Coosa Elementary and Lady's Island Elementary
- Melissa Lather, from Beaufort High School
- Debby Bryan, from Michael C. Riley Elementary

Public Comment

Two community members commented on the Board's code of conduct. Five community members advocated the construction of a larger competition gym for Whale Branch Early College High School.

Comment Corrections

Mary Cordray commented that there were inaccuracies in comments made during Public Comments.

Chair's Report

Dr. Montgomery thanked the community members for attending and commenting. Dr. Montgomery spoke to academic equity as well as policies discussed during last weekend's two-day Board Work Session. Dr. Montgomery announced committee meeting dates. She said the

Board will attend Board training in the near future. Dr. Montgomery thanked Chief Human Resources Officer Alice Walton and General Counsel Drew Davis for attending a recent ESSA presentation and invited the community to learn more about ESSA and how it will move the district forward.

Committee Reports

Member Bill Payne announced the tentative agenda for the Finance and Operations Committee meeting this week.

Member JoAnn Orischak announced her meet-and-greet at Hilton Head library on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Superintendent's Report

Lady's Island Middle School Principal Greg Hall introduced teacher Mike Rentz and the eighth-grade Robotics Team members, who showed off their skills with a demonstration of their competition robot.

Principals Carol Ingram (Beaufort Middle School) and Chad Cox (Whale Branch Middle School) updated Board members on first-semester student achievement data as well as notable initiatives at their schools.

Dr. Gregory McCord presented the student athlete's GPA report.

Board Business Action

Motion to accept a donation from the Big Green Booster Club in the amount of \$12,000 to Beaufort High School for installation of warning track at the baseball field. Motion approved.

Motion to accept a donation from the Bluffton High School Booster Club in the amount of \$5,000 to Bluffton High School weight room. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a resolution to authorize the Superintendent to apply for, sign and administer grants. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a resolution to consider modifying a key state school funding law, ACT 388. Dr. Moss addressed the Board's questions regarding the ACT 388 modification. Motion failed.

Motion to ask Mr. Davis to write a new resolution regarding ACT 388. Mr. Davis answered Board questions. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a resolution celebrating National School Counseling Week. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a resolution celebrating African-American History Month. Board member Earl Campbell mentioned several achievements of African-Americans in Beaufort County. Mr. Payne commented on the inclusion of African-American history studies outside of African-American History month. Motion approved.

Motion to approve proposed 2017-2018 academic calendar. Dr. Moss addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a calendar that begins on August 17 should the Legislature approve an early start date due to the solar eclipse as described by the Superintendent. Motion failed.

Motion to include a larger competition gymnasium for Whale Branch Early College High School in the list of upcoming facilities projects funded with "8 percent money." Motion approved. (A motion to build the gym and a performing arts center at the high school was ruled out of order, although several Board members expressed support for the idea.)

Motion to approve June 21, 2016 minutes that were inadvertently left off a previous agenda. Motion approved.

New Business

Ms. Orischak asked that the Board consider hiring an attorney for the Board. She also asked that the Board reevaluate its Code of Conduct.

Board Member Joseph Dunkle asked that the Finance Committee look at reevaluating Board policy requiring Board action for any donations greater than \$5,000. Mr. Dunkle also asked that the Beaufort County Treasurer attend a Board meeting to explain how the 20 percent payment to a third party that collects delinquent taxes affect the school district. In addition, he requested an annual report on matters related to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Ms. Cordray requested that the Board further discuss at the February 21 meeting the possibility of building a new performing arts center at Whale Branch Early College High School.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda, including a correction to the January 17, 2017 minutes. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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